

Profile – Graham & Deth Symons

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Birthdays & Anniversaries:
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Country of work: Cambodia

Background on Country:

Cambodia, in SE Asia, is dominated by the central plain & the largest lake in Asia, the Tonlé Sap, which grows by 4 times in the wet season (May to Oct). The staple diet of the 14m population is rice and fish. Following the turmoil of the Vietnam War, the

Khmer Rouge seized control of the country in April 1975. During almost 4 years of rule to 1979, up to 2.5m Cambodians were murdered, worked to death, or killed by starvation. The country's entire infrastructure was completely destroyed, leaving no religion, money, or education, etc. Today, half of the population is under 15 years old.

Most Cambodians are Buddhist, 84% living in rural areas, 1/3 having incomes below the poverty line. One of the poorest countries in the world, 70% of the population have no access to clean drinking water, sanitation and electricity.



Background on role:

Graham went to Cambodia to undertake finance and management roles for SAO/ICC in November 1998. In 2003, he was seconded to the Youth Commission within of the Evangelical Fellowship of Cambodia (EFC), to advise on finance and administration issues. The Commission provides opportunities for young people to learn from the experienced senior leaders and in turn use their skills to serve the churches.

Deth joined SAO in 1998, and is now Project Manager for HOSEA, which facilitates caregivers working with children at risk. They raise awareness of issues affecting children with Government, donors and wider society. Research is conducted and training provided in drugs awareness and parenting skills. HOSEA also provides Children's Educational Materials.