



ASIA SOUTH – CAMBODIA

Do you have an appointment, Sir?

Steve and Lisa, physiotherapist training and policy development in Cambodia

It's Monday morning. I have a new group of physiotherapists coming for training today so it's going to be busy. They don't know any of the patients and we are fully booked.

Oh, oh, one of them has been called back to their hospital for an urgent meeting. I guess I will have to treat his patients and supervise the others.

Oh dear, a minibus has just arrived from another province three hours away, full of patients for my clinic. But we are already fully booked! I'll have to try to slot them in somewhere. I give the physios a quick patient review and some guidance as to what to do for them.

Someone then arrives from near the Thai border – he has come just to see me. I quickly assess him and spend the next hour trying to sort out future care for him, as well as doing all the other stuff. Is there anywhere in Cambodia where they can do minor hand surgery? Can I trust them?

Steve writes, "Often it's a bit crazy at my physiotherapy clinic in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. But at the end of each day we achieve three things: poor patients are treated who would not have been helped otherwise; Cambodian physios are growing in their ability to look after their own people; and there is opportunity to show and share the love of Christ. What a great place to be!"

