

# From Timothée in Cambodia

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**Hello** from very, very, very hot Cambodia! The temperature went up to 43 C degrees the other day!

## Handing over the Bridge of Hope

After much prayer and a clear sense of the Lord's leading, I have handed over the Bridge of Hope, a ministry I set up in 2005.

The Lord gave me 3 words 'Pass it on' from 2 Timothy 2 v.2.

Valeria Peres, who has been in Cambodia longer than any other WECer with many years of experience with children at risk, has accepted to take over the ministry of the Bridge.

Do pray for Valeria, and also for Taru, Jenny, Anne, Kompeak, Charya, Rotha and others, as they continue to reach out to needy children and their families.

I am still involved in helping poor children but on a smaller scale.

At this point in time I am praying and planning to start a new project to reach out to children working on the streets in Cambodia. A project that could get going in 2010.

## So what am I doing now?

Since I came back from furlough at the end of December, the Lord has opened many new doors for preaching throughout Cambodia.

What I have been doing for many years overseas I now also do in Cambodia: challenging believers to move into the Lord's service.

I will continue to take meetings in other parts of the world too, to mobilize for mission. This year two trips to Europe are being planned.

The emails I love getting the most are from those who have now responded to the Call for Mission after attending one of those meetings overseas.

The other week, I received 3 emails from Christians who have decided to cross over to the mission field: from South Africa to Cambodia, from Australia to Thailand and from Brazil to China.

► The first one is the testimony of Pauline Clothier, now serving with Mercy Team International (a ministry of Operation Mobilization).

*'In October 2000, before I even knew the country of Cambodia existed, the Lord alerted me to the needs of this nation through a visiting preacher (Bobby Michaels) who had been there. As he spoke, I knew that God was working in my heart to grant me an inexplicable love for the people of this nation.*

*For seven years, however, I was too afraid to "step out of my comfort zone" and follow His call to this troubled land.*

*In May 2007, the Lord used another visiting preacher, Timothée Paton, to challenge me to burn my oxen as Elisha did (1 Kings 19:21) - give up everything that was holding me back - and get on board with what God is doing in Cambodia. Timothée made a brief visit to Cape Town and preached at just a few churches in my vicinity. His sermon on the 13 May 2007, was so apt and pertinent to where I was at in my journey that I believe God placed him there at that particular point in time and gave him the specific words to speak into my situation of fear and apprehension at what a future on the mission field would hold.*

*After hearing him speak, I took time out to pray and asked some friends to join me in prayer as I considered the decision to give up my job, my family, my home in Cape Town and move to Cambodia. It is now almost two years since my decision. I have been in Cambodia for just a short while, (I arrived on 4 Feb 2009) and I know that I am where God wants me to be. The nation is ready and waiting to hear the Good News. I pray daily that the people of Cambodia will find hope and freedom in Jesus Christ.*

*I am so thankful to God for calling me and I pray that He will use me as one of His instruments in this nation. I am also grateful that He used an obedient servant of His to bring the challenge to South Africa. I pray that God will continue to use Timothée and other preachers like him to stir the hearts of many for the challenge of missions.'*

► Don and Pat Smith were my neighbours in Phnom Penh. An elderly couple, full of God's love. We would often talk over the fence. After serving with a mission in Cambodia Don and his wife went back to Australia. They left earlier than planned because Don was having a problem with his heart. And then I heard from them.

*'Hello Timothée,  
Well I must apologise for not making contact with you sooner...you have never been far from our thoughts....it is because of the Lord challenging us through you, that we are now in Chiang Mai in Northern Thailand, with WEC!!!!  
Let me go back a bit. When we arrived back in Western Australia in June 2008, we were desperate to return to Cambodia, as soon as possible. We approached WEC Western Australia (Jim Dawson) who made inquiries on our behalf. We were seeking a position in Cambodia for 3 months, however none were available. He was able to offer us work at Tak and Chiang Mai, Thailand for 3 months teaching English, also overseeing a hostel for missionaries' children, while the resident Manager takes a much needed break.  
Since we arrived in Thailand 6 weeks go, we have been able to get a broad of idea of all the WEC activities in Thailand, and have met many missionaries and their families. It has been a blessed time, Pat and I have learnt a lot...we are even trying to pick up a bit of Thai language, but it is hard for a couple of oldies.'*

► Paul Hein, a Frenchman, was living on the streets of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Christians from the People's Baptist Church met him and helped him leave the streets. It was not long before Paul found Christ and his life was turned around. I met him at a Bible school while on tour last year in Brazil. At the end of the message I gave an invitation. Paul was one of those who came forward to give his life for mission. This is the email I just got from him:

*' Hi Tim  
I am writing to give you some news.  
These past few months, the Lord has done great things in my life. He has looked upon me with favour.  
I am now living at JOCUM (Youth With a Mission). I have followed your advice: I have given up everything to follow Him. Friends came over very quickly to my house when they knew I was giving everything away.  
Pray I will be able to go as planned to China this year.  
The project to set up an orphanage in Sichuan province is coming together. We have already found the house!'*

I would value your prayers for the upcoming tour of meetings:

FRANCE: From June 7<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup> (Lyon, Clermont- Ferrand, Rouen...)

ENGLAND:

July 5<sup>th</sup>, 10.30 am, Pendennis Evangelical church, Bristol  
7pm, The Mix Youth Rally, Bristol

From July 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, WEC Holiday Prayer Conference, Paignton, Devon.

*Many blessings,*

*Timothée*