

Dear Friends and Family,

“We’re un-curseable!” came the defiant challenge from our ‘Young Tigers’ as they happened to be ministering in a village when a powerful shaman challenged them. Now, this impressed the locals because they knew this guy had the “Goods”. They had seen the terror that befell those who defied him, and cringed at the thought of what would come upon the brash “Young Tigers’. What took place produced a major paradigm shift in the village. The ‘Tigers” tapped into a Spiritual power that was greater than the Shaman’s, and not only completely thwarted his powers, but managed to get him free of the demonic spirits that guided him.

http://www.missionreports.com/young_tiger_around_cambodia/index.htm He is now traveling with them telling about the true power over all spirits, Jesus Christ. Lest you think this is just some “Missionary story” to impress the impressionable, with little basis in anything but superstition; receive the testimony of the former shaman, “Much of my power was based in true spiritual connection, sometimes I manipulated through fear.” It isn’t just in Cambodia that these encounters take place, but when they do you really need more than just a good religious conversion. Read on:

Imagine an 8 year old kid lying face down on top of his grandfather’s corpse, freshly dug up, following twenty years of decay in an earthen grave, now that’s creepy enough to make a good Halloween thriller, but it gets worse. It’s at night and the tribal elders, who have delivered the young man to this horror, cover him with a tarp and only open it long enough to sprinkle their blood down upon him as they dance, chant, and entice the spirit of the departed ancestor to enter the young lad. What’s worse, they’re all naked, masked, piercing themselves with knives and won’t let the boy out of the grave until a connection with the grandfather is confirmed by the lad’s correct answers to questions that only the elders will recall regarding the long dead grandfather. Spooky? Yup! But, very real! What’s more, the

youngster passed the test, by bonding with the spirit. By age 10 he was the “Watchman” of the tribe. He could actually receive information, via the spirit realm, about movements of enemy tribes as they came to attack, alert the elders, who would then ambush them as they approached. I understand that most of you will doubt this story. That’s the problem with Western Christianity; we no longer take the spiritual realm seriously. But, Satan and his demonic horde have no problem seeing into the past and present; but the future? Well, they can only guess and lie, but for them, that comes naturally. This is stuff we deal with as we work with tribal and animistic people, which includes a large portion of the Buddhists in Cambodia.

In this case the young man came to know Christ through an evangelical Christian and, though he lost his seeing powers, he was saddened by the loss of spiritual power, that is until he received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Now, he’s ready for anything! That boy is now the “Bishop” of one of the largest groups of Christians in Kenya, five to seven million people. And, I’ve spent over a month with him in Kenya this year, stirring up all manner of trouble. First, it seems that all his churches want the infilling of the Holy Spirit, then he had me speak at a youth conference, I got them all baptized in water and most filled with the Spirit. I didn’t know they had a rule that you had to be 18 years old and pass an examination before you could be baptized. Then he took me to a women’s conference. Big mistake! They don’t allow women to preach. The trouble is they got freed up in the Holy Spirit and cast off their chains, now they look just like our Cambodian women.

http://www.missionreports.com/woman_ministry_kspeu

It upset a lot of religious spirits. Then, to cap things off, to help solve a corruption problem caused by locally elected pastors, I introduced him to a system of Church government where pastors are appointed by their supervisors. Whoops! One of the former leaders reportedly wants to shoot me! Now, why would I go back there? I really want to stay home! But, I have to accept what I know in my heart, and others have confirmed. I’d better get used

to it!

I got this email from my friend, “The Bishop” after bringing him to Singapore. I’m still not sure how I’ll make this work, but he’s a hard guy to “blow-off” because I do know that he hears from God.

Ted,

You must come to Africa.

I have been praying for my ministry here in Kenya and feel strongly that you are the missionary we never got. I have a proposal Sir.

Please plan to come to us four months in a year and devote the rest of the time to Cambodia. I suggest you come January through March and come back in November to see what you set in motion. In other words Ted, I am asking you kindly to consider being our missionary starting January. You can do Cambodia and Kenya and probably Sudan. I know it sounds like a suggestion to you but I really want you to come to us. Please help us. BUT, I also know that God wants you to come to us for a while.

Blessings from your x Student

Actually, Sou runs things better than I do. I am always a little humbled by how well things work when I’m gone. They even kicked-off a pilot project at a local church for Children’s Education while I was away.

http://www.missionreports.com/chom_chao_sunday_oct

Speaking of our Singapore meeting, how many of you have read the book, “*The Shack*”? I recommend it, and guarantee it will shake up performance based religion. Well, I just read it on the plane today and, believe it or not, I know the real, living “Shack”.

I am convinced that this author and Beth Barone are tuned into the same channel. This is the third time Beth Barone of Bar-One Ministries has been to Asia to open this concept of “relationship based creation theology”. Our guys are excited! I took a group and they got started translating material the day after they returned to Cambodia. I brought the “Bishop” and he said, “This is a teaching I will die for!” Bar-One teachings are the basis for our new Children’s curriculum.

http://www.missionreports.com/singapore_trip

It was one of those unexpected and unsolicited encouragements that boost your stamina. I’d been asked to have dinner with a man who’d taken over a ministry that went through a ‘hard time’ due to a leadership hit (a good man went down as victim to the sexual temptations that are rampant in SE Asia). Expecting to be the one doing the encouraging, I was surprised when John looked me in the eye and said, “Ted, you guys have done more to thwart sexual trafficking in Cambodia than all the other organizations combined!” It was a compliment I wasn’t prepared for. “John”, I replied, “We’re not an anti-trafficking organization.” He replied, “So what! How many times can you ‘un-rape’ a child? How many of the kids in your homes would have been trafficked had you not intervened?” I thought for a moment and shot back an estimate, “Probably at least two-thirds of the girls and maybe a tenth of the boys!” He pressed on, “And the factory girls?”

http://www.missionreports.com/garment_factory_girls/index.htm

I said, “I really don’t know but probably at least a third”. He exclaimed, “That’s huge! You are talking about thousands of kids!” I nodded in agreement and added, “I’ve never really looked at it like that, but I agree, prevention is much more powerful than the cure!” We received a nice write up in a Cambodian magazine for working with abused children:

http://www.missionreports.com/orphan_story_magazine

The Swiss Team Came to attend the dedication of our “Garment Factory Worker’s Dorm” and supplied a lot of useful service. Several on the team were not believers in Christ when they

came, but God took care of that in a Cambodian Church service. Now, that has to be God! Thanks team!

<http://www.missionreports.com/swissteam2009/index.htm>

It was a good month for compliments. Remember that movie "Awakening Cambodia" that Rob Marcarelli, the producer of the "Omega Code", came and shot for us? One of our visitors requested a copy, and after actually seeing operations on the ground wrote this: (The DVD is still available from the email address listed in the letter)

Hi All:

*Many who have seen the DVD I have been sharing with all who will listen of the mind blowing vision God handed the Foursquare Church in Cambodia have asked how to obtain a copy of this. Per Ted Olbrich's latest email update below, contact Tony [tony@warmblankets.org] Just send him a shipping address, he'll send you the details. **Tony: please "reply all" with costs, info you need for us to order your phenomenal DVD***

I went with Brian Wiggs of Portland to the Philippines and Cambodia in search of models of Christian vocational schools to "test" our plan for the Micah Project Christian vocational school in Honduras launching this November. We came away realizing the "tractor school" there is a very small (but effective) cog in a very huge machine God set in motion to awaken Cambodia.. I have been engaged with Christian missions on 3 continents for 10 years and have not witnessed a Christian mission that has been handed as large a vision from God as this one AND is executing it - 3000 churches, 106 orphan homes, 400,000 members in 8 years, and the numbers don't do it justice! We learned from this visit about seeking a God sized vision, empowering locals to execute the work and serving the needs of "whole person"

It is the "real deal" - frankly I would have doubted it if I had not seen it myself - call me Thomas! Click on some of the links in Ted's letter and see their latest devastating blows to the devil's influence they have delivered

You will be blessed and bless others by ordering this DVD and sharing it with others, if it motivates any to contribute to the work there rest assured it is a very accountable and transparent Christian church doing an outstanding job ministering to the "whole person" in this very challenging environment

Blessings

Drew

Floods wrought havoc on 14 of our Church/Homes. http://www.missionreports.com/flood_cambodia/index.htm With all the disasters around the area, and ours being the least dramatic, I really wasn't expecting much help. The very next day I received an email from Hong Kong offering us some major assistance, and then several churches and organizations around the world responded with substantial help! I was surprised, gratified, and encouraged by the response. Altogether we lost about 250 pigs, mostly small, several cattle, chickens, and even ducks that went floating down the river never to be seen again. Four generators, eight tons of rice, numerous rice fields, quite a supply of food stuffs were all ruined. In addition we have to repair or replace loose floor tiles, destroyed livestock shelters, and re-plant gardens and landscaping. We'll soon have them back in shape! We distributed emergency food aid to those who lost what little they had.

http://www.missionreports.com/food_distribution_flood_victim

"Thank you!" May God's blessing multiply your sacrificial giving as it flows back to you!

Rice harvest has begun! Busy days ahead! More travel, more

opportunities! Hey, serving God is never dull!

Have a blessed month! We will!

Pa Thom (Ted)

Mak Sou (Sou)

And all the real heroes: "The Cambodian Team!"