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What's transforming Mongolia's next generation?



LifeSkills student Tselmuun says: "I realised that if I don't forgive, it will stay in my mind and eat away at me. And if I hurt others, I need to apologise."



where they hear the gospel message more directly and many begin their discipleship journey with Jesus.

Last year, around 2000 students took part in LifeSkills lessons. And as the demand keeps growing, more teachers need to be employed. If we want to give more students this chance to hear biblical truth in their classrooms, we need to help cover the costs of teachers' wages and course materials. So, I welcome you to contribute to this "big-picture" cause. By donating to LifeSkills, you'll be investing into the transformation-story of individual children, as well as the nation of Mongolia.

Do you think that teaching biblical values in schools could cause juvenile crime rates to decrease? The authorities in Mongolia are recognising a correlation. Governors and school principals are *really* attributing changes in youth behaviour to our LifeSkills Values Education lessons. This programme has opened a door into Mongolian state schools, to influence the next generation of Mongolian young people with biblical truth. But *Bible in Schools* didn't remain the norm in NZ classrooms forever and likewise, it's uncertain how long the doors in Mongolia will remain open.

In New Zealand we take for granted concepts like treating others how you'd like to be treated, honesty and forgiveness; because our nation was founded on Christianity! But in Mongolia (a country hampered for decades by communism, where many still haven't yet even *heard* of Jesus), biblical truth is

only *now* gaining momentum to radically transform society. The Deputy Governor of Mongolia's Nalaikh District raves about the LifeSkills programme, saying: "The number of juvenile crimes in the district has decreased by 20% in the last three years, since LifeSkills has been taught in our schools."

And when students provide feedback, they consistently cite a transformative impact on their attitudes and behaviour. Eleven year-old girl, Tselmuun, reports: "I learnt that I am unique, that I was born to love others and be loved, that I should follow the advice of those who are responsible for me, and that if someone has hurt my feelings, I should forgive that person."

LifeSkills is not just about turning kids into kinder, more honest, confident humans. After they've finished the course in school, the children are invited to holiday programmes at local churches,



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Blessings,
Glenn Carter,
AONZ Director

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FROM SPIRIT-WORSHIP TO CHURCH-PLANTING

Real stories of transformation in rural Cambodia

Across northern Cambodia, Jesus is transforming lives—turning fearful worshippers of spirits into bold proclaimers of the gospel. Through Asian Outreach Cambodia's Church Development Programme, local believers are being trained, equipped, and sent to share the good news in places where few have ever heard the name of Jesus.



From fear to freedom

For years, Choun Phon and his family lived in fear. They relied on ritual sacrifices of chickens, ducks, pigs, or buffaloes, to seek healing and protection from forest and mountain spirits. The cost was high, emotionally and financially. But peace never came.

"Whenever someone fell ill or faced hardships, we performed ritual sacrifices...to seek healing and blessings," Choun says. Then in 2013, everything changed when missionaries shared the message of Jesus with Choun.

"I initially knew nothing about Jesus, but teachings revealed Jesus as the Saviour who could free me from the oppression of evil spirits. After hearing this message, I chose to believe in Him. God transformed my life and called me to serve as a pastor, evangelist, and Khmer literacy teacher," says Choun.

Today, Choun leads 30 believers from 20 families in a remote tribal village. Our Church Development Team at AOC is committed to helping Choun and his small church grow in faith and number. They have the passion, skill and commitment needed for this ministry, but they're counting on people like you, to help resource their work. They willingly travel long distances and spend nights away from home, family and comforts. And they do all this with joy, knowing that the light of Jesus will shine brightly as they carry it into dark places.

Equipping leaders with strategy

AOC uses the Four Fields Strategy to support new church leaders like Choun. This biblical framework is simple, reproducible, and designed for rural and tribal contexts:

- **Going** – entering new areas and building relationships
- **Gospel** – sharing the good news clearly and simply
- **Growing** – discipling new believers in the faith
- **Gathering** – forming new churches that multiply

Choun is one of many Cambodians who are stepping into leadership through this strategy. But ongoing support is needed to provide materials, bibles, and training.

Jesus transformed Choun Phon's life. Now the AOC team mentors him as he pastors a growing church of 30 believers.



A cry in the dark, answered

In a village near the Laos border, Khun Thongkham suffered terrifying spiritual oppression. At night she would scream, cry, and tremble uncontrollably. Her body ached as if she had been beaten. She was tormented by visions of graves and dark forests. Sometimes, she wandered to burial grounds in the night, overwhelmed by despair.

In desperation, Khun sought out a Christian songbook from a village pastor and one night, called out to Jesus. "Help me read these songs," she cried. "Help me to know you. I need you." Though she could barely read, she tried to sing. A strange peace filled her heart. That night, for the first time in nearly a year, she slept peacefully. She began gathering with a small group of believers to worship Jesus and learn from the bible. Slowly but surely, over the next six months, health returned to her mind and body.

Khun's healing didn't go unnoticed. Today, seven families in her village have come to faith through her testimony.



The whole village shows up for an evening screening of The Jesus Film, during an outreach trip to Cambodia's Kavet tribal villages.

This work comes at a cost

Reaching remote villages is no small task. AOC teams travel across rugged terrain, sometimes getting stuck in the mud along the way. They build trust by arranging practical services - like drilling wells, giving haircuts, and running hygiene workshops. At night, they gather villagers to watch The Jesus Film, share testimonies, and pray for the sick.

Your support makes this possible. Each outreach trip requires food, fuel, and time. Each church leader needs ongoing coaching and training. Each rural church needs encouragement to keep going.



They say there are two seasons - dusty and muddy. Both are challenging when reaching remote villages on the back of a ute.



The AOC team offers practical services like haircuts and hygiene workshops on their village outreach trips.



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We had so much fun at Elim Christian College Mt Albert, teaching our Mission Minded Kids course. This incredible school is embracing a culture of Mission, sending their senior students on trips to Cambodia with us and fundraising for our ACTS (Assisting Children to School) programme.



One of our ACTS kids in rural Cambodia, 8-year-old Vuth Saroun reports: "We went to live on a farm and I missed the sound of the school bell, the laughter of my friends... One afternoon, the ACTS team spoke to my parents about the importance of education and gave me a school pack... Now, I am back in school and at Happy Club, I learn stories about Jesus and share with my parents when I get home."



"I used to make fun of a girl in my class...after this lesson I began to worry that I hurt her and thought I should apologise." That revelation didn't come from his parents, but from our LifeSkills teachers at a state school in Mongolia!



Nikki Clark is gearing up to help lead her second trip with teenagers from KingsWay School, to Cambodia. "My heart has always longed to return... I look forward to seeing a new group of students' faith grow, and their confidence deepen... I know to expect the unexpected, and that's why I have a heart for missions - because God is a big God!"



Lily-Jane Lawley from Tauranga, has spent eight months working with the AOC team. She writes: "As I've been reflecting on *missions*, I'm realising it's the quickest way to die to myself, surrender my will, and follow Jesus. But it's also the quickest way to grow - and wow, I've grown! Jesus owes me nothing; I owe Him everything!"

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