

**Truth B-P Church**  
Report of Cambodia Missions Trip to Lively Hope BPC  
(17 to 21 Jan 2020)  
by Rev Dennis Kwok

On arrival in Sihanoukville in the evening after a four-hour journey, I felt the absence of the Chinese people significantly. The dwindling of the Chinese population in Cambodia is the result of the Cambodian government's crackdown on illegal online gambling in its effort to control illegal gambling activities that had been going on for the past two years. As a result, many Chinese were forced to leave Cambodia, leaving many hostels, guesthouses, hotels (once bustling with Chinese workers and investors) empty and quiet. Many casinos have also closed down, and houses and empty plots of land are now in the rental market. Several buildings are still in the process of construction as there are rumours that the Chinese investors may return to Cambodia. The absence of the Chinese has affected the livelihood of the Cambodians. Property prices are slowly going down as supply becomes greater than demand. Although the economy seems to be at a standstill, God's work of reaching the lost continues. This is God's mission for Pr John and Lydia in Sihanoukville.

That Saturday evening we held a youth gospel meeting which was attended by more than twenty youths, many of whom are unbelievers from the English and Chinese language classes run by the church. I spoke on "The Gospel of Christ's Resurrection" (1 Cor 15:1-11). Let us pray for Pr John and Lydia as they follow up on these youths that they may come to the saving knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Lively Hope BPC 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was held on the Lord's Day afternoon. Thank God that all our supported preachers (Prs Sopheak, Rotha and Bun Kouy) were able to come and rejoice together. The Anniversary Service was attended by more than fifty people. I spoke on "Praise Ye the LORD" (Ps 146) to encourage the congregation to continue to praise the Lord for being our Sustainer, Helper and Righteous Judge. The Service ended with a scrumptious thanksgiving meal of curry chicken with bread. We thank God for His blessings upon Lively Hope BPC these past nine years. May God continue to use Pr John and his family to serve Him faithfully to the saving of souls and edification of the saints in these last days. Amen.



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