

Cambodia Report for May 2009 trip

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We want to express our thanks to all of you who supported us and prayed for us as we traveled to Cambodia. We traveled with a group from Bethel and Salem Evangelical Free Churches in Fargo. Our main purpose was to work with missionaries Kevin and Robin Olson in their work among the Brou people of



northwest Cambodia. They are working with a people group whose language has not been written down yet, so the Christians do not have a Bible in their language. Many of the villagers are not even literate. The villagers are coming from an animistic religious system, so Christianity is rather foreign to them. There are a few churches in some of the

villages, and the main church in TaVeng district center has approximately 30 members. The leader of the church is able to read Khmer, so he studies the Khmer Bible and truly shepherds his flock with a loving spirit. We held medical clinics in 3 churches over 3 ½ days. We saw a total of 350 people. Many individuals were referred for further medical care to the Provincial capital or to Phnom Penh, the country capital. We performed a few procedures including draining a knee of excess synovial fluid and incising and draining a large abscess. We had one known conversion, an elderly lady who presented with advanced breast cancer. We celebrate the fact that she will live with us in glory one day! We were able to provide medical care, medications, and



chiropractic care to those who would not otherwise receive such care. We know that our presence at these small village churches gives the church members more credibility in the eyes of the other villagers. Please pray for these church members that God will work in them to be honest, upright examples of His love for His creation.

With every trip that we take, we are impressed with the fact that God chooses to use us as His hands and feet. What a privilege and responsibility! It is truly amazing that the all-powerful, all-knowing Creator God would choose to use us imperfect and sinful people to preach His good news to those who have never heard the message before. We know that God changes us more than He changes anyone else on these trips. Lately, I have been overwhelmed and humbled by the fact that God wants to use me to make His message known. I pray that this attitude will continue and that God will show me more about Him. Thank you for standing with us to support us on these trips as we attempt to reach the neediest and neglected with God's love.

