

CAMBODIA: CHURCH PLANT AND GIRLS DORM SUPPORT COMMUNITY

GOAL: US \$61,150 – C \$77,703

THE PROJECT

The Anglican Church of Cambodia seeks to establish a new church in Phnom Penh Thmey. It will be located in a growing municipality in the suburbs of Phnom Penh. This will allow the diocese to provide church and discipleship services to members, train church leaders, conduct youth and children ministries, and support community development programs to meet the needs of the congregation. The diocese will also establish a hostel for girls from poor surrounding villages.



Current facilities at an Anglican church in Prey Smach allow four to six girls to live in a dorm and attend school. A new dorm included in this project will host 20 additional girls.

ABOUT

Cambodia's population of 16.9 million is about 95 percent Buddhist, with the remaining 5 percent people of other faiths, including Christianity. The constitution allows for freedom of belief and religious worship as long as such freedom does not interfere with others' beliefs or create disturbances. Most of the towns and villages in Cambodia lack a Christian presence as new church plants have been more focused in the cities. In addition, due to higher rents and cost of living in the big cities, many are choosing to move to the outskirts of the cities to areas such as Phnom Penh Thmey. In this city, to the west of Phnom Penh, there are few churches.

THE NEED

The need for evangelism, church planting, and discipleship remains high, especially in suburban and rural Cambodia. A new Anglican church in Phnom Penh Thmey will meet the needs of newcomers and also provide a place for people to explore faith through the Anglican church. Likewise, opportunities for a good education outside of the city are inadequate due to a lack of qualified teachers, low family income, and the lack of basic infrastructure, such as water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities, which particularly impact adolescent girls.

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