

# KRAING TNONG CHURCH

## Church Growth and Development



Kraing Tnong New Life Fellowship is a growing church that at present has around 165 members. The Kraing Tnong Church is a church plant from the Somrong Yong New Life



Fellowship and was started in year 2002 as a cell group. The Church is now pastored by Pastor Pros who is a very busy and gifted man. He is trained in dentistry and has in the past been the Healthcare Assistant in the church



for the CEH Department of NLF. He actually has a dental clinic near the church but at the moment is not being used regularly due to some funding and permission that is needed. The church is full and in need of renovations to hold



everyone. Their vision is to have 300 members and serve 3 surrounding villages. He would like to start up 2 more cell groups in the near future. As you will see in Pastor Pros' Schedule he is a quite busy. He would like prayer to balance his time more so he has more time for his family.

## PASTOR PROS SERMON! Pride and Sin go hand and hand!

The Sunday I was there two youth shared. Sambath shared the story of Noah and challenged people on how Noah listened to God and trusted Him even though it seemed so strange to build an Ark in the dessert. Then Kim Panath shared about Samson and how he was blessed with great strength but not always obeyed God faithfully. Afterwards, Pastor Pros preached "God promises to be with us to the very end. God created the earth and when pride came on Satan so did sin. If pride enters your life sin is sure to follow. Romans 3:23 says we have all sinned and sin has its consequences. It will make you hate yourself, your life will seem to have no value, it separates you from God, and keeps you far from others and the bad you do to others usually gets done back to you. The earth is decaying and falling apart. (Romans 8:21-22). Everyone will die in different ways and sin will bring death. Revelations 21:1 says God will create a new heaven and a new earth. Through Christ we have forgiveness and victory over death and decay." The congregation was encouraged to check their hearts and confess any sins and draw close to God.

## Income Generation



The church has some income generation projects that some people in the community have taken part in. One project is looming to make beautifully designed sarongs and



scarves. It takes many hours and days to make one sarong. For some it may take a month to make one beautifully designed sarong. Pray that they will find a good market for their hard work and make a good profit.

Another income generation project is raising ducks. They have a pond and fenced area where they have around 3000 ducks they are raising from ducklings. They also raise chickens. In the future they are looking into making fake flowers and decorations.

## Ministries and Programs

### Sunday



7:30am till 11:00am is Church. It has 165 members and about 80 – 100 attend regularly

Service Includes Healthcare Training by the Healthcare Assistant.

9:00am Cell group in Chiso Mountain with Pastor Mom Sopheap (3 cell groups)

3:00 Women's Ministry with Pastors wife Tim Srey Lat (10-15 attend)

4:00pm – 5:00pm Children's Ministry

### Tuesday

7:00-8:00pm Elders meeting

### Friday

Committee Meeting with 7 committees.

### Saturday

5:00 – 7:00 Youth Party

2:30 – 4:00 Cell Group in Tonle Bati with Pastor Pros





7:00 – 8:00 Cell Group in Chrong Sadow with Pastor Pros and Tong

**Monday – Friday**

12:00pm to 5:00pm English Classes (6 teachers involved)



### Recent Events

From June 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> they had an evangelistic outreach with *Pastor Sarah Bowling* at the church where around 1000 people came to attend and hear the Good News.

Around 50 people from the church joined the leadership seminars in Phnom Penh held by *Joyce Meyer Ministries*.

They also had a **Family Seminar** on September 18<sup>th</sup> where people learned more about caring for their family.

## How God Changed Them! Letting their stories be heard!

### Pastor Pros Testimony



Before Pastor Pros became a Christian, his wife was hired to make meals for the evangelists from the Somrong Yong Church. She would hear about God and then share with her husband all about what she heard. Later he met with some of the Evangelists and gave his life to God. At that time he stayed with his wife's family and when they became

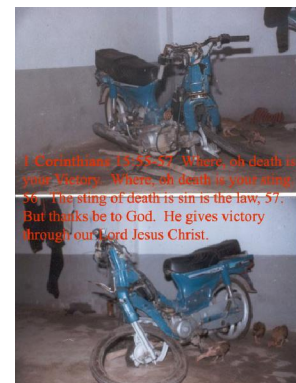


Christians her family put pressure on them to turn from God and if they didn't they were told they had to move out. At that time they had nothing, no home or even land and it was a difficult time for them. A family in the community that was very poor at one time sympathized with them and gave them 15 kilo's of rice and they were very touched by their generosity. After some time Pastor Pros and his wife Srey Lat renewed their relationship with her family. Her family had a change of heart and gave them a cow to raise and they were able to sell the calf she had. Eventually they saved enough money and bought some land close to the church. They now have a nice home for their family. Pastor Pros has a faithful wife, 3 beautiful girls and one growing boy.

### Pheakdey, Brush with Death and God's Healing



One amazing testimony that stands out for Kraing Tnong Church is the testimony of Tim Pheakdey that happened in November year 2003. Pheakdey was a volunteer English teacher at the church in Kraing Tnong. He also would translate for Donnie, a missionary with New Life that would come and train on healthcare issues. One morning after Donnie completed his training, Pheakdey asked to return to Phnom Penh with him to visit friends. They left and on the way to Phnom Penh they got





into a terrible motorbike accident. Donnie was thrown into the ditch while Pheakdey was thrown over the car that they hit head on. Donnie was eventually taken to one the better



hospitals and having broken his neck, both legs and pelvis in several locations and was said to have lost 80% of his blood. Donnie was later evacuated to Bangkok Hospital in Thailand. He lived by the grace of God but it took several months for his recovery. Pheakdey amazingly did not break any bones but landed on his behind and had severe damage to his pelvis area and had a lot of internal bleeding. His pelvis area was described as if it had been totally crushed. He was taken to a government hospital in Phnom Penh by one of the evangelists. It was hard to get a doctor to check him. When they finally did get a doctor they did some surgery to check the damage done in the pelvis area. They looked and it was such a mess they just sowed him up again not giving him any hope live. The doctor also said he needed a blood transfusion and there was no blood for that there. So Pheakdey's brother and the evangelist went to a blood bank but it was closed. So they banged on the door till someone came. Then ***Pheakdey's brother fell to his knees and begged for the life giving blood.*** The blood bank gave the blood and at the hospital the doctor had Pheakdey put on the blood transfusion but ***they told his family to prepare for a funeral*** because the doctor didn't think



he would make the night. The family had even started preparing food for his funeral. Prayers went up around the world for both of them who had been in the accident. **Today Pheakdey is the head of the Children at Risk Department at NLF as a healed man.** The foreigner (Donnie) that was in the accident has fully healed and is back in service in Cambodia and actually is the writer of this report.



## NLF Youth as a Light in their Community!



The youth of Kraing Tnong are full of energy and joyfully worship God. They are a great example to their non-Christian friends and they have seen changes in their community. Many of the youth in Kraing Tnong were drunkards, fighters and a nuisance to the community. Since the youth of NLF would not take part in these activities, their non-Christian friends would drink less and not be so apt to get into fights. The NLF youth would even have their own parties that did not have drinking and fighting and the non-Christians that attended would like their parties more than their own parties and in turn would ask questions and find out about the youth group. **Parents would see changes in their children and improvements in their grades at school.** Parents would have their children go to youth group just for that reason which has resulted in many youth coming to Christ.

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The youth of NLF Kraing Tnong are known for their talents in doing worship and even have done a worship service for a Big Brother / Sister Camp with EFC (Evangelical Fellowship Cambodia) this past year where hundreds of youth attended.

## Community Enabling Healthcare (CEH) Progress Report!

The healthcare assistant in Kraing Tnong is Chen Ly Mong who has taken over for Pastor Pros since he became Pastor. Pastor Pros already had been working in the community for a few years before taking on the Pastor position. Both healthcare workers have noticed **better healthcare practices in their communities**. There have been many improvements; in nutrition, hygiene practices and just the general health of people is much better.



Ly Mong teaches every Sunday on different Healthcare subjects. The one Sunday I was there he taught on the importance of colostrums, the first milk the mother produces when breastfeeding. He listed the benefits of breastfeeding from birth since it is a common practice not to give this first milk to the child in the village. People seemed to be listening and taking in this information. Ly Mong hopes through his teachings that some of the mindsets and wrong ideas that are in the community will change. I believe they are changing.

Ly Mong said he would love to have more teaching materials and visual aids to help him make his teachings more interesting.



### Children at Risk Testimonies

Sovan is the contact person for C@R in Kraing Tnong. There are at least 8 Children at Risk sponsored families in Kraing Tnong, 1 family in Tonle Bati and 1 family in Chrung Sdao. They are



all at different stages in the 3 year program. One family the Gum Tang Tou Family used to have to borrow money for food and just kept getting further and further into debt. Any money they could make went to lenders. C@R helped them get a business started and now they fish and sell fish. They have been **able to pay their debts and now are able to make a living**.



Chem Sok, another C@R child, was from a poor family with a sad situation. His mother committed suicide and his father never came home. He now lives with his grandmother and though she used to try to do her best to provide for him, she really struggled. Later, Sok had a hernia and



needed medical help. His grandmother spent a lot to buy medicines for him that never

really helped well. The C@R team was informed of their situation and with sponsors for Chem Sok they have helped him and his grandmother out of their poverty. They helped Sok get medical help for his hernia and they built them a new house that was more permanent than the one they had made out of palm leaves. The Children at Risk team also helped them get started on raising goats for income. Their standard of living has improved a lot since C@R has helped them. Chem Sok also often attends Sunday school and is learning more about God. He has a much brighter future ahead of him now that C@R has helped.

*Kraing Tnong New Life Fellowship and community will always have a special place in my heart because of the love they showed to me when I had my motorbike accident. I believe God has great plans for this church and the church is making a positive lasting effect in their community. I look forward to see what God has in store for this community in the future. D.S.*

<b>Church Needs</b>	<b>Prayer Requests</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1-2 more reliable Motorbikes to visit the villages (\$1000-\$2000)</li> <li>- More teaching and visual Aids for Health Training.</li> <li>- Funding for the dental Training \$1500 / year they are also in lack of much dental equipment.</li> <li>- Better Sound System, 4 new microphones, a synthesizer and a guitar. Estimated around \$400 in total.</li> <li>- Funds to pay the staff: youth leader, evangelists, teachers and assistants. Estimated total \$100 / month for all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pastor has many people coming to him with problems sometimes the problems that they could possibly work out themselves. He needs wisdom and help to deal with all the different situations he faces.</li> <li>- Please pray for Srey Lat, Pastor Pros' wife who is overseeing the work at Tonle Bati Village.</li> <li>- That their congregation would be blessed with good income and be able to support the church more and have that desire to do so.</li> <li>- That in the future they would be able to get a Tuk Tuk (an enclosed wagon attached to a motor bike) so that they could pick up people for church.</li> </ul>

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