

A SEASON OF GROWTH IN CAMBODIA

As we witness the growth of the Global Interaction cross-cultural team serving among the Khmer, we wait in excited anticipation for how God is going use this growing team for His glory.

Teams form the building blocks of Global Interaction’s ministry and are key to the long-term sustainability of our work. Teams are formed by individuals, couples and families working together towards a common goal. They serve as branches of the True Vine, reaching out of their comfort zone, to share the Gospel of Jesus.

We believe that teams grow according to God’s timing. In saying this, the Global Interaction family prayerfully petitions the Lord to place a calling on the hearts of individuals for cross-cultural mission. We also rely on local Pastors to identify, mentor and encourage their congregation with a heart and vision for the least-reached among whom we are called to serve.

Global Interaction began its work in Cambodia in response to an invitation to join an international Christian consortium engaged in the rehabilitation and rebuilding of the devastated country following the fall of Pol Pot in 1979. From this starting point, coupled with the deep desire to share Jesus with the Khmer people, grew the ministry that God has called us to today.

In 2013 The Centre for the Study of Global Christianity, which researches worldwide demographic trends in the Christian faith, published a report that identified Cambodia as having the ninth-fastest growing Christian community per capita in the world. As encouraging as this fact is, we understand that many Khmer believe they have to separate themselves from their culture in order to find Jesus as often the expression of Christianity is so foreign to them.

We believe, and our experience tells us, that for communities to be truly transformed by the Gospel, the expression of faith in Jesus must resonate within their own cultural understanding and experiences.



This page (L-R): Catherine with Khmer friend. Craig and Kim with their children. Rob and Deb.

Global Interaction’s ‘Pathway to Service’, specifically trains cross-cultural workers for contextualised mission. During their first term in ministry (two – three years) our cross-cultural workers focus on learning the heart language of the community and immersing themselves in the local culture. This forms the foundation of the relationships they build and enables opportunities for deeper conversations and Jesus to be revealed in ways that make sense within the cultural context.

Praise God, the Cambodian team is growing! Ryan Smith, Global Interaction’s VIC/TAS State Director has journeyed with Craig and Kim, who arrived in Cambodia in May. They are the first of four families anticipated to join the team in Cambodia this year. Ryan is also supporting Paul and Lydia who are in the final stages of their preparation for service. In Queensland, State Director Bob Rogers is journeying with Tristan and Megan who are also growing their partnership team.

Every team needs a leader and Luke, who served as Global Interaction State Director SA/NT from 2013, has recently resigned from this position and with his wife Rachel is preparing to serve among the Khmer. When in Cambodia, Luke will take on the role of Team Leader.

The team already in Cambodia, including Catherine, Scott and Janelle and Rob and Deb are eagerly awaiting the blessing that comes with new team members. Together they will grow as a family in Christ, nurturing and sustaining one another in their growing ministry.

Catherine shares, “It is exciting, humbling and an incredible privilege for us to be growing in this place, and to be part of His work unfolding here. As new team members arrive, we continue to explore, learn together and deepen our understanding and ways of living, being, and sharing Jesus with Khmer people.”

As we witness the growth of the team in Cambodia, we prayerfully anticipate that over the coming years, we will see those whose hearts God is preparing, come to faith in Jesus.

Amid a population of some 16 million, the Global Interaction team has a seemingly humble presence among the Khmer. However, our impact is substantially larger with the extended prayer partners and supporters back here in Australia. **For all who have sown into Global Interaction’s work in Cambodia, thank you! Our team is growing and we have candidates preparing to go!**

Top row (L-R): Craig sightseeing with his children. Khmer sunset, taken by Catherine. Deb with a Khmer woman. Candidates Tristan and Megan with their children. Candidates Luke and Rachel with their children.

Middle row (L-R): Angkor Wat in Cambodia, taken by Di Marshall. Scott and Janelle with their children. Candidates Paul and Lydia with their children. Buddhist monks, taken by Di Marshall.

Please prayerfully consider:

The Team Leader

Pray for Luke’s discernment, wisdom, and vision in leading this faithful team and for God’s blessing for Luke and Rachel to join the team soon.

Do you have a heart for Cambodia?

How might you sow into this ministry? Become a prayer partner by subscribing to Hotline and Pray Daily. Get behind the team’s projects and advocate for the ministry by sharing updates within your faith community. To receive the team’s newsletters, email: info@globalinteraction.org.au

Is God Calling You to Cambodia?

Speak with your local Pastor. A church with a heart for mission to reach the least-reached can pray with you and support you through this process. You can also call your Global Interaction State Office. We would love to speak to you! Get in touch and begin your journey towards cross-cultural mission. To find out more, visit: www.globlalinteraction.org.au/Pathway

