

## From Timothée in Cambodia (April 2010)

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Greetings from the very hot city of Phnom Penh! And Happy Khmer New Year as Cambodia and some other Asian nations enter the Year 2554!

After stepping down from the Bridge of Hope management, I have for over a year now, been praying and preparing for a new project to reach the street working children in Phnom Penh.

While discussing with WEC Cambodia leadership on several occasions, I realized that the Field Leadership Team and I have different views and approaches regarding the new project in the areas of team ministry and how best to empower the local church. After much reflection and sharing my heart with senior missionaries and close friends, I have decided to resign from WEC.

I am grateful to the Lord for the many good years He has given me to serve with the WEC family. My life has been richly blessed working with some of the most dedicated servants of God I know. I stay in Cambodia and am now working under the International Christian Assembly (the International AoG Church). Though I am not working under WEC anymore, my mission however stays the same : bringing Jesus to children at risk. While WEC Cambodia regrets to see me leave, it nevertheless respects my decision. I am committed to stay in touch with my WEC friends and pray for the work the Lord has called them to. I will continue to take meetings overseas to mobilize Christians for missions. I am certainly available to come to mission conferences, events, youth meetings ... that WEC would like me to speak to.

Last week the whole WEC team (missionaries and Cambodian staffs) was invited to my house for a BBQ in the garden. It was a good time of fellowship to close my 12 years' chapter with WEC. Do continue to remember the Cambodian team in your prayers. In the past one year, a number of WEC co-workers have left the field after many years of service. It has personally been very hard to see them go home.

I received an email a few weeks ago from my good friends Jim and Ishbel in Scotland. This is what Ishbel wrote :

*"On Tuesday afternoon, I was chatting with our little grandson, Nathan about you Timothée and the children of Cambodia. Nathan is the average 6 ½ years old, he's full of energy and always jumping around, unless he's reading or doing homework. He sat absolutely still and listened intently as I explained about how poor the people are in Cambodia and how children have to spend their time at the rubbish dumps. I asked him how his rubbish bin smelled just before it got emptied and asked him to imagine how much worse it must be to have many, many bins of rubbish piled high in the open air and yet this is where the children have to work (often without a pair of shoes).*

*I then told him about your plan, Timothée, to get those children into school and shortly afterwards he ran upstairs and returned with his little wooden savings bank, emptied out his coins on the carpet and proceeded to count them. Encouraged by his Mum who said he could perhaps save some of it in his other little bank, and have one bank for his savings and one for the children of Cambodia. Then she suggested he put a certain amount into his Cambodian bank, but he decided to put ALL of it in! He wants to give to us what he's saved from time to time so we can send it to Timothée's work.*

*We're praying this will be the beginning of him realizing how fortunate he is, and that the Lord will fire the flame of desire to help others.*

*Since then I've mailed him photographs you sent some time ago: several of the children, one of bullocks and a cart and another of street scene of Phnom Penh. He's had his first lesson in Khmer! I taught him how to pronounce "Khmer" and "Phnom Penh" - all I know!!! He thinks his Grand Ma's pretty smart!"*

I just came back this morning from speaking at a Cambodian church 20 minutes drive from Phnom Penh where I shared before preaching, the vision of the Bong Paoun Project. This is what I will be doing from now on each time I am asked to speak. Pray that many Cambodian believers would respond to the challenge in becoming a Big Brother or a Big Sister to a street working child. The more volunteers, the more children at risk will be rescued.

The Bong Paoun project has now its office (here in Phnom Penh) with a core team of 3 full time staffs.

Along with this newsletter some photos : one of myself taken last month, 1 taken recently at the 100th International Women's Day organized by World Vision Cambodia where I had the privilege to speak, and one of the International Christian Assembly (c/o AoG Cambodia) Team which I am accountable to and under which comes the new project.

If you wish to continue supporting me as many of you have so faithfully done over the years, you can send a cheque payable to : **Mr. Timothée Paton** and post it to my parents' address :

**Mr. & Mrs. Paton**  
**25, rue de Bourgogne**  
**59140 DUNKERQUE**  
**France.**

My dad who regularly goes to England will drop the cheques into my Natwest Bank Account.

If you would like to give towards the Bong Paoun Project, you can send your contribution to :

**Account Name :** The Bong Paoun Project (AoG)  
**Bank :** ANZ Royal Bank, Phnom Penh, Cambodia  
**Account Number :** 1765425  
**Swift Code :** ANZBKHPP

This Summer I will be in Europe twice for meetings.

**FRANCE :**

July 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> in Mulhouse, speaking at a Youth Conference. 500 young people from 15 to 35 years old are expected. Bill Wilson from Metro Ministries New York will also be one of the speakers.

Then over to Dunkerque for a week with my parents. I will be preaching in their church on July 18<sup>th</sup> before flying back to Cambodia.

**SWITZERLAND (August 27<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>) :**

After speaking at the WEC Mission Weekend, I will be ministering in various churches, challenging as many as possible to respond to the call for missions.

Many thanks for your prayer support as I continue serving Him in the very needy nation of Cambodia.

*Timothée*

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*Did you know that there are more children on the streets of Delhi than in all the schools in Australia?*