

Truth B-P Church
Report of Missions Trip to Cambodia (2 to 12 September 2025)
by Hadassah Chew

We thank God for the opportunity to serve the Lord in Cambodia from 2 to 12 September 2025. The missions team consisted of Ng Boon Choo, Yong Choon Leong, Mr & Mrs Eric Toh, Karen Lee, Lyndsey Lee, and myself. The purpose of this trip was to assist the four Truth BPC-supported preachers in their church VBSs.

Day 1 – 2 September, Tuesday

The team met at 5.40am in Changi Airport for our 7.40am flight to Phnom Penh, Cambodia. After touching down in Phnom Penh, we travelled about 2.5 hours by taxi to Lively Hope BPC in Sihanoukville. There we had lunch lovingly prepared by Mrs Lydia Saray (wife of Pr John Saray). We had a briefing on the VBS programme and helped out in some preparations. We checked into our guesthouse at 4pm and met Pr John and family for dinner. Every evening we had a devotion led by Boon Choo.



Day 2 – 3 September, Wednesday (Day 1 of Lively Hope VBS)

September is the rainy season in Cambodia. It rained through the night but we thank God that it stopped in time for the VBS to be conducted smoothly in Lively Hope BPC. We met at 6am for breakfast and travelled to church early to help set up the place before registration began at 8.15am.

The VBS theme was “Be Ready” taken from Romans 13:11-14. The lessons were as follows:

- (1) Wake Up (v11)
- (2) Cast Off The Works Of Darkness (v12)
- (3) Walk Honestly (v13)
- (4) Put On The Lord Jesus Christ (v14)



The theme and lessons were the same for all the four VBSs conducted. For Lesson 1, Pr John taught the older children while Lydia taught the younger children. Thereafter,

Karen taught the older children and I taught the younger children for Lesson 2. We then had a time of craft, where the children made a clock with the lesson titles to remind them of the need to be ready for eternity in heaven. A total of 38 children turned up, along with 10 helpers. After lunch, we had a debrief and stayed behind to continue preparations for Day 2. We had dinner with Pr John's family and the helpers, and logged into Zoom for our Truth Church Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Day 3 – 4 September, Thursday (Day 2 of Lively Hope VBS)

We started the day at 6.20am. It was raining heavily, but thank God that the rain stopped once again when the VBS was about to start. 28 children turned up on the second day. Eric taught the older children for Lesson 3, while Jyh Cheau taught the younger. Thereafter, Lesson 4 was taught by Pr John (older) and Boon Choo (younger). We had a time of games to reinforce the lessons. After lunch, we had a debrief to wrap up the VBS in Lively Hope BPC and evaluate what could have been done better. We went back to the guesthouse to rest before travelling to Pr Tan Bun Kouy's place to have dinner. After dinner, we had a briefing on the VBS programme for his church (Agape BPC) and helped out with the craft preparation, before ending the night with our evening devotion.



Day 4 – 5 September, Friday (Day 1 of Agape VBS)



We started the day at 6am and travelled to Agape BPC in 80-Roofs Village, which was a 30 to 45min-drive from our guesthouse. Pr Bun Kouy and Pr Tann Heng (Pr Bun Kouy's brother) taught the first lesson to the children (combined) and adults respectively. Many of the adults were parents/grandparents of the children who were attending the VBS. The second lesson was taught by Karen (older) and myself (younger). It started raining very heavily during the second lesson, but thank God that the rain was short. Following this, we had a time of craft. A total of 21 adults and 50 children attended Day 1. After lunch, we had our usual debrief. We packeted the leftover food for dinner and had our dinner and devotion in the guesthouse. Thank God that the main renovation works in Agape BPC have been completed and that the VBS could be conducted in a conducive environment.

Day 5 – 6 September, Saturday (Day 2 of Agape VBS)

We started the day at 6am and travelled to Agape BPC. It started raining once the programme started, and a couple of children who were late had walked in the heavy downpour to get to church. Eric taught Lesson 3 to the children (combined) while Pr Bun Kouy spoke to the adults. After Lesson 3, Team 1 of the missions trip consisting of Choon Leong, Eric, Jyh Cheau, and Lyndsey left for Phnom Penh Airport to catch their 2pm flight back to Singapore. Meanwhile, we had a time of games to reinforce the lessons learnt. Lesson 4 was taught by Boon Choo (combined). Thank God that Pr Tann Cheng (Pr Bun Kouy's other brother) could help out on the second day as Pr Tann Heng had to prepare for his own church's VBS in Kampot. We ended the evening with dinner with Pr Bun Kouy and family.



Day 6 – 7 September, Sunday

Boon Choo, Karen, and I worshipped at Lively Hope BPC in the morning. The children's Sunday School started at 8am and the main worship service at 9.30am. After the service, we had fellowship over lunch with Pr John and family. Thereafter, we travelled to Agape BPC for their 3pm service. Their children's Sunday School runs concurrently with the main worship service. Then we stayed to fellowship with Pr Bun Kouy, Pr Tann Cheng, and their families.



Day 7 – 8 September, Monday

We started the day early as we had to travel from Sihanoukville to Kampot. Pr Bun Kouy picked us up at 4.30am, and we started our 3-hour journey to Kampot. Thank God for holding the rain on the journey there as we were transporting a keyboard for True Gospel BPC in Pr Bun Kouy's pick-up truck and we were afraid that it would be spoilt if we got caught in a heavy rain. It only started raining when we reached Kampot. In Kampot, we joined Word of Life BPC (Pr Tann Heng's church) for their second day of VBS. Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo and team (from True Life BPC, Singapore) were there to help conduct the VBS. After helping out in their morning programme, we travelled to True Faith BPC to prepare for the next day's VBS. We checked into the guesthouse and had a rest before Pr Rotha and family met us for



dinner. They brought us to visit the land where the building project for True Faith BPC is ongoing. Thank God that the surrounding walls have been put up. God-willing, Pr Rotha hopes to have the groundbreaking ceremony in October this year and have the church building completed before their 15th anniversary in March 2027.



Day 8 – 9 September, Tuesday (Day 1 of True Faith VBS)

Thank God that True Faith BPC was just a short 10-minute walk away from the guesthouse. We reached the church before 7am to help in the final preparations before registration began at 7.30am. The first lesson was taught by Pr Rotha (older) and Pr Sopheak (younger). The second lesson was taught by Karen (older) and myself (younger). These were followed by craft time. A total of 67 children along with 10 helpers were present. We then had lunch and a debrief. Thank God for giving us good weather in the morning as it rained heavily only in the afternoon. We also thank God that Pr Rotha spotted a tyre puncture while randomly checking his van, and was able to fix it promptly. Thank God that the transporting of the children to and from church was not hindered. We had dinner with the helpers in the evening.



Day 9 – 10 September, Wednesday (Day 2 of True Faith VBS)

For Day 2, the third lesson was taught by Karen (older) and myself (younger), and the fourth lesson was taught by Pr Rotha (older) and Boon Choo (younger). We had a time of games to reinforce the lessons learnt. A total of 61 children attended Day 2. After the VBS, we had our debrief. We then travelled to True Gospel BPC to prepare for the final VBS of the trip. Thank God that we could help to set up the new keyboard for True Gospel BPC as well. We had dinner with Pr Sopheak and family, before logging into Zoom for our Truth Church Prayer Meeting in the evening.



Day 10 – 11 September, Thursday (Day 1 of True Gospel VBS)



Pr Rotha met us for breakfast at 6am before we travelled to True Gospel BPC. Pr Rotha and Pr Sopheak taught the older and younger children respectively for the first lesson. For the second lesson, Karen taught the older children while I taught the younger children. We had a time of craft to reinforce the lessons. A total of 35 children attended Day 1. We thank God for the turnout as this is the first VBS conducted in the new premises since True Gospel BPC shifted there in January this year. Pr Sopheak was initially concerned that the children in the area would not turn up as the parents there were very staunch Buddhists. Thank God for enabling the VBS to run smoothly as the gate lock malfunctioned and they were unable to unlock it in the morning. A neighbour who was a church member came over to help break



the lock. Thank God that this did not affect the VBS.

Day 11 – 12 September, Friday (Day 2 of True Gospel VBS)



Pr Rotha met us for breakfast at 6am before we travelled to True Gospel BPC for Day 2 of the VBS. Karen taught the older children while I taught the younger children for the third lesson. Pr Rotha taught the older children and Boon Choo taught the younger children for the fourth lesson. We had a time of games conducted by Thaven to reinforce the lessons learnt. A total of 36 children attended Day 2. After lunch and debrief, we went back to our guesthouse to checkout and travelled to the

Phnom Penh airport which had just shifted its operations to Kandal province, 23km south of Phnom Penh on 9 September. We thank God for the smooth immigration process and a safe journey back to Singapore from the new airport. We touched down at Changi Airport at about 10pm.

We praise and thank God for His goodness shown towards us throughout the missions trip – for granting us good weather to conduct the VBS smoothly, for giving us good health and strength to serve Him, and for the children who heard the lessons from God's Word. May the Lord be pleased to use His Word to work in the hearts of the hearers to put their faith in Christ alone.

Testimonies of Team Members

Boon Choo:

All praise to God for enabling our missions team to go and support the four Cambodian preachers and their helpers in the running of their Vacation Bible Schools. Thank God for enabling us each step of the way, even as we prepared, as we travelled and especially as we served during the VBSs. The recent clashes between Cambodia and Thailand brought many uncertainties before the trip, but God answered our prayers and made the trip possible. One lesson this trip has taught me is to continue to trust in the LORD and lean upon Him for strength. Proverbs 3:5-6: *“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”*

Choon Leong:

Psalms 105:1: *“O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.”*

Thank God for an eventful VBS at Lively Hope and Agape BPCs. We faced many challenges – safety in travel, fine weather for the meetings, preparation of the messages by the teachers, children turning up for the classes, overseeing the preparation of crafts, overseeing the preparation of games, etc.

The Church prayed, we prayed, the Cambodian preachers and their families prayed. Thank you for praying too. The Lord granted us safety in travel both by air and land. The Lord sent fine weather so that classes could proceed as planned. The Lord sent a good number of children to the classes. The teachers taught with passion and conviction. The craft and games were appropriate. The children learned and enjoyed their lessons. The children sang a new English song “Countdown” well, which reminded them to prepare for the Lord’s soon return.

All glory to God for the successful completion of the VBS at Lively Hope and Agape BPCs.

Eric:

Thank God for the privilege and opportunity to serve in this year’s VBSs in Cambodia. The Lord is good! I taught the third lesson on “Walk Honestly” based on Romans 13:13. It was challenging to explain difficult words in simple English and link it to the Gospel so that the children could understand. Thank God for wisdom to use simple pictures and examples to explain those words and concepts to the children.

We had blessed fellowship with the preachers and their families. We are glad that the building progress for Agape BPC is on schedule and the VBS could be conducted. Let us continue to pray for the Gospel work, and that the preachers will be steadfast in serving the Lord. John 15:5: *“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.”*

Hadassah:

I thank God for the privilege to serve Him in this year's Cambodia VBS. Truth be told, I was not looking forward to the trip at all due to various health issues I was still figuring out and grappling with. Although I knew the lessons on God's sovereignty and power in my head, my heart was not convinced that I would be able to make it through the missions trip. God had to rebuke me of my faithlessness and despair by helping me to personally experience how He was able to grant supernatural strength when doing His work and His will. If I had been the way I was before the trip, I know it would be impossible to survive the trip. It was only and truly by God's enablement that I had the privilege and strength to be used of Him. Thank God for His gracious care upon each of His children, and for the spiritual lessons learnt.

1 Peter 5:7: *"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."*

Jyh Cheau:

I thank God for this blessed opportunity to participate in the 2025 VBSs of Lively Hope BPC and Agape BPC. Truly the Lord has shown again how His mighty presence works in the midst of His people. From the encouragement received from fellow brethren, the unhindered cross-border transport, safety, timely weather conditions, good health, the children and adults who turned up (especially the familiar faces), and tolerance shown in times of miscommunication, we see the wonderful hand of God's mercies and His guidance all the way. Our fellow Cambodians were very hospitable and expressed their joy in our presence. Yes, all praise to God for His love towards His people. We are indeed weak vessels, illiterate in Khmer language, yet privileged to do our little part.

May the Gospel preached bear forth godly fruit in His time. Isaiah 55:11: *"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."*

All glory to His name.

Karen:

Thank God for the opportunity to join the missions trip, to teach God's Word and to serve together with our preachers in Cambodia as well as with members in the missions team. Unlike previous years, this year's VBSs were largely planned and executed by the Cambodians, with the Singapore team playing a supportive role. Although this means fewer areas of service for us, it provided the Cambodians more opportunities to plan and serve in their own church's VBSs. This is important as they know their own Cambodian children, and how to better cater to their needs. Despite having messages based on the same theme, the craft and games (to reinforce the learning of God's Word) that each church planned for their own children vary in interesting and creative ways. Every church can learn from the other churches. Thank God for enabling the preachers in their service for Him and granting them wisdom to do His work. Thank God, also, for granting the preachers the opportunity to serve together in the planning of the VBSs and to help one another in the work of the ministry.

Playing a supportive role requires much wisdom and humility, and I thank God for helping us to do so, and for enabling Boon Choo to lead the team by example. I am reminded, during the trip, that God is the One who uses and enables another to do His work, and we ought to serve with humility, seeking only to point others to Him in all that we do. I am reminded, also, that it is not how much we do for the Lord, but how we do the work that God has entrusted into our hands to do that matters. I am, therefore, greatly encouraged and blessed by the seemingly “little” things that our team members had done, even things that may go unnoticed, but which they still did faithfully, in lowliness of heart and with love for God, His people and His work. With the right heart and attitude, I trust God can use His people mightily to be a channel of His many blessings, whether through their prayers for the work, through words of encouragement, or through rendering assistance in areas of need, whether they be big or small. May the Lord be merciful to save those who are still outside His kingdom and may He be greatly praised in all that we do.

Proverbs 11:30: *“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.”*

Lyndsey

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 12: *“Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”*

The above verses tell us the advantages of working as a team. If we are just one, there is no one to help us when we fall. However, in a group, we can find wisdom, safety and receive God’s blessings as we help one another. Thank God for taking care of us.

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