

Cambodian Chronicle

*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"
Psalm 133:1*

Dear Praying Friends,

Conferences, camps, and special meetings with other churches of like mind can be so influential in the lives of individual members and pastors, but they can also be a huge "shot in the arm" to the whole church. Christians may get discouraged. Missionaries can lose their vision. Pastors sometimes lose focus. As a result, families and churches stop moving forward for Christ. In the past couple of months, God has allowed us to organize two conferences that we believe had a very positive impact.

On May 13th and 14th, God blessed the second annual "Pressing Forward Conference." About 240 delegates attended both days to listen and be challenged by seven sermons, six testimonies, many special songs, and exciting congregational singing accompanied by a small orchestra.

There are many Christian conferences in this country every year that are much bigger than this one. The venue, food, printing, accommodations, and travel expenses for the meetings are completely paid for by "outside" money. We meet people who attend these big meeting quite often while we are out soulwinning. They claim to be Christians but often do not understand the basic truths of the Gospel.

Our conference, on the other hand, was quite different. All the delegates at the "Pressing Forward Conference" had to pay a \$12.50 fee. Having the conference full of people who really want to be there completely changes the spirit of a conference! Many children in our church paid for part or all of their own conference fees. Some of them collected recycling, and others saved their "allowance" through the year. Pastor Wang's son, Joshua(8 yrs. old), gets 25 cents a day from his parents to spend at school. Joshua saved everything all year long, so that he could pay for his whole family to go to the conference. In April, he was so happy to give me \$50 to pay for his mom, dad, little sister, and himself. Of course, the conference was great, but it was extra special to Joshua because he had sacrificed and looked forward to the conference all year long!

On June 18th, couples from six churches came to be taught and challenged to have a better marriage for the glory of God. Missionary Stephen Benefield, Pastor Nuth Sakaun, and myself all had the opportunity to preach to the couples. The marriage relationship is so important! Through the teaching and preaching of God's Word at seminars like these, we have seen God correct many deeply ingrained fallacies about marriage. We are now beginning to see many couples enjoy the blessings of a Biblical marriage! It is wonderful!

Please pray for
These people to
accept Christ!
Song (witchdoctor)

Sothea
Long
Srey Leak
Ming Lane
Sokjia
Srey Oun
Mein
Banna
Kosal
Dine

Please pray for
these new
Christians!

Saophoan
Khmum
Niita
Srey Leen
Danait

Men's Session at the
Pressing Forward Conference

Pressing Forward,



Rodney Ruppel

