



## A year gone by with God-filled wonders & amazement

Dear valued friends,

It's been a whirlwind year for us. There just didn't seem to be enough time to do everything that needed to be done. Yet it's been a fulfilling year seeing God unfold his plans and purposes.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Ps 13: 23,26

Yet I am always with you. You hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel  
... my flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

These two scriptures resonate in our hearts even as they confidently affirm that unless the Lord build the house we labor in vain.

We thank the Lord for His abundant grace on Emmanuel School. We had our third Primary 6 graduation in 2015. Presently we have 579 students in total.



## Things that took place this year

1. In May 2015 15 of our teachers and principal received water baptism. We are overjoyed seeing them committing their lives to Jesus and publically confessing Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

The school principal gave testimony on how he has now fully committed to Jesus Christ and to His cause. The principal surprised many when he gave a speech in English at the Year 6 graduation. He didn't know a word of

English when he started at ECS three years ago.



2. The secondary school building is in its final stage of completion and we hope by February 2016 the classrooms will be occupied. We experienced some delays due to the turnover of building contractors but our God turned the things around for the better.

3. Hong Kong Polytechnic University have once again chosen ECS as their overseas social program attachments for their students that have greatly benefited the students and teachers. PolyU, as they are called, pledged to supply the bulk of the PCs and equipment for the new ECS IT lab.



4. We thank Zion Praise Harvest church for their donation towards the cost of building the multi-purpose hall on the third floor of the new building. This hall will be used for general

assembly, sports center and worship services. We did a dedication service on January 3<sup>rd</sup> inviting the Lord's presence in the ZPH's hall so that lives be touched, souls be saved and healing happening. We believe God will draw the people in as worship goes up like

incense touching heaven and changing the neighborhood.



Over the last three years ZPH church has been sending short term mission teams to Emmanuel School. This year some members of the team introduced some new team sports to ECS students and they have so much fun and excitement. Physical education is very much lacking in Cambodian schools. We like our students to be trained up well in body, soul and spirit. Thus physical education is something we want to introduce to the school. Though lacking a sports field the multi-purpose hall will serve the school well.

5. For the first time this year we gave out new shoes to our graduating students, under the courtesy of Lina Sasmito' s family. Most students don't even have proper shoes to wear to school not to mention during event like school graduation.



6. We started a church service for our students at the school. In recent months and we have seen kids touched by the Holy Spirit during the worship and prayer time. They would raise their hands to God and tears flowing down their cheeks. Seeing them in deep worship makes us feel it is worth the struggle and hassles we face.



7. On our most recent visit to Phnom Penh we were given the privilege to meet up Dr Hang, Cambodia's Minister of Education. At the meeting we

expressed our intention to provide vocational training classes and

he enthusiastically gave his support by immediately approving this inclusion in the school license to be issued to us. Praise the Lord for his favor.

### **Vision for 2016**

1. The grand opening for the secondary school building will take place in May (actual date to be finalized).
2. Evangelistic campaigns to claim more souls for the Kingdom of God in Phnom Penh.
3. Victory Life supported bible college lessons will be offered for the first time in Cambodia with emphasis on equipping the saints with the word of God and on practical discipleship.
4. Night vocational classes for adults and school leavers in English, IT skills, accounting and others. Though fees will be made affordable any excess over expenses will go towards the operating costs of running ECS.

I, Teresa, turn 60 this year. I must say I used think this is the retirement age where one slows down and take things easy. But I feel deep in my spirit the opposite is the case. I feel a real stirring deep within there's so much more I can do and I resolve to do the best I can to see his kingdom come everywhere I go. My heart has been crying out to God deeper than ever 'Give me Cambodia Lord'. I long to see souls saved.

2016 is looking to be an eventful year. But at the same time we are mindful to seek the Lord in every move that we take.

Have a great and fruitful year dear friends and partners in Christ. We thank the Lord for your prayer and support. Together and with God on our side, we can help to build a better future for Cambodia.

Love and blessings,  
Tim & Teresa