

# RODNEY & BECKY RUPPEL

## CALLING CAMBODIANS TO CHRIST

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*“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” (II Timothy 2:2 )*

Winning the lost to Christ is where ministry and church-planting begin. However, if the truth is not “committed” unto the faithful, the beginning will quickly come to an end. We have seen many people put their faith in Jesus Christ who continue to be faithful to Him, His church, and the ministry of the Gospel. Becky and I are filled with much joy to see our spiritual children walk in truth. If God permits, we plan to spend the rest of our years establishing an Online Bible institute that will enable national led churches to continue to train people for the ministry.

Thirteen months after arriving in Cambodia, I (Rodney) baptized some of our first converts. Two years later, one of our men (Sakaun) told me of his desire to serve God. “But”, he said, “I don’t know what to do.” A month later, we started a “Bible institute” to train Sakaun and others. Through this endeavor, God began training me to train Cambodians for His work. (Still a work in progress.) Starting a church, evangelizing, discipling, and preaching were already plenty for me to handle in a second language. Adding a Bible institute meant much hard work and many sleepless nights. In spite of my weaknesses, God built New Hope Baptist Church and has given us four strong men of God and their families to serve with us. Becky and I have been so blessed, and we are thankful for all that God has used us to do.

In this new endeavor of starting an online Bible institute, we are partnering with about ten churches and a number of missionaries. These partners help provide students as well as teachers. (The Lord may eventually give us students from other churches, but we are not ready for that just yet.) Lord willing, Pressing Forward Baptist Bible Institute will allow Cambodian Christians an opportunity to receive training without leaving their own churches. Being online will also give us the opportunity to utilize the influence of many pastors who are serving in different places across the country. We currently have thirty-five students from seven different churches.

About 30% of our classes have textbooks that are finished in the Khmer language. There is an incredible amount of work to be done! Thankfully the national pastors and missionaries that I mentioned above are helping. Together we are developing material, recording video, writing assignments, quizzes, and tests, and much more. The students are also learning how to use their phones, tablets, and computers to study the Bible. (This is a course all in itself! :)

Pray for God to give us His grace to provide Bible training that would be true to God’s Word and bring glory God. (There is a second page that gives describes the purpose and the direction for this institute. )

Training Cambodians for Christ,



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### Introducing Pressing Forward Baptist Institute

(A Completely Online Bible Institute)

Purpose: To train Christians from Baptist churches in Cambodia that they may become steadfast in the faith, may be able to divide the Word of God, may know how to serve in the church, and may be trained to lead the church.

#### Degrees:

##### 1. Steadfast in the Faith Degree

I Cor. 16:13 ...stand fast in the faith...

⇒ This degree requires the student to complete 9 courses with an emphasis on doctrine and the structure of the Bible.

##### 2. Serving in the Church Degree

Heb. 12:28 ... let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably...

⇒ This degree requires students to receive the first degree (Steadfast in the Faith Degree) plus 9 more courses with an emphasis on serving in the church.

##### 3. Studying the Bible Degree

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, ...rightly dividing the word of truth.

⇒ This degree requires students to receive the first degree (Steadfast in the Faith Degree) plus 9 more courses with an emphasis on methods of Bible study

##### 4. Contend for the Faith Degree

Jude 1:3 ...Earnestly contend for the faith...

⇒ The fourth degree will require that students receive the first, second, and third degrees plus complete 18 more courses that will focus on the administration of the church as well as sermon preparation and preaching. This degree will focus on training and preparing leaders for the church.