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**Cover: Pastor Pen Narith takes advantage of an opportunity to witness to barber Kim Neth.**

**Inset: Pastor Pen Narith and Kim Neth (right) study Scripture.**

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# Editor's Update ... by Judy Aitken



*“When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth.” John 16:13 KJV*

*“When the Holy Spirit comes, He’ll begin teaching where I left off and will share with you more and more truth.”*

*John 16:13 Clear Word Bible*

God has watched over His Word, the Bible, ever since godly men, moved by the Holy Spirit, first wrote it (2 Peter 1:21).

Through the ages Satan has attempted to destroy the Bible. Yet, despite the evil efforts to extinguish His Word, the Bible lives on, protected by God’s providence. His loyal followers have taken extreme measures to keep the Bible safe, at whatever the cost. During the Middle Ages thousands of faithful people were martyred because of their love for God and their devotion to His Word.

Over my lifetime of mission work I have repeatedly seen the Lord’s hand in protecting the Bible. There were the times I delivered Bibles into refugee camps when God blinded the camp officials’ eyes (transporting Bibles into the camps was illegal). There were refugees I worked with who were im-

prisoned over their possession of a Bible. There are the many I have prayed with who hid their Bibles from abusive, disapproving family members.

I continue to see the Lord’s power in shielding His word today. I recently returned from the field where I spent time with the Vietnamese pastors (supported by ASAP donors). Bibles and other religious materials are reason for arrest and persecution in most areas of Vietnam. These courageous men and women of God risk their lives on a daily basis by hand-delivering Bibles and Bible lessons to radio listeners. At the Vietnamese pastors’ training I noticed that along with other traditional areas of discussion the pastors talked about how to distribute Bibles discretely without detection by local authorities.


It is a well-known fact that more Bibles have been printed throughout the world than any other book. The value of God's Word is witnessed by many--and cherished by those who receive it. Right now the pastors in Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, and Laos have lists of their members waiting to receive a Bible.

Often whole families and extended families share one Bible among themselves. Five dollars (US) pays for the printing of one Bible – both Old and New Testaments in the language of the Southeast Asian countries. Providing Bibles to our pastors for distribution to their members and new interests is tops on ASAP's list of priorities.

As I lovingly turn the pages of the worn, dog-eared Bibles belonging to my mother and father who both recently passed away, I am reminded of the power that lies within the little black books. The power comes from the Holy Spirit that impresses truth upon the hearts of those who read it. I am awed by the life-changing potential wrapped up within the pages. "Through the scriptures the Holy Spirit speaks to the mind and impresses truth upon the heart. Thus He exposes error and expels it from the soul. It is by the Spirit of truth, working through the word of God that Christ subdues His chosen people to Himself." Desire of Ages, 671.

The pages of this issue are filled with first-hand testimonies of the power of the Bible.

You will read of former police officer, Long Nguyen--now a Vietnamese pastor. He works to distribute the Bible, a book he once sought to destroy (page 8). Cambodian Kim Neth received the truth of God's Word from Pastor Pen Narith while getting a haircut (page 12). Preab Nhim read John 14 for the first time. Read his testimony to see what the effect those words had on him (page 14).

As a supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, ASAP is committed to spreading the gospel among Southeast Asians. The Bible is the most important tool we have in doing so. Bibles are vital to the work of the pastors, church planters and Bible workers. As they preach, teach and share God's Word hearts are opened, lives are changed and Christ's Kingdom is built with souls who will one day walk with you in heaven. At that time, the vital role you have played in giving the gift of eternal salvation will be made clear. I believe that you and I will be given the opportunity to meet all those whose lives have been changed because of one act of kindness on our part--to support the distribution of Bibles. I look forward to that day, and today I look forward to what God will impress you to do for His Kingdom. 

**God Bless You!**

# E V A N G E L I S M   N E E D S   2 0 0 5

## **Vietnam**

Bibles, literature, DVD evangelism training programs	\$50,000
250 Short-wave radios	5,000

## **Cambodia**

1,800 Bibles and Bible lessons	18,000
Evangelism materials for church planters	10,000

## **Laos and Thailand**

Bibles, Bible lessons and literature	4,000
Children's ministry materials	2,000

## **North America**

Evangelism materials	10,000
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## **In Loving *Memory***



We would like to thank the following friends and family for their thoughtful gifts given in memory of Judy Aitken's mother, **Elizabeth Olson** of Berrien Springs (formerly Walla Walla, WA), who passed away on May 27, 2005. Your prayers and support lift the family up during this time of loss.

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We are comforted by the hope of a reunion with our loved ones. "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ, will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord" (I Thess 4:16, 17).

# The Heart of Our Mission

*by Isah Young*

*Director of the SDA Radio Ministry to Vietnam*

**E**vangelism is at the heart of everything we do in Vietnam. It cuts to the core of all our efforts. If you were to make contact with a house church in Vietnam you would most certainly see evangelism at work. Without evangelism, we cease to exist. It is imperative that those whom God has blessed with the gifts of evangelism be supported and encouraged in their efforts. By God's grace, we have made a vow and commitment to evangelism, the spread of the gospel.

With this commitment, as you can expect, we strive to achieve our goal by whatever means possible. We welcome creative means and methods that support our evangelistic efforts. We use Bibles, radios, pamphlets, Bible Study lessons, prophecy materials, CDs, audio cassette tapes, VCDs, DVDs, one-on-one witnessing methods, preaching, letters written personally to invite people for Bible Study, letters written personally to religious leaders to ask specific questions about religion and ask for their answers, and the list could go on and on. The Vietnamese pastors made it their goal not to let one single witnessing opportunity pass them by, be it birthdays, memorial services, funerals, weddings, while riding on the bus, walking down the street, on boats, or on the train.

Many ASAP readers have joined us in these efforts by sending support for much needed supplies. If you would like to participate, the ministry could utilize the following supplies that greatly enhance our efforts for

the Lord:

- \* VCD, DVDs
- \* audio tapes or CDs
- \* books (contact ASAP for a complete list)
- \* pamphlets
- \* Bible study lessons
- \* Bibles
- \* CD/DVD players
- \* radios
- \* mopeds to go to unreached areas.

It costs \$3.50 to obtain a government approved Bible in Vietnam. There is a catch though. The government prints these Bibles in a limited quantity each year (with subsidized funding from international organizations).

The Bibles are not only difficult to get, but the Adventists connected with our house church system find it nearly impossible to get a Bible directly from the government outlets. This is especially the case when they know we are Adventists. Because Bibles are in such demand, other churches are reluctant to give our members any. For this reason, we are forced to use special, discreet connections to print and get Bibles. Therefore, we must pay more for the Bibles (\$5.00 each).

People have told me that to have a Bible in their hands is the greatest joy of their lifetime. To hold the Bible in one's hand is to have the most treasured, precious gift we could possibly experience in our life. The

Word of God can be put within you, to go with you anywhere, any time. It seems as though the less material possessions one has, the more they enjoy and cling to the Bible as their spiritual treasure.

Outside of those letters thanking us for our radio ministry, we receive the most letters requesting Bibles and evangelism materials.

I receive countless letters in which the writers tell of their extreme efforts to simply obtain a Bible. Many have written of how they have traveled long distances of eighty miles or more, have saved three months salary and gone to great lengths to obtain a Bible, often with failed success. The Bible is in great demand in Vietnam. In addition, the Bible is respected and holds great power to transform lives. It has been my observation with the Christians in Vietnam that they accept the Bible as the Word of God, the ultimate authority.

If the Bible says it, they will accept that

truth simply because it is the Word of God. The authorities and other churches in Vietnam silently respect the Seventh-day Adventist under ground church movement because of our commitment to the Bible in our teachings. This is the strength of our movement. I am so grateful for each of you who have made room in your hearts for this mission in Vietnam. It is the sacrificial donations from our brothers and sisters in Christ that is foundational to the success of evangelism in Vietnam.

We commit ourselves to bringing God's truth to all corners of the earth, to every person in every village, town and city in Vietnam.

Thank you so much for your partnership.

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**Isah Young is pastor of three churches in southern California, speaker of *Peace & Happiness* radio broadcast and leader of the SDA house church movement in Vietnam.**



# Policing to Preaching

by Isah Young

Director of the SDA Radio Ministry to Vietnam

“**B**ut Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison” (Acts 8:3). This scene is hard to imagine taking place in our safe comfortable churches here in North America, but it came to life for me as I talked with Long Nguyen and his wife, Em, former police officers and communist party members in Vietnam.

They described in detail how their life experience closely parallels that of Paul. Long Nguyen did not get stopped in the road by a blinding vision, nor did he hear the booming voice of God speak to him, but the Holy Spirit opened his blinded eyes to what he was doing. As he witnessed the patient long-suffering strength of the Christians he arrested from house churches, his heart began to change.

One day he impulsively stuck one of the confiscated Bibles in his police satchel and brought it home. In the secrecy of his bedroom, he opened the Word of God and started to read it. The words from this strange Book touched him like no other book he had ever read. The more he read, the more he began to believe in Jesus Christ, the Savior of this world. He couldn’t help but share what he read with his wife. Not too long after discovering the Bible, Long Nguyen and Em providentially came across the *Peace and Happiness* radio broadcast. The messages in these broadcasts confirmed their new biblically based beliefs. The Holy Spirit impressed them to start worshipping on Saturday, the

Sabbath. They followed the health message and gave up unclean meat.

Step by step they obeyed the truths they heard and read in the Bible. About two years later, at a training session, Pastor Isah Young joyfully baptized them into God’s family of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Today, Long Nguyen and his wife, Em, remain strong pastors, working tirelessly to win many people to Christ. Here is what he shared with me at the last workers training meeting:

“I am thankful to the Lord that I was able to come to the training session this time. Last year when five of us prepared for the training, the authorities refused to give us passports. We were very disappointed at not being able to attend the meetings. Pastor Isah Young and other pastors share the Bible in such a powerful way that we truly feel spiritually strengthened and encouraged.

I am happy to report that the work of God has now spread to many places. Four years ago there were 1,100 Adventist members in our area. We now work in four provinces where more than 9,000 members worship in house churches. Praise the Lord! Because I travel a lot, I often get arrested. When the police interrogate me, they order me to stop preaching. Each time before I answer the police I pray for God to give me words. He never fails me! I use the words of the Bible as my authority like Paul did.

One time when I was training a group of pastors using the Word of God, the police raided our residence. As the police swarmed in, I kept on preaching. One police officer came up to me and ordered, “Stop talking!” When I didn’t stop he yelled, “What are you doing?”

I calmly replied, “We are studying the Bible together because we are Christians, God’s followers.” I continued to explain, “Studying the Bible is a normal thing Christians do.” God gave me the courage to go on and share with him and the other officers how God helps people have a better life.

He interrupted me and accusingly said, “You bribe these people to become Christians!”

I replied, “God’s truth in his Bible attracts people to Him. Money has nothing to do with it.”

The police officer whipped out a citation and shoved it in my face, ordering, “Disband your meeting right now!”

God gave me the courage to say, “I traveled a long way to get here. Please allow us to continue studying until night as it is the last day of the Bible study.”

Miraculously, the face of the officer softened and he replied, “Very well, you may continue on.” He, along with the other officers, turned and left, leaving all our Bibles, Bible lessons and hymn books safe with us.

Do you wonder why God’s work has advanced so rapidly in the past few years in Vietnam? I feel it is a combination of several things. First, God has great power to answer prayers. I always teach the pastors who work under me, as well

**Isah Young prays with district pastor Long Nguyen. The explosion of the gospel in Vietnam is evidence of the power of the Lord at work through prayers.**

as my members to pray. We trust God to help us overcome our fears of the police. God always powerfully answers our prayers.

Also, God provides the tools we need to witness for Him. He uses the radio broadcast, video DVDs and Bibles to reach many people. Another reason the work of God is spreading very fast is because more pastors and workers go door-to-door and village-to-village spreading the gospel. This personal approach of knocking on doors and making friends with the people really works in Vietnam.

Many Bible studies start from this method of witnessing. I would like to thank the people who help support God’s work in Vietnam each month. I always pray that God will bless each sponsor who gives for our important work of telling people about Jesus. God is using people like my wife and me just like he used Paul in the early church. We thank God for His power to give us His Word and truth!

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# The Most Urgent Task

by Garth Anthony

**M**any of you read the article in the March/April ASAP newsletter about the exciting results of our Cambodian evangelistic campaign held last December. Although approximately 1,850 precious souls were baptized in the last four months, we consider this just the beginning. Read on as we let you in on our plans. Just last week the church planters in Phnom Penh, many of whom are supported by ASAP, met to discuss their work for the next six months. We claimed God's promise in Jeremiah 29:11 which assures us that He has plans for us to prosper when we seek Him with all our hearts. After coming to the Lord in earnest prayer for His will, we set the following goals for evangelism.


We anticipate that in January 2006, a series of ten evangelistic campaigns will be held in Phnom Penh led by visiting and national workers. Five of the local pastors will lead out in their own campaigns and five visitors working with translators will work in five other districts of the city. In preparation, each church planter will aim to visit five new homes each day. We plan to initially set up prayer cells with about ten people in each cell. Each church planter enthusiastically accepted the goal of ten prayer cells for his/her district. The ultimate aim is for each church planter to set up one new worship group from these cells by December. Having faith that God will enable this to happen, we look forward to forty new groups organized by the time of the evangelistic meetings with 20 to 100 people in each group.

During the same period each church planter plans to visit in the region of 600 homes and contact 3,000 people with the Good News. This is an ambitious project and will take a great effort by the church planters to reach the goals set. However, the whole project is based on prayer. Prayer and work will go hand in hand at every stage. No family is to be visited without being prayed for first. Prayer is the attitude and the position of each church planter as he goes about his daily work. Unless he works from this position of prayer, he will not be able to succeed as God desires.

You can see that with a project of this magnitude and vision, there is tremendous need for Bibles, hymnbooks and lessons. Often we have to wait for Bibles as there are restrictions on how many can be brought into the country at any one time. We can print lessons at any time and the hymnbook is currently under revision. At the rate we anticipate the program to go, we will need at least 2,000 Bibles and sets of Bible lessons. The Bibles will cost approximately US\$12,000 and the lessons US\$6,000. This is just for Phnom Penh. We need to add another US\$4,500 for the rest of the country.

Preparations for an evangelistic camp meeting to be held just before Christmas and climaxing on Christmas day are taking place right now for all over the country of Cambodia (no Christmas dinner for us, but truly a celebration of Christian births)! Each member who attends is expected to bring at least one non-member with them whom they have been working with. We expect to have a bap-

tism of up to 500 at camp meeting to round off what is already a record year for Cambodia. Obviously, none of this will happen without the direct input of the Holy Spirit working on the hearts of people. We ask all of the ASAP supporters to first pray for the work here in Cambodia. Pray that God will direct each worker to have a closer relationship with God Himself and then have the ability to pass on to others what this relationship means to him or her. Please keep praying daily for this, as it is the greatest source of inspiration and learning. Then we ask you to give so that

each church planter will have the tools to reach out to those who do not yet know of Jesus. We do not know how much longer we will have the freedom to work as we have been. We do know that we must take every advantage of what we can do now. Please help us in this most urgent task. 

**Garth Anthony is the Cambodia Adventist Mission president.**



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## ASAP'S WEBSITE

We invite you to **VISIT** our website: [www.ASAPministries.org](http://www.ASAPministries.org). Browse through the pages and have a look at what we are doing. You will find information regarding our goals and objectives of supporting the spread of the gospel to the people of Southeast Asia. The website provides a lot of information about Adventist Southeast Asia Projects and especially the projects that we are supporting in Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand. You will also learn how you may partner with us in this ministry. You will encounter the following at the ASAP website:

### ASAP Videos

You may watch ASAP Videos online or order your own personal copy from P.O. Box 84, Berrien Springs, Michigan. The following videos are available: a) *Peace and Happiness*, featuring the Vietnamese radio ministry, b) *Harvest for the Lord in Cambodia*, telling of the work of the Cambodian pastors, c) *Light in Darkness*, which gives an overview of ASAP work, d) *To All Who Thirst*, our newest video.

### ASAP Newsletters

Read our latest newsletter in color or order your own personal copies free of charge.

### Books and Literature

Books, Bible lessons and literature available in Vietnamese, Khmer, Laotian and Thai languages available to you on our website. Some printed materials may be ordered.

### Contributions Made Online

It is easy to make a donation to ASAP by clicking on the donor page of our web site. Contributions online can be deducted monthly or at the donor's choosing. Credit card information is kept confidential and a tax-deductible receipt will be mailed promptly.

### Prayer Requests

We truly believe in the power of God to hear our prayers and send answers to "us who believe" and pray (Ephesians 1:19). We bring your prayer requests to God's throne during our prayer time on Wednesday morning. We also solicit your prayers for ASAP.

**We thank Daryl Hosford of Hosford Web Service for designing and maintaining our website.**

## CAMBODIA PASTOR AND LAY BIBLE WORKER PROFILE

# Chance or Providence?

*Story of Pen Narith, district pastor of  
Kampong Thom Province as told to Judy Aitken*

"I would just like a trim," Pen Narith routinely informed the village barber as he sat back in the chair. He welcomed the reprieve from the tropical sun. The small, thatch roof of the bamboo lean-to did little to provide the much-coveted shade. A little boy, most likely the barber's son ran up and handed Pen Narith a plastic bag of water with a straw and tied at one end with a rubber band. "Thanks, he said with a smile, as the refreshing liquid gave him energy. "So where are you from?" the barber asked in a cheerful voice. Pen Narith, having driven thirty kilometers on his motorbike in scorching heat, was tired and preoccupied with thoughts of the next village he would visit to give Bible studies. He paused before responding, "I'm traveling through to the town east of here."

"What are you going there for?" the barber persisted. Feeling a gentle nudge from the Holy Spirit, Pen Narith recognized the opportunity that he had been afforded to witness. "You are here for a reason. Talk to this man," an inner voice prompted him.

"I'm going to the village to have some Bible studies with a group of new believers in Jesus," Pen Narith answered. "I'm their pastor, but I live in Takeo Province." The barber's eyes lit up and he excitedly blurted, "I believe in Jesus too!" With that remark

Pen Narith instantly knew that this was not a chance encounter, but rather was God's providential leading (since 97% of Cambodia is Buddhist).

"Tell me, how did you learn about Jesus?" Pen Narith eagerly asked, excited at the prospect of a new Christian.

The barber, Kim Neth, then proceeded to pour out his whole story from how he fought for the government against the Khmer Rouge in 1996, lost one leg from stepping on a land mine, and then gained hope for life back when he heard the good news of salvation through a radio broadcast. Pen Narith sat there in awe as Kim Neth shared with him how he almost took his life because of his hopelessness after the accident and how the lessons about Jesus Christ gave him courage to keep living.

His haircut was over so he did not have a chance to tell Kim Neth his personal testimony. He also wanted the chance to share the Adventist truths with his new barber friend. He quietly decided to become Kim Neth's permanent customer.

The next time he came for a haircut, Kim Neth greeted him like he was a long-lost relative. Pen Narith also felt a bond with this fellow brother in Christ. After a few more haircuts and long earnest talks about Jesus during them, Kim Neth implored, "Would you teach my wife and me the Bible in our home

like you do for the people you travel to visit?”


Pen Narith immediately replied, “YES, I would love to!” After studying twice a week, for only one month, Kim Neth and his wife made a decision to accept the truths of the Sabbath and other Adventist beliefs and begged Pen Narith to baptize them. Their friends joined the Bible study.

Pen Narith had no idea what amazing things would come from his stop for a quick haircut that day. Now Kim Neth leads out in a new church group in his village. He is a strong witness for Jesus in Mo Husna Village. If you were to walk into his little barbershop on the side of the road going out of town, you would see it full of customers. As you wait, you could pick up and read a Khmer Bible or one of the colorful Bible lessons entitled “New Life of Hope.”

You most likely would overhear Kim Neth enthusiastically sharing his testimony to the men or boys getting their hair cut.

Because of Kim Neth’s powerful witness, his bamboo and thatch home is bursting at its seams on Sabbath morning. The new believers pray every day for a simple church that is big enough for them all to worship God together in.

**Editor’s Note:**

This story pulled at my heartstrings because I had a similar experience with my hairdresser here in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Although she was a Christian when I met her, I have had many opportunities to pray for her and share books with her. I became her regular customer not only because she does a great job cutting hair, but also because I found a friend in her. I praise the Lord that she now believes in the Adventist truths and attends church on Sabbath every week. Praise the Lord for providential encounters in the everyday moments of life. 



**Pen Narith, district pastor, shares God’s truth with barber Kim Neth while getting a haircut.**

# The Tiger and the Mouse

Testimony of Preab Nhim, Cambodian Lay Bible Worker

**A**n ancient Cambodian folktale tells of a tiger coming out of the woods to drink water from a small pond in a clearing. He met a little mouse that also was thirsty. Feeling boastful and superior, Tiger said to Mouse, “You are such an insignificant and useless creature! There is nothing you can do that I can’t, so leave my sight!” Mouse retreated back into the woods.

It so happened that day trappers were in the forest trying to capture a tiger for the king. Tiger, usually careful but feeling proud after chasing Mouse away, was not looking where he was going and stepped into the trap. Suddenly, there he was, tangled in the net up in the tree. Tiger tried to free himself, but he was unable to. He kept calling to passing animals, but none stopped to free him. He was desperate, knowing the kind of fate that awaited him.

## District Pastor Ing Nang studies the Bible with Preab Nhim.



It just happened that Mouse was passing through the forest and heard the cries of Tiger. He approached and offered to help. By this time, Tiger was losing hope. Any offer of help was welcomed. Mouse climbed up into the net and in no time chewed a hole in the net to free Tiger.

“I was like that tiger,” says Preab Nhim, God’s worker in Kampong Spue Province. “When I was a Buddhist, I mocked my Christian mouse-like friend who would come to my house and tell me about Jesus Christ whom he believed in. I felt like I had no use for his God and so did not even look at the Bible or small books he gave me.

One day I felt desperately trapped like the tiger. I angrily thought about my hard life and did not know how long I could go on taking care of my seven children in the small house where we lived. I picked up the Bible my friend gave me and opened it to John 14:1-6. The words seemed to jump out at me.” “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And when I go you know, and the way you know . . . Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”



**Preab Nhim, lay Bible worker and leader of three village churches in Kampong Spue Province.**



**Preab Nhim (center) studies the Bible with a group of believers.**

When I read the promise that Jesus is making a place for me and that He will come to bring me to the new home, I started to hope. The ropes of despair that bound me began to fall away. My former religion had no promise like this! I quickly found my friend and asked to study the Bible with him.

As I continued to study the Bible, I began to understand that Jesus Christ is the only true God. Jesus' love filled my heart. He took away the anger and tiger-like pride I had towards other people and replaced it with acceptance and humility. This year God blessed my farm with a lot of rice. During the dry season my family grows lotus plants in the lake near the village. We received money by selling its fruit and leaves. God blessed me with enough money to build a bigger house that is suitable for my large family.

I have been a freed tiger for eight years now! I lead a congregation in Chom Ka Dang Village. Last year I went with Pastor Ing Nang to share the gospel in the village of Ong Taleap where no one knew about God. We visited people and talked about the love of Jesus and His power to set them free. Two families started studying the Bible with us. We went back every week to teach Bible les-

sons to them. Praise the Lord that these families are now baptized! The members now are too many to worship in the house.

We pray daily for a bamboo and thatch church to worship in. Please join me in praying for the need for Bibles, Bible lessons and hymnbooks for not only the two church congregations I lead, but also for other churches in Cambodia. I know as we pray together God will provide me with the resources and the power to continue to reach people for Christ and set them free.

**Editor's Note:**

Preab Nhim is one of sixty lay Bible workers who receive a stipend from ASAP donors. Each month he receives a stipend of \$20 and a travel expense fund of \$15. Lay Bible workers in Cambodia diligently teach and spread the gospel to many who remain in the trap of sin. We solicit your prayers for Preab Nhim and other lay Bible workers who are spreading the gospel in Cambodia. Your support is needed as the Lord impresses you to help build a \$500 bamboo and thatch church in the village of Ong Taleap or to donate Bibles (\$5 each) for new believers.



**Vietnamese house church members listen to *Peace & Happiness* radio broadcast with open Bibles as they compare Scripture to the message from the radio.**



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