



# Shalom Mission Cambodia

## Quarterly Report - January-March 2019



**Welcome to the first of our quarterly Shalom Mission Cambodia Newsletters.**

In each newsletter we will bring supporters news and highlights of the work being done by the various SMC ministries, for encouragement and prayer.

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We continue to welcome experienced Bible teachers to Cambodia whenever we can to develop our pastors and workers with sound teaching and pastoral advice.

### **Teaching Conference with Pastor Dale Hewitt - January 22-24**

In January Shalom pastors gathered to receive teaching from pastor Dale Hewitt visiting from Australia - excellent teaching that focussed on the ministry of the early Church. We studied through the book of Acts, chapter by



chapter, to learn how God used the apostles and their disciples to increase and extend his church. It was wonderful to dig deeper into the scriptures, with such an experienced pastor, to see things we had not seen before. We saw how the apostles



the Lord had prepared were to be an example for us to follow. This challenges us to believe that God can use us similarly in our time to extend the Kingdom of God in Cambodia – and to be as faithful as these men were.

**Pray for these men serving throughout Cambodia**

## Pastors training on Expository Preaching with James Harmeling - February 12-15

This was our second Expository Preaching event for English speaking pastors. We make these Bible based training workshops available to pastors outside the Shalom family because we know of many, especially those working in smaller towns, who do not have access to good ongoing Bible teaching to help them develop in their ministry. And so we share what we have in this way, to help in extending God's kingdom. The first event was for the pastors but this time, because the teaching was on Biblical Counseling, we also invited their wives and partners in ministry to join as well.



We all met together for teaching and discussion but also the pastors and wives had their separate classes to study issues specific to the needs of men and women, husbands and wives, fathers and mothers.



The uniqueness of our training was that it was not only learning in the classroom - we also used creative activities outside lessons to strengthen the bonds of friendship and support between us. Cambodia has a growing coffee industry, with beans produced in several provinces, so every break time we sampled different coffees which our participants were asked to bring along. On the last day we enjoyed great fellowship playing soccer. We seek for every training event to draw us closer to one another in Christ's love and thank the Lord for the friendships we have in the body of Christ.

**Pray for these pastors** – sometimes they have little opportunity for deep fellowship in their local situations, and yet they must respond to many challenges as they serve their people. Pray they will remember and use what they have learned to draw strength and wisdom from God Himself, and to raise up disciples who will join them in the work of the kingdom.





**Shalom pastors tell us of their activities and we always love to hear of people coming to new or deeper faith in Jesus. Here are a couple of recent reports:**

**Pastor Phem Sary** (Kompong Cham) tells of a surprise opportunity to lead someone to Christ.

*"I visited one of my church members to ask about her health but I didn't know which was her house. I saw a young man in the village and asked him. He told me that his name is Pula he is grade 12. "Do you know sister Ton's house"? I asked him.*

*"Sister Ton? The one who believes Jesus Christ right?" he replied.*

*"Yes she does, she's the only person who believes in Jesus in this village." I answered.*

*"I wanted to believe Jesus too but I was so young I thought maybe I was not good enough." he said. "No dear that is not right - you are able to accept Jesus. Maybe you are able to understand God's word better than older people".*

*He gave no answer and because my time was going I told him, "This Sunday you can come to worship God at church and you will find out more about it."*

*Before I left I took his phone number and in church I told my church members to pray for Pula. On Sunday I planned to call Pula when I arrived at church but when I arrived I was so surprised because Pula was the first person at church – there before anyone else! I greeted him so gladly.*

*I preached and taught that day about Samuel - that God called him when he was so young. He paid attention and listened carefully. After worship I asked if he had a response and he decided to accept Jesus immediately. I was so touched – and since then he has always been at church."*

**Pastor Andrew** from Phum Beng Church rejoices:

*What a blessing - we got three new members in our church; Channun, Malin and Srey Mom, and they were not ashamed to proclaim their faith through baptism. Among those three, Channun shared with us her testimony.*

*"Believing in Christ has removed my doubt. God sets me free, and I do not need to worry, or offer food to the dead like other people do. In the past I went to church and so had he but after we married I could not attend to pray and worship because my husband didn't want me to go.*

*He complained and banned me from attending. He only wanted me to do housework. However, I prayed to the Lord, "Please God, work in my husband. Please make him think about the words of God that he heard before. Bless him to have wisdom and believe in the Lord as I do, so that we are able to attend church together. I prayed for a whole week.*

*Suddenly my husband came to me and asked "Why are you so late going to church today? It's time now, you are late". I was amazed to hear this from him! He has not said he will believe or trust in the Lord yet so I continue to pray that my husband will open his heart to offer his life to the Lord, and we will live blissfully together in Christ".*



## THE SHALOM DREAM CENTER - MONDULKIRI.



We thanks the Lord that construction of Shalom Dream Center is under way. However, we did not want to delay or waste an opportunity for the Kingdom. In March we saw interest by Bunong pastors and Christian leaders in receiving Bible teaching. So we quickly agreed to present our well established Building a Foundation for Faith Program making use of the Fundamentals of the

Faith book to begin to bring them clear teaching they can apply to their own lives and pass on to others tribal people in Mondulkiri province. We will do all we can to support these leaders and equip them to reach out with the gospel and teach their churches.

Since the start of this year God has enabled us to start a new church there as well.



Pastor Sary, and his wife, have obeyed God's call God to be the Shalom pastor in this area and God is adding one by one to his church.

Recently I, Chhinho, was invited to attend a tribal engagement- on a Saturday. Then on Sunday as I came to



the church to preach I saw the couple who were engaged on the previous day. After the service I asked the man if he was assured of his salvation but he said he was a Roman Catholic. Immediately I explained the gospel to him and he accepted the Lord Jesus. His fiancée is daughter of one of our members and is already saved. A few weeks later at Shalom Dream Center God worked in the hearts of 2 ladies staying there and they decided to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. The Holy Spirit is moving among our work!



### 4 PICTURES

Pastor Sary and family  
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I would like to share with you our vision for the Shalom Dream Center.

## The Shalom Dream Center Project

Shalom Dream Center is an extended project of Shalom Mission Cambodia.

Shalom Dream Center is being developed in Sen Monorom, Mondulkiri by Saing Chhinho, Founder and Leader of Shalom Mission Cambodia, as part of a strategy to reach all Cambodia with the gospel, including the least reached people groups. Beginning in the provinces east of the Mekong – Mondulkiri, Ratanakiri, Kratie, Stung Treng and Tboung Kmum – it will then reach into the whole of Cambodia and as God leads, into the surrounding nations.



### Why is Shalom Dream Center being developed?

Today there is a challenge to the Cambodian Church: Our nation now stands at 16.3 million souls. The Gospel came to Cambodia less than 100 years ago - early believers were persecuted and few. However, since the overthrow of Pol Pot the church has grown from a few thousand to over 300,000!

**Yet there could have been more!**

**Why are there not more?**

Because the workers are few!

**What is the Solution?**

Our Lord Jesus gave the answer:

***“Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Matt 9:38***

**We have asked the Lord of the harvest and we believe he has told us to:**

- Prepare the workers God has called to be effective in the harvest – our purpose.
- Create a place where this happens – our vision



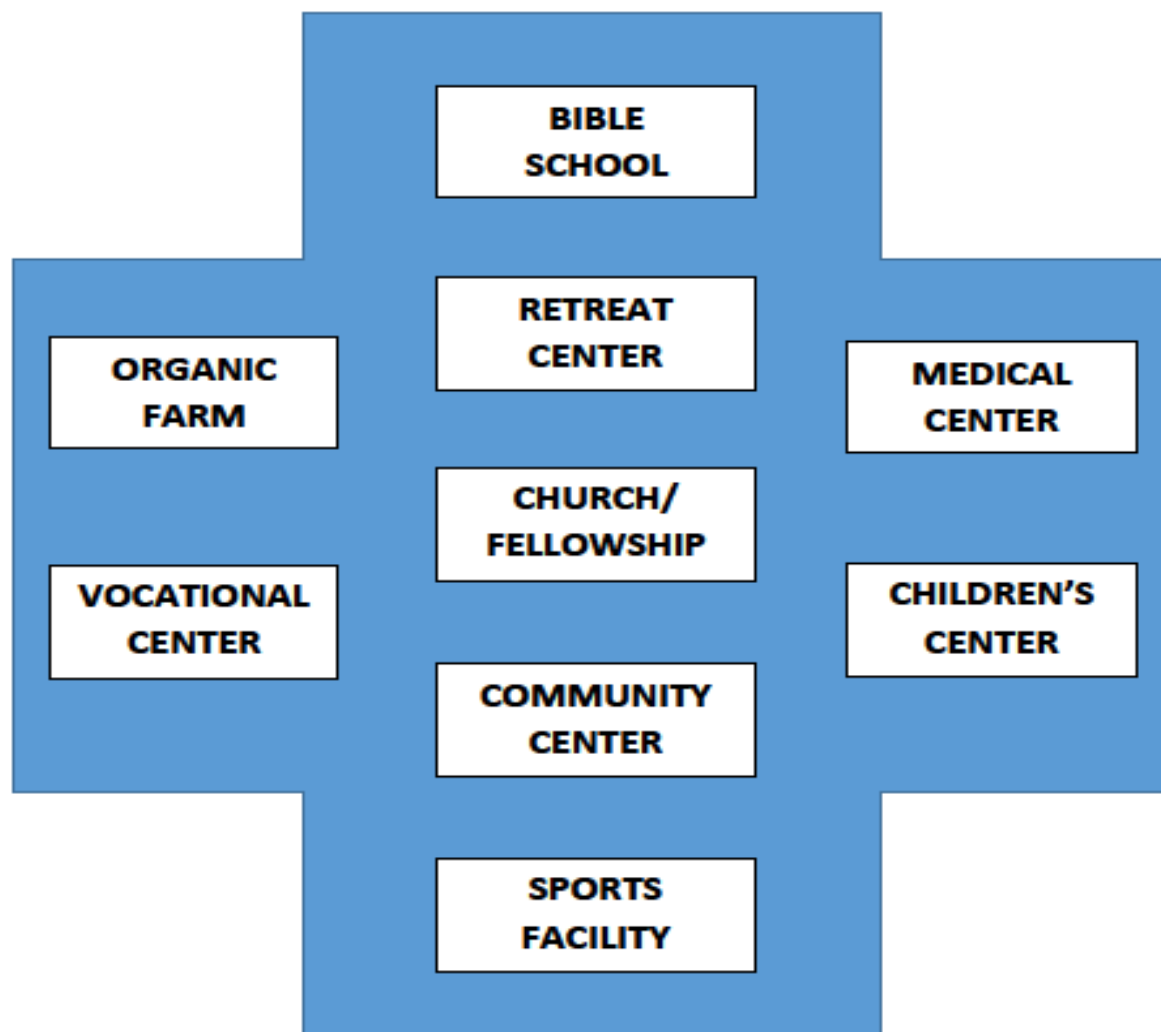
**Shalom Dream Center (SDC)** will be a community made up of ministries that serve the locality and also train workers to serve throughout the region and the whole country and even beyond (*Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth*).

We hope it will be a model for similar communities – that will bring these ministries to remoter areas and enable believers to be developed there, instead of having to leave their homelands to pursue training and perhaps never return.

Our facilities will also be used to support other churches and ministries in the area. Those that share our vision – to train and mobilise workers; not only pastors and preachers, but anyone called to serve God – will be invited to use them and to send their own people to receive training and development.

Land prices are rising as overseas investors move into the area. We have already begun to build on the land we have and want to buy more before the prices go up.

**We plan to construct multi-purpose buildings to serve these ministries and that will make maximum use of our resources.**



**These are the ministries we intend to develop; for which we are seeking partners and support;**

- 1. Church/Fellowship** – for workers in the Shalom Dream Center and locals brought to Christ through the outreaches we conduct.
- 2. Bible School** – to provide relevant training that equips workers to reach the lost, especially the least reached, and serve the church. This will not be academic teaching but will combine correct handling of God’s Word and practical life application that students can use and pass on to those they are serving \$\$
- 3. Retreat Center** – a place with sleeping accommodation and catering for individuals and groups seeking quiet, counsel, prayer and spiritual refreshing. Sleeping accommodation \$\$
- 4. Children’s Center** – outreach and teaching to local children and training of children’s workers
- 5. Medical Center** – a clinic that provides reliable and affordable advice and treatment \$\$
- 6. Community Center** – a hospitable venue for locals to meet, relax and seek advice – making us a positive part of the local community. This will use the main Bible School and Retreat meeting room.
- 7. Organic Farm** – a small business that produces quality food for residents and guests \$\$
- 8. Vocational Center** – practical skills training to equip students to earn an income and support themselves in ministry
- 9. Sports Center** – football and games facilities to provide recreation for students and locals, and as a means of outreach

We will have a core staff plus students who will learn through classes and working on site and in the various ministries, and then be sent out into their own ministry.

Items marked with \$\$ will generate funds for the ministry by charging affordable fees to those who can afford to pay. We also hope the farm will produce enough surplus to sell commercially.

The plans for the future of this project are great, but the potential rewards are even greater. The different ministries and the labour of those whom we prepare for the Lord’s work will ultimately make an eternal difference to thousands of lives.

**We are now seeking partners to work with us in many ways:**

- Are you able to help finance the purchase of land and the construction of buildings?
- Are you an experienced Bible teacher or Pastor – able to pass on your knowledge to train the next generation of Christ’s servants?  
We would like to talk with those who can join the resident staff or who can visit regularly.
- Do you have construction skills to work on, or supervise, the building work?
- Do you have farming, horticultural or manual skills to work on our small farm or teach students practical skills that will enable them to earn a living to support their ministries?
- Do you have teaching, medical, catering or children’s work experience and are willing to consider joining the Shalom Dream Center ministry?

**To communicate with us please see our Contact Details at the end of this report**

THIS IS A FAITH VENTURE – WE HAVE ALREADY STARTED BUILDING – TRUSTING GOD TO BRING IN THE SUPPLY.

NOAH BUILT AN ARK, BUT ONLY A FEW ENTERED BECAUSE IT WAS A DAY OF JUDGEMENT.

WE ARE BUILDING A CENTER THROUGH WHICH MANY SHALL PASS, BECAUSE TODAY IS THE DAY OF SALVATION



Join with us in praying for:

- Forthcoming Training in April at Shalom Dream Center. It is dry season so we are able to hold training events in the open with people who are happy to accept basic living conditions until we have completed our facility.
- Students to become well equipped for the Word of God. Pray for their hearts and minds to be receptive, and pray for their good health and good fellowship together.
- Shalom Dream Center's impacts in the community nearby. We want to be a blessing to believers and a light to unbelievers - drawing them to Christ
- The new church plant in Mondulkiri and others in provinces nearby.
- For the strength and wisdom in leading this new project for the glory of God.
- For all Dream Center needs to be met so this place will glorify God and the Name of Jesus.

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