
Cambodia

**Total area:**

181,035 km²

Population:

15,957,223 (2016)

Literacy:

63%

Official languages:

Khmer

GDP (PPP) per capita:

\$4,022 (2017 est.)

Life expectancy:

63 years

Religions:

95% Buddhist, 3% Muslim, 2% Christian

Prayer points

Practical help for Cambodian prisoners

Apart from being incarcerated, prisoners in Cambodia have to put up with a lot of difficulties while being in jail. Food and medical support is in short supply and most prisoners depend on the kind handouts from family and the work of local NGO's in providing medicine. One such prison in the Kampong Cham province is an overcrowded prison with 2,000 men and women. Cambodia Action's partners Sunrise work tirelessly in this prison to bring the love of God through skills building, providing nutritional meals 4 times a week, and supplying medicines at an in-prison clinic. Pray that God's heart would be felt in the men and women's lives that are being they are trying to reach. (Cambodia Action - January 2020)

Love Phnom Penh Festival

In November 2019, the Cambodian churches are holding an evangelistic crusade which they are calling the 'Love Phnom Penh Festival'. Franklin Graham, President and CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association will speak at large-scale meetings on three days. Please pray for the organisers; for permission to use the city's stadium for the event; for Franklin Graham and his interpreter; for people to come, hear the gospel and be saved; and for Cambodian Christians to pray, prepare and invite friends. (Cambodian Communities out of Crisis - June 2019)

God's supernatural power against magic

There are currently 16 million people in Cambodia. Close to 2% of the population are Muslims with most of those being Sunni Muslims. One group of people are the Cham or Khmer Islam. These are people that have remained within their own communities with little of the gospel reaching their

villages. The Cham believe in the power of magic and sorcery, and they attach great importance to magical practices in order to avoid sickness or violent death. They believe in many supernatural powers, so we need to pray that God would encounter them with His supernatural power. Cambodia Action has a number of associates that are trying to work with the Cham, looking for opportunities to share the love of God. Pray for an effective door of witness among the Cham, that Jesus will become known to them. (Cambodia Action - April 2019)

Possible sanctions from the EU

The country of Cambodia is facing a deepening problem with possible sanctions from the EU. It was announced recently that the EU would take action if the government did not move towards political reform. Cambodia has many poor people that depend on the garment industry to provide for their families, this could be the sector that is hardest hit. Please pray for the Cambodian Government, that the wisdom of the Lord would be evident and that change would come so that people in Cambodia will not have to suffer again. (Cambodia Action - December 2018)

Election results and stability

On the 29th of July, Cambodia went to the polls to elect a government for the next 5 years. During the run up to the election we prayed that no violence would break out and, praise God, the vote was peaceful. However, within Cambodia there is considerable discontent with the election results. The ruling party won all 125 parliamentary seats and many NGOs and Christian organisations are concerned about the political vacuum that these elections have left. Please pray for the people of Cambodia, that they would find hope in Christ- the true hope - and not find comfort in the different vices that are on offer. (Cambodia Action - September 2018)

Cambodia elections

Cambodia has been in the news lately with the arrest of opposition party leaders. This does not bode well for the country and we should pray that the Lord would intervene in the up-coming elections. Pray that God would stop any violence that may try to erupt throughout the country. Cambodia Action has a number of people working in the country. Please pray for their safety and that peace and calm would be seen on the streets of Cambodia, and through their ministry. Please pray for those in government that God would have his say and have his way in this all important election. (Cambodia Action - May 2018)

Why still go to Cambodia?

Why still go to Cambodia? Some could argue that Cambodia is a country that is saturated with NGOs and development work. Is it still necessary to go there? The answer is 'Yes' - Jesus told us to go into all the world and that the harvest is ripe. Cambodia is still one such country that is ripe for harvest but sadly Christian witness is sparse. Well over 90% of Cambodians are still in darkness and need the gospel. Please pray for hearts to be opened to go to Cambodia and for Cambodian hearts to be open to the gospel. (Cambodia Action - March 2018)

Reaching Cambodian men

"Men in Cambodia have been overlooked in the church, there is ministry to children, youth, women and the poor, when men come to Christ, the family follows". These were the words of the Director of Good Real Men in Cambodia, a local NGO seeking ways to bring men to Christ. Pray for the men of Cambodia that are bound by religion, fear and vice, staring each day into a hopelessness that they believe cannot be filled. Pray for those that work tirelessly among men with the Good News, for change in their lives as they seek to bring the message of freedom, and for men called back to God. Finally, pray for Cambodia - a country that is still fragmented after many years of war. (Cambodia Action - September 2017)

Children's Prayer Movement

Through times of fear and insecurity, and in a country where widespread poverty makes life

tough, Kone Kmeng, an organisation working in Cambodia, sees a huge value in teaching children, and those who work with children, about the power of prayer. Kone Kmeng started the Children's Prayer Movement (CPM) programme in 2007 to motivate churches in districts where it works with children at risk in areas such as community awareness about issues of child abuse, educational support, income generation training and relief and development assistance. In 2012, more than 700 children attended prayer groups at their churches, with more than 400 children attending CPM prayer fellowships. Pray that the children taking part in this programme would receive firm spiritual foundations to prepare them for whatever life throws at them in the future. (Viva - November 2013)

Violence towards women and children

Please pray for the issue of violence towards women and children in Cambodia. Rape and acid attacks are all too common and human rights workers say that many incidents go unreported because the victims do not have funds for legal cases. Furthermore, of the roughly 320 rape cases recorded by human rights groups Adhoc in 2012, 201 were committed against minors. Pray for the ministry of Christian organisations offering comfort and support to the victims of these attacks. Also pray for the political and cultural issues that prevent cases being reported and for women's human rights to be upheld. (Cord - March 2013)

Sexual exploitation

Sexual exploitation is a serious problem in Cambodia and all too often the victims are children. It is thought that a third of all sex workers in the country - about 50,000 people - are prostituted children. Children sold into the sex trade often have no opportunities to escape a life that they did not choose for themselves, and even if they do escape, their physical and emotional scars go so deep that it is almost impossible for them to live a normal life. Pray for the children sold into sexual slavery in Cambodia. Ask God to break into the situations that these girls and boys are facing, to bring down the perpetrators and to open the eyes of tourists and locals who visit brothels, so that they see the appalling nature of what they are doing. (Viva - January 2011)

Taking initiative

Since the early 1990s there has been relative freedom for churches in Cambodia. In the intervening years, missionaries and Christian development workers have made a significant contribution to the development of life in the country, but increasingly the national Church is now taking the initiative. In the early 2000s there was still a strong sense of insecurity, but this has changed. In 1979 there were 1,000 evangelical Christians; today the figure is estimated at between 220,000 and 300,000. (Echoes International - September 2010)

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