Mission
Cambodia

Help the Needy

Work with Children

Live & Share Your Faith

Show God’s Love

Cross-Cultural Experience

Lessons from History

Change your World View

Be Transformed!

December 2014
**Be Adventurous**

**Who?**
Mission Cambodia will include suitable students from Years 9-12 in 2014 as well as College-approved adult volunteers. Physical Education teacher, Ms Lituri will lead the trip along with another College staff member.

**How much?**
The total cost is unknown at present time however the 2013/14 trip came to $2800 per person, including flights, transfers, accommodation, travel insurance, and food. It is anticipated that the cost will be lower in 2014. The cost of passport, vaccinations, and souvenirs are additional.
The College will not be raising funds to subsidise trip costs, however participants may wish to do so outside of school.

**Travel & Accomodation**
Leaving early December 2014 and returning before Christmas the team will fly into Siem Reap. There they will stay for 2 days sightseeing. They will then travel by bus staying 1 night in Kampoung Thom and approximately 7 days in Phnom Penh where they will undertake the ministry component of the trip. Participants will stay in budget accommodation with 2-4 people per room.

**What’s the Risk?**
Mr Maynard and Ms Lituri took a team in 2013/14. The majority of travel, accommodation and activity risks have been evaluated and plans have been put in place for their management. Participants will seek their own doctors’ recommendations regarding vaccinations to minimise the risk of disease.

**Food Matters**
An adventurous approach to food would be an advantage especially when tarantulas are on the menu. However most restaurants offer Khmer (Cambodian), generic Asian, and western food options. It will not be possible to cater for people with severe food allergies.

**Fundraising**
Mission Cambodia participants may raise funds throughout the year to contribute towards the trip.

**Interested?**
Email missions@nwcc.nsw.edu.au (adults) or speak to Ms Lituri (students) to express your interest. If there is sufficient interest, an information night will be held late in Term 1.
Mission Program

The College’s Mission Program aims to focus the energies of participants on helping others in practical ways and spreading the good news about Jesus locally, regionally and internationally.

This trip will provide opportunities for participants to “be generous to the poor” (Luke 11:40) and “help everyone who is weak” (Acts 20:35), remembering Jesus words, “More blessings come from giving than from receiving” (Acts 20:35). Edward C. Lindeman highlights the value derived by those who choose to serve others. “The act of volunteering is an assertion of individual worth. The person who of his own free will decides to work ... is in effect saying, I have gifts and talents which are needed. I am a person who accepts a responsibility, not because it is imposed upon me, but rather because I wish to be useful. My right to be thus used is a symbol of my personal dignity and worth!”

The trip will also provide opportunities for Christians to “go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). Cambodians predominantly come from Buddhist and Hindu backgrounds, in many cases worshipping gods that are unattractive in both form and character. Participants can experience the joy of sharing their knowledge of one true, loving God and the good news about Jesus with people who may never have heard the gospel.

Bong Paoun Program

The Bong Paoun Project (BPP) is a mentoring program linking bongs (Khmer for big brothers/sisters) with street working paouns (Khmer for little brothers/sisters). Their aim is to enable street-working children to be able to stop work and achieve their dream of going to school. Because of the family’s crucial role in the child’s success in staying in school, BPP also works alongside parents and other siblings to empower them to improve their family living conditions.

The Norwest Mission Cambodia Team volunteers will partner with the BPP visiting houses, teaching the children English, sharing songs, stories and dramatic performances and delivering an educational program that demonstrates God’s love.

Children’s Program

The Mission Cambodia team will also take part in presenting a children’s program in “the slums” of Phnom Penh, where children and adults spend their day searching for trash and foraging for goods that can be sold. The team will share Gods love with the people by playing games, sharing songs, creating craft, sharing testimonies and messages from the word, and providing them with gifts and food. The 2013/14 team found this a very valuable and touching experience as they shared Gods love with the Khmer people.
Be Transformed

Life-Changing Experience

International travel is an invaluable experience for the traveller who is willing and open.

“Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness.” - Mark Twain

By giving our students the opportunity to go out into the world, not only to see it but to be useful in it, we hope that they will be able to develop a passion for discovery and service that will hold them in good stead for the rest of their lives.

For Christians, the experience of travel and the revelation it brings of the beauty and diversity of creation often draws us closer to God. Certainly when we see the enormous need in which the majority of the world lives, it can change one’s perspective forever.

History & Culture

Visiting Cambodia and working with its people is a transformative experience. Participants will gain invaluable insights into a culture that is uniformly hopeful in the face of both poverty and the national trauma of their shared past.

Participants will have the opportunity to visit the spectacular ruins of the Angkor era (802-1431AD); a period of glorious wealth and rich culture.

They will come to understand the atrocities that Pol Pot inflicted on the Cambodian people in the Killing Fields of the 1970s.

Finally, they will experience the stilted and floating villages of rural Cambodia and the metropolitan lifestyles of modern Cambodian people including people who live in abject poverty.