



# Shalom Mission Cambodia



## Report January – April 2020

**Greetings from all of us working together in Shalom Mission Cambodia.**

### The Covid 19 Situation in Cambodia

We praise God that Covid-19 has not swept through Cambodia – in fact we have had no recorded deaths that are directly attributable to this virus. Certainly if there had there been any serious outbreak it could not have been concealed. Most of the cases have been of people who travelled into Cambodia or had contact with them, so restrictions on entry to Cambodia are very tight to prevent any outbreak. This makes life very difficult for business and tourism (as well as missionaries) and it means the economy has been severely hit with many people losing their jobs. Also the government has put limits on gatherings which has caused larger churches to suspend meetings. Our churches still do all they can to maintain fellowship and help those affected wherever possible. We are grateful for gifts we have received to do this.



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### From Our Family.



#### **Bunyamin update:**

We were all worried distress because Bunyamin was in some distress suffering from constant involuntary movements. Nothing we tried helped but after costly investigations, including travel to Bangkok his condition was diagnosed as ‘tics’. We could not stay in Thailand, but thank God we eventually found a specialist doctor here in Cambodia who has given him



effective medication and is personally treating him regularly. He is much better than before but we still need your prayers as his ‘tics’ aren’t completely gone yet.

## Our children Online learning:



Since the start of the pandemic our children's school has been closed.

In order to continue their education the school introduced on-line learning.



It was rough at first as we have 4 children and their homework is mostly beyond my help and knowledge but gradually they got the hang of it and things have got better. However, they do complain a lot that on-line school is making them stressed and that they'd rather go to study at school!!! Many of you reading this will be experiencing the same in your countries, so you will understand and sympathise!

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## Shalom Dream Center:

### The Progress of Shalom Dream Center

#### The travel back and forth

When the children's summer break started we decided to go to Shalom Dream Center but since I have to work 2 days a week in Phnom Penh, I have to drive back and then return to Monduliri to lead the ministry and monitor progress on the construction work. As you can see it is a long journey - it takes about 6 to 7 hours - but fortunately the roads are better than before.



## Worship



The team at the Dream Center still have worship time as normal where we gather everyone in the morning and start to worship, share God's word, pray for each other and the work, and commit the day ahead to Him.

## Food distribution to poor children's families

Because of the virus many families of the children who attend our school at the Dream Center are suffering financial loss so we have gathered contributions and bought rice, noodles, canned fish and more to distribute to many families in the area. Pray that these families will see in their hearts the love of Christ that makes us reach out to them with physical food but also with the Living Bread of Christ—that they come to believe and give themselves to Him



## School building done



The main school building at Shalom Dream Center is finally finished and ready to open once the Covid pandemic is over. We are so happy and relieved that the construction has gone well and the results are beautiful – just what we hoped for.

In our next newsletter we hope to show you the children enjoying their own new, clean and spacious school that honors the Lord and is tangible proof of His great love for them.



## Shalom International School



Again due to the virus we had to follow the government instructions and close down the school. With no income from students we could not continue paying the staff a salary.

We decided to give the teachers a package of essential food items to help sustain them for a few months. We don't know when we will be allowed to re-open.

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## Shalom Mission Cambodia Covid 19 response



Shalom Churches throughout the country are doing what they can to share God's love, by giving food to the most needy people in their communities.



We will channel any help you can send to these people.

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## Biblical Exposition training



We are so grateful for the ongoing training that Pastor James Harmeling has been giving to pastors in Cambodia. Although organised by Shalom it is open to pastors from any other church who are seeking good Bible teaching on how to teach the Bible to their churches.

When Covid prevented Pastor James from coming in person from Singapore to teach he gladly agreed to continue teaching via Zoom so that those who were hungry for this training could continue via their laptops and phones.

## How can you support the work of Shalom Mission Cambodia?

### PRAY –

1. For our churches to reopen soon
2. For all our pastors who are unable to meet their members in the church, that they do not become discouraged but continue to visit people at their homes and that they take the opportunity to do home study regularly.
3. For opportunities to share gospel of Hope in this crisis time.
4. For funds to provide more food assistance to those in great need.
5. For plans to have a family retreat at the end of this year
6. Covid 19 is delaying our vision to start a Bible school in Modulkiri but we want to begin Bible training for Christian workers in 2021 as soon as possible in 2021.
  - The Bible School will need \$100 per month per student to be financially viable.
  - Pray for the right students to join us and for the finance needed to support them.
  - It will cost \$100 a month for each student to live and learn at the Dream Center.
  - We expect them to find some of that themselves but we want to help those who need support.
6. For Pastor Chhinho and his family – for safe travel, good health and peace amid all the pressures of work at this stressful time.

**GIVE** – All our ministries need funds to pay staff and buy materials and services.  
Please contact us if you are able to support us financially:

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