



Prayer for Cambodia & Vietnam

(18th ~ 24th Mar.)



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| Geography | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area: 181,035 sq km Fertile, forest-covered state of southwest Indo-China on the Mekong River. • Population: 15,053,112 • Annual Growth: 1.66% • Capital : Phnom Penh(urbanites 22.8%) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area: 331,653 sq km Long, narrow country occupying the entire eastern and southern coastline of Indochina. • Population: 89,028,741 • Annual Growth: 1.15% • Capital: Hanoi (Urbanites: 28.8%) |
| Peoples/ Religion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peoples: 42 (71% unreached) • Official language: Khmer • Languages: 25 • Christians: 471,162(3.13%) • Evangelicals: 240,196(1.6%) • Buddhist:12,545,264(83.34%) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peoples: 114 (56% unreached) • Official language: Vietnamese • Languages: 106 • Christians: 8,395,410(9.43%) • Evangelicals: 1,576,889(1.8%) • Buddhist:46,722,283(52.48%) |
| Prayer | <p>Pray for the less-reached. The window of opportunity that now sees many enter the Kingdom may not stay open for much longer; the opportunities must be urgently seized. Pray for: a) The Buddhist majority. Buddhism has lost some of its monopolistic grip on the people, but reactionary forces are moving against the clearly noticeable growth of the Church.</p> <p>b) The Cham, almost entirely Muslim. The majority practice folk Islam, which incorporates animistic practices into more orthodox Islamic practices; within this is a strong strain of Fojihed Islam, which is rife with pre-Islamic magic and superstitions. There are a few Christians; pray for them to be gathered into fellowship together. Khmer Christians have not yet met this evangelistic challenge; pray also for wisdom for those already reaching out to the Cham.</p> <p>c) The tribal peoples. Only among the Mnong, Jarai, Krueg and Stieng have significant numbers come to Christ. A further 18 Southeast Asian peoples can be considered unevangelized; pray for loving and appropriate witness to these peoples.</p> <p>d) The six Chinese language groups constitute nearly 600,000 people who have largely assimilated into Cambodian society, but who are mostly unreached. Pray for Chinese believers from abroad to come as apostles to these people.</p> <p>Christian ministries have diversified in recent years.</p> | <p>The country is increasingly opening up as economic progress continues. Most of the population was born after the Vietnam War and are more interested in capital gain and the outside world than Communist propaganda. They are proving responsive to the gospel – for reasons good and bad. At the same time, newfound prosperity has opened the door to rampant materialism and other competing ideologies. Pray that the Truth might be clearly and effectively proclaimed, particularly among the growing masses of young professionals.</p> <p>All open Protestant missionary work ceased in 1975. CMA had laboured for 64 years (for 50 years as the only Protestant mission). Other agencies arrived in the 1950s, notably WEC, IMB, and UWM. In 1974 there were 280 missionaries in South Vietnam from about 20 organizations. Those years of sowing are today reaping an abundant harvest. Current economic development gives opportunity for Christians in business as well as for English teachers. Christian NGOs who propose legitimate aid projects are increasingly invited to work here. Literally hundreds of organizations from both Asia and the West now claim some kind of work in Vietnam. Many of these organizations work in deliberate partnership together. Pray that Vietnam may become fully open to Christian workers, and that many committed and prepared workers may respond.</p> |
| Alumni | 16 alumni of ACTS are currently in ministry in Cambodia . | 21 alumni of ACTS are currently in ministry in Vietnam. |