FCOP International is a church planting movement that cares for widows, orphans, and separated children in need.
Dear Faithful,

Thank you for helping FCOP continue to care for orphaned, abandoned and separated children and widows in 2020. Together, we helped care for more than 2,000 children, employed close to 400 widows and single parents, and helped meet urgent needs in many communities around Cambodia.

In spite of the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, we continued to see our children thrive, growing up, graduating from their levels of study, beginning careers (pg. 20), starting families (pg. 8), leading churches, and so much more. Cambodia continues to be impacted with the message of hope in Jesus Christ, seeing people come to salvation, church groups planted, pastors trained and ordained (pg. 16) and teams travel to Cambodia from all over the globe (pre-pandemic).

Our Rice Farm continues to be developed to provide for our children and allow FCOP’s ministry to move towards being self-sustaining. After heartbreaking setbacks at our rice farm due to dry weather midway through 2019, we replanted in faith to see a harvest come in that averaged 12 tons of rice per hectare on one of our pieces of land. This means our strategy is on the right track. We were also able to enlarged our grain storage system by 10-fold and started developing a water storage system (pg. 26) that will allow us to grow rice, even when weather is not ideal. We simply need the funds to complete it.

We are grateful for your partnership with us through this challenging year. 2020 has proved to have some of the most unique challenges we’ve faced in our existince and yet, we’re still standing. This is a testament to God’s divine touch and your faithfulness, in order that all would come to know God’s love. Thank you!

God bless you,

Ted and Sou Olbrich
We were very poor and had no food. My younger brother found an old board that I would lay on. He would drag me from home to home where we would beg for food and go through garbage to find something to eat or to sell.

After a few years, at age 18, I thought my life was over as I would see my friends running and playing. I thought I would never walk again. I was hopeless and completely ashamed of how helpless my situation had become.

Then one day my brother pulled me up to the home of a Christian pastor. He prayed for me in the name of Jesus Christ and I felt power go through my body. Suddenly, I felt my legs again and they could move. I thought I was dreaming, but it was real. For the first time in four years I stood up and began to walk. This was no fantasy; Jesus Christ had just healed me.

I walked into the FCOP Church Refuge Center and asked if I could stay there. I was the oldest orphan in the home but because of my past they took me in. I began to play the drums in the church band and sing to the Lord. I was so grateful for a God who loved me and healed me. I wanted to serve Him all my life.

The church asked me to lead the youth group. It started with just a few youth but the group soon grew to about 60 members. I also reached out to other churches in the FCOP system and helped coordinate youth ministry in the region.

The church saw that I had leadership gifts and having been recently married, asked me to move to Kratie Province together with my wife to plant new church groups. My wife and I ran the church refuge center there and began to start home churches. The first year more than 100 church groups were formed and I was promoted to the Supervisor of that division of churches. The next three years we established more than 300 church groups in that area and grew it into one of 23 Districts of FCOP churches in the nation of Cambodia.

At age 25, I was brought back to Phnom Penh where I was made advisor to the president of our FCOP churches. I am now serving as General Supervisor over our 6,000 churches in Cambodia with nearly 1,000,000 adherents.

I met and married my wife during my early years of working in ministry when I was 20 years old. She had been a part of the youth ministry at one of our churches when we fell in love and were married. We have three children that love the Lord with all their heart. They know that God is alive and still heals today! I could never thank the Lord enough for all He has done in my life.

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The Reality
Access to clean drinking water in Cambodia remains a challenge for many. It is estimated that 1 in 6 people live without access to a filtered drinking source. Additionally, more than thirty percent of Cambodians (more than 1 out of 3) live without improved sanitation (a toilet). This can contribute to contamination of drinking water sources and become a life-threatening issue. More common ailments include stunted growth and slowed brain development.

A big disparity exists between city life and rural life, with access to improved sanitation going up to 9 out of 10 in city areas. The immediate focus of our efforts to provide drinking water and improved sanitation takes place in rural areas where the need is more urgent and access to water can be altogether challenging.

As our work extends to all provinces of Cambodia, some of our Refuge Centers are located in areas that demand innovative ways to provide safe, healthy drinking water. Many of the installed water systems also help as a solution for the surrounding community and serve as an opportunity for the Gospel message to be demonstrated in practical ways.

Although solutions to water filtration exist, access to these systems can remain a challenge. Some are cost prohibitive while others can be fragile and the technical set-up make maintenance and durability an issue. We have been involved in providing solutions since our beginning. We recently discovered a nearly “one size fits all” solution.

The Solution
FCOP has found a solution. Lukas and Jenny Graf from Swiss Warm Blankets have volunteered extensive time to work with FCOP staff, Makara, to research and develop a system to best resource our Refuge Centers in rural areas. It’s a two stage approach. Water is filtered for debris through easily accessible cement enclosed rock and sand filters. The water then flows through donated medical grade filters from Switzerland with modified enclosures, filtering the water and making it drinkable on demand.

The difference has been incredible as FCOP works to implement this drinking water system all over Cambodia. For us, part of planning for the future starts with helping our children live healthy now.
SPIRITUAL REVIVAL
In the last twenty-one years we have trained and appointed hundreds of pastors and ministry leaders to go throughout Cambodia to preach the Good News. One of our founding visions was to see leaders raised up to ultimately disciple and reach the nation of Cambodia for Christ. Our leaders continue to multiply themselves through communities in every province of Cambodia, seeing thousands of home groups planted.

Our annual pastors conference in Phnom Penh, Cambodia hosted by our national office staff, and held at our National Training Center was attended by more than two hundred of our pastors. The three-day conference was filled with many life changing encounters. Pastors received Holy Spirit led teaching from David and Miha Norton, encouragement from Mike and Nikki Baessler, as well as, training from our International Directors, Pastors Ted and Sou Olbrich.

Our pastors were challenged to walk in greater faith and take larger steps at discipling young leaders from their local provinces. They responded in faith and took to calling on the Lord for raising up new and fresh leaders who would take the next generation to new heights. It was a breathtaking scene as dozens of pastors fell to their knees crying out to the Lord for an increased harvest and for an intake of young leaders they could train.

This year our National President, Pastor Sou felt the Lord leading her to officially appoint almost one hundred and fifty new pastors with pastoral licenses. It was an amazing time of celebration as everyone was handed their certificates, dressed in their cap and gowns and congratulated for their faithfulness to the ministry in Cambodia. To finish the conference, there were nine FCOP District Supervisors ordained. Their faithfulness in ministry and example for the next generation to follow was worthy of recognition.

It was a fitting close to a fruitful time of ministry and training that gave renewed passion for ministry.

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In the far reaches of western Cambodia, hidden away in the Cardamom Mountains, our Ou Peut Church Refuge Center is busy training up young men and women. The church has been operating there almost since the beginning of FCOP in the late 1990s. The church Pastor and Refuge Center Director, Lep, sat down to tell us how he is helping build a better future for the children that have grown up in his Refuge Center over the years.

Pastor Lep explained that his heart has always been to see young men and women grow up equipped to be successful and be able to live on their own by learning important life skills. One example is how he begins to teach the children how to handle and create with wood around the age of 8. They learn to create using a variety of power and hand tools to make their intricate wood carved furniture. By the time they are young adults, most have saved up enough money from their projects to buy a moto or car, or enough to pay a dowry and hold a ceremony for those interested in getting married.

Not only are they learning the craft of woodworking but they are also learning how to grow mushrooms and other gardens on the premises. The pastor helps to create a sense of responsibility as he provides the tools for the woodworking and helps the older kids learn how to budget money for electricity and material needed to produce the projects.

This is not the only home in our network of churches that teaches woodworking. We have several pastors that create beautifully handcrafted pieces to help support the ministry and teach a skill set to children in their care. The purpose is to develop responsibility and practical skill sets to be used as a launch pad for the rest of their lives. Wood carved furniture and fixtures in Cambodia are very popular and usually very expensive. Woodcarving is a valuable skill to have and will serve our kids well as they grow, move out and begin families of their own.

We work diligently to create programs that help resource orphaned and separated children in our care for a lifetime. We demonstrate the Gospel by addressing economic challenges and meeting daily needs through micro-enterprise skill development. Thank you for supporting homes just like Ou Peut and being part of the economic sustainability of Cambodia.

Our mission is to address challenges by developing micro-enterprise models and partner with development organizations to provide food, water, clothing, housing, medical treatment and vocational job training to help create economic stability.
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**TRAIN**

Our training for leaders is focused on a holistic approach that takes into account spiritual, social and economic development. As leaders emerge, they are prepared to go to any part of Cambodia, evangelize and be a productive part of a community.

**EQUIP**

Once leaders are trained, equipping them with the tools necessary to be effective becomes essential. From Christ-centered teaching curriculum to micro-enterprise start-up models, leaders are equipped with tools to be ambassadors of Jesus’ message of hope.

**SEND**

Our localized focus on training leaders all over the country, in both city and rural areas, has allowed us to strategically send leaders to areas they are familiar with for maximum effectiveness, while still comprehensively covering all provinces in Cambodia.

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The FCOP annual budget for Cambodia seems to have stabilized at approximately $2,000,000US. This is without including locally produced rice, meat and vegetables as well as gifts-in-kind, which are donated. In-kind donations and local production have allowed FCOP to keep the cost of home sponsorship constant since 1999. FCOP has struggled to meet the needs of the orphans in Cambodia as costs have risen by over 500% since 1999.

In order to meet these increased costs, FCOP purchased a rice mill in 2002. Beginning in 2001, the first 60 hectares (150 acres) of rice production land was purchased. This land has grown to 400 hectares (1000 acres) in 2020. At present this land exists in 12 disconnected parcels. Land holdings will be consolidated through land trades and purchases to create a contiguous unit.

Land leveling and water control is essential. Cambodia has a monsoonal climate with approximately seven months of rainfall adequate for rice production of some type and five months of drought. In addition, 400 Chinese-funded hydro-electric dams in China and Laos have permanently changed river flows and water levels in Cambodia. Extremes of both flood and drought are frequent problems that must be dealt with to avoid losses of nitrogen, stabilize pH, and most of all, provide adequate water for weed control and maximum rice yield. These problems can be corrected through diking against flooding and reservoir and canal construction for irrigation during times of drought.

Water availability is the key to dry season rice production. Since local river flows are unreliable and wells are not practical in this geology, the solution is to build large reservoirs to store water. This water is accumulated in the flood season and periods of excess river flow to irrigate rice during the dry season. This reservoir will be constructed with both chain scrapers and excavators. This is the key to be able to produce 2-3 crops per year.
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TOTAL REVENUE IN 2019
2,309,273

IN 2019 WE RAISED
1,292,480 in donated funds
1,016,793 in domestically generated income

IN 2019 WE INVESTED
1,036,950 on refuge center care
766,102 on church ministry
283,417 on sustainability projects

NET ASSETS
12,289,762  2019
11,713,843  2018
FCOP’s church community based model has long relied on being funded by you, our generous donors, with a goal to become self-sustaining. In 2019, FCOP was able to produce enough domestic funding to match that of our generous donors from around the world. This was largely due to the sale of land investments in areas of Cambodia experiencing an economic boom.
Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

James 1:27