

我對柬埔寨的負擔

My Heart for Cambodia

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2015年8月，我和太太第一次參加柬埔寨短宣。當時我認為世界上像柬埔寨那樣貧窮、充滿飢餓的孤兒寡婦的地方多的是，所以帶著沒有期待得著甚麼的心態，我們便出發那次短宣之旅。

不太熱心的我與太太早一天到了柬埔寨，坐在TukTuk前往皇宮參觀的路上，我正想發短訊給香港同事之際，手機突然在手中消失。抬頭一望，目送電單車黨拿著我的金色iPhone4S手機風馳而去。隨之而來的是不知所措、憤怒，到冷靜、禱告！感謝主，神讓我平伏過後，讓我想到「寬恕」，體諒當地的貧窮，祂要我用心投入今次短宣，撒旦曾成功地令我有一個挫敗的開始，但只是十五分鐘，神對我說：「路縱崎嶇，總可靠主跨過」，有如打通了我宣教的「任督二脈」，由不太熱心變成期待翌日入村探訪，這是何等的奇妙！

之後，我和太太一年之內曾三次到柬埔寨短宣，更認識了密匠。我們很認同密匠的宣教理念：「建基於人的整體，包括身心社靈四方面，以行動及服務，讓受壓的、生病的、被遺棄的得到愛與關懷，從而讓基督轉化他們的生命，幫助他們積極面對生命中各種挑戰。」讓我想起耶穌在路加福音第四章18-19節說：「主的靈在我身上，因為祂用膏膏我，叫我傳福音給貧窮的人；差遣我報告被擄的得釋放，瞎眼的得看見，叫那受壓制的得自由，報告神悅納人的禧年。」密匠正是如此實踐福音。

兩年半前，我從神學畢業、開始牧會之後，盼望能有更多弟兄姊妹成為密匠的同行者，於是介紹了密匠給自己牧養的團契，寄望日後疫情緩和通關後，可以帶領弟兄姊妹到柬埔寨密匠的工場服侍。此外，我也支持並出席密匠的活動，為密匠的需要禱告，也轉發每月的代禱信給弟兄姊妹，一同以禱告托住密匠的事工及Almond姊妹的需要。

我也透過個人社交媒體分享密匠的即時消息。每當看到社交媒體上很多的朋友都「讚好」密匠，就不其然感謝神。更感恩的是，有一天當我回教會打開信格時，收到一個手工杯墊，原來是其中一位幹事「讚好」密匠的專頁後，奉獻選購了這工藝品並送給我。神真的奇妙，透過這位幹事鼓勵我繼續努力與密匠同行！



In August 2015, my wife and I participated in the mission trip to Cambodia for the first time. At that time, I thought there were many places in the world like Cambodia with poverty, hunger, orphans and widows, so I set off without any expectations.

Without any enthusiasm, my wife and I arrived in Cambodia one day earlier than the mission team. While we were heading to the Royal Palace by Tuk Tuk, I sent a message to my Hong Kong colleague. Suddenly my mobile phone disappeared out of my hand. I looked up and saw the motorcycle gang holding my golden iPhone 4S. I was overwhelmed and angry at first, then became calm and started to pray. Thanks to the Lord, God made me think of “forgiveness”, and to consider the problem of poverty. He asked me to devote my heart to this mission trip. Satan had successfully gave me a frustrated beginning, but it was only fifteen minutes, God said to me, “The road is rough, you can always rely on the Lord to cross it.” It enlightened my view in missionary, from not being enthusiastic to excitedly anticipating the beginning of the village visit on the next day. This was amazing!

After that, my wife and I went to Cambodia for mission trip three times within a year, and we got to know Metta and agreed with their mission philosophy: “Metta strives to develop the ministry in a holistic approach, taking into consideration of the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of a person. Metta is committed to put love in action to help the suppressed, ill and abandoned to feel the love and care from the community, bringing transformation to their lives through Jesus Christ so that they can face future challenges in their lives with hope.” It reminds me of what Jesus said in Luke 4:18-19: “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Metta is walking it out.

After I graduated from a seminary and started serving at a church two and a half years ago, I hoped that more brothers and sisters would become Metta’s companions, so I introduced Metta to my pastoral fellowship, hoping that in the future, after the pandemic eases and the custom is cleared, I can lead my church members to Cambodia and serve with Metta. In addition, I will also support and attend Metta’s activities, pray for their needs, and forward their monthly prayer letters to the brothers and sisters to support the ministry and the needs of Almond by prayers.

I also shared the news of Metta through my social media network. Thanks God that I saw many friends have “liked” Metta. I am even more grateful that one day when I went back to my church and opened my pigeon hole, I received a handmade coaster, which was given by my co-worker who has “liked” Metta and ordered this coaster to show support. God is amazing. Through the action of this co-worker, He encourages me to keep walking with Metta.

