



CAMBODIA SCHOOL WASH PROJECT

**IMPACT REPORT**

**PALMER FAMILY CHRISTMAS 2024**

*"So Your ways may be known on earth,  
Your salvation among all nations."*

— PSALM 67:2

 **neverthirst**



Friend, we are happy to share that your generous act of love has served as a catalyst for local pastors and believers to share the gospel within their part of the world. While using the tangible gift of clean water as an open door to share about Jesus Christ, more than 1 million people to date have received clean and living water through neverthirst projects.

This report is the visual representation of months of prayer, labor, and service. Today, we celebrate that many families now have a clean, safe water source. But more than that, because we partner with key local ministry leaders in the 10/40 window, these same families have heard the hope of the gospel — many for the first time.

Children no longer miss school to collect dirty water that causes them to be ill. Women are no longer suffering through long treks to a water source that has all but dried up. Men can work and provide for their families instead of paying for medicine or doctor's visits to care for their sick family members.

From the neverthirst team, and on behalf of those you have served, thank you. We are privileged to partner with you in this eternally impactful work.

With sincere gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Letourneau".

Matt Letourneau  
CEO

## COUNTRY OVERVIEW

# Cambodia

### 144 OUT OF 189

The Southeast Asian country of Cambodia ranks low on the United Nation's Human Development Index (*144 out of 189 countries*), which measures the average wellbeing of all people in a given country.

**27%**

27% of the rural population lacks access to clean water.

**51%**

More than 6.3 million people (*51% of the rural population*) lack access to adequate sanitation facilities.



**82%**

82% of the population identifies as Buddhist and 19 of the 43 people groups in Cambodia remain unreached with the gospel. Our partners mobilize local pastors and churches to work alongside water projects where there is often no Christian presence. In this way, they help meet physical needs while sharing about Jesus Christ.

As we work in isolated, rural locations, we are focused on improving water access and quality for Cambodians through a variety of programs including:



**comprehensive school water,  
sanitation, and hygiene  
(WASH) programs**



**access through  
hand pumps**



**household  
filtration**

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

This school WASH project began months ago as our local implementing partner surveyed and selected rural schools across Kampong Thom and Preah Vihear provinces. About 33% of the schools in this region lack clean water and adequate toilets for their students.

The focus of your project was to address: 1) safe drinking water, 2) sanitation, and 3) handwashing, which all contribute to improved health. The project included construction of a community-scale slow sand filter, which treats ground water and produces about 50 gallons of clean water per hour; a hand-washing station; garbage kiln; and additional toilets or repairs to

existing toilets to help improve hygiene and sanitation.

The local school and community contributed labor and funds toward the cost of materials, exhibiting project ownership. The water was also tested prior to use, ensuring it is safe for use.

The local Church also played an active role as members of the school's water management committee, helping raise the school contributions, participating in health education training, and reinforcing health lessons in the community. These roles, among others, provide opportunities for local believers to serve and demonstrate the love of Christ.

# Your Project

## SCHOOL NAME

Som Kul

## VILLAGE

Som Kul

## DISTRICT

O Yadav

## PROVINCE

Ratanakiri

## WATER POINT ID

137.054



## PROJECT LOCATION



### Latitude

13.730757

### Longitude

107.379295



View your  
project's  
location.

## YOUR IMPACT

### Project results

- Provided clean water for people in the area.
- Created a platform for the local Church to share the gospel.

### Facilities

Community-scale slow sand filter, hand-washing station, garbage kiln, new toilets and/or repaired toilets.

### Trainings

The importance of clean drinking water, maintaining the filter, practicing good hygiene and sanitation, and menstrual hygiene management.

### Community participation and contribution

- Raised financial contributions to build a fence and roof to protect the filter
- Ensured water supply to all toilets
- Repaired broken toilets (*if applicable*)
- Developed a cleaning and maintenance schedule
- Committed to providing ongoing hygiene supplies for students (*soap, towels, etc.*)



## DOEUN SOU

"My name is Doeun Sou and I am 25, married, and have one child. I have been teaching third grade at Som Kul Primary School for six years. The majority of the people here engage in farming and communicate in the Charay dialect. The school has a shallow open well that dries up during the dry season. Generally, students buy bottled water, while those from financially struggling families have to rely on unfiltered sources."

We received the school WASH project with the biosand filter, handwashing stations, toilets, and a garbage kiln. This has enabled students to have plenty of clean water at school. This system decreased the open defecation, illnesses, and the absent days.

Klan Cha, a 14-year-old student, stated, 'My parents only give me a very small daily allowance for school needs, forcing me to choose between purchasing bottled water or food. Now, thanks to the free clean water provided at school, I can have both. My health has improved.' On behalf of our community, my heartfelt thanks go to neverthirst and the donors. Many community members and students can now obtain safe drinking water and maintain healthy hygiene practices every day.'



*Left to right:*

*Student impacted by  
school WASH project;  
Teacher and student.*



## STORIES OF IMPACT



### SOL KHAM

"My name is Sol Kham and I am 49, married, and have five children. We live in Som Kul Village. We are in a remote area surrounded by cassava trees. I became a follower of Christ after reconnecting with my uncle who visited my family for the first time since the separation during the Pol Pot regime in 1979. He shared the message of Jesus Christ and the salvation only He offers, gifting me a Bible. Through reading the Word, God opened my heart. This motivated me to accept Him. Furthering my faith and learning about God, I then devoted myself to missions and the establishment of a church here."

In 2025, I had the opportunity to take part in the school WASH project. We collaborated with school teachers to promote clean water usage at our school. This not only provided essential facilities but also allowed us to share the Word of God with the community. Through our involvement, the profound love of Christ became evident, leading many to inquire further about Jesus Christ. People have opened their hearts and accepted the good news. This marked a significant step in advancing our ministry within this community. I wish to express my gratitude to neverthirst and all donors who supported our school WASH project."



Clockwise from top left:

Construction at school WASH project; Toilet repair or construction; Project plaque; Hand-washing station.







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#### CLEAN WATER IS ESSENTIAL TO LIFE

Yet today, more than 703 million people lack access to it. neverthirst provides access to this basic need through appropriate clean water solutions around the world.

#### LIVING WATER IS ESSENTIAL TO ETERNAL LIFE

neverthirst equips gospel-centric partners to demonstrate the love of Christ to their neighbor through the physical gift of clean water, while equipping them to share the gospel among the unreached. neverthirst's mission is built around the success of the local Church because we believe where there is clean and living water, life flows.