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Dear Friends,

Much of my mission work is done with the help of a computer or a smart-phone:

- On Tuesday, a **Skype** connection with Ver Bernardino in the Philippines;
- Wednesday, a **WhatsApp** conversation with Munyiva wa Kitavi in Kenya;
- Thursday afternoon, a **telephone** call with Solomon Davis in Liberia; and on
- Friday, a **Zoom** conference with colleagues in Quebec and Wisconsin.

Media connections have changed the way I do my work. And it's cost effective, efficient and usually satisfactory.

But sometimes it makes sense to visit ministry partners in far-away places: to eat together, talk late into the night, struggle to understand the unfamiliar, appreciate work that goes unseen, join hands in prayer. This past month I was able to do this in **Cambodia**.



Meeting with the Cambodia TLT
Coordination Team

Timothy Leadership Training in Cambodia is organized by Navy Chann and Ly Chhay, a wife/husband team who are Partner Missionaries with Resonate Global Mission (their missionary work is described at <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/support/our-missionaries/navy-chann-and-ly-chhay>). Together, they coordinate a team of Cambodian trainers who teach church leaders using TLT courses in groups across the country. Currently, the Cambodia TLT work is being supported by

World Renew and Resonate – as well as

World Vision, Samaritan's Purse, and Christian Broadcasting Network.

One of the remarkable people I was able to spend time with was Pastor Nheuk Neang, one of the Cambodian TLT trainers. Pastor Neang himself has a powerful testimony of the impact of TLT, having used what he learned in one of the courses to develop chicken production in his village. His chicken venture is captured in a short online video (<https://vimeo.com/215923609>).

But even more moving was Pastor Neang's story of his escape from famine and violence during the Khmer Rouge / Pol Pot regime of the late 1970s. A terrifying trek across the border into Thailand landed him in a refugee camp for 14 years. **14 years!** Separated at the Thailand border from his family, he never saw them again. Finally, in the early 1990s he returned to Cambodia – home, but hardly that. *[Aside: It's difficult to watch,*



Navy Chann and Ly Chhay

See over...

but for adults the movie “First They Killed My Father”, about this chapter in Cambodia’s history, comes close to Pastor Neang’s story. It’s available on Netflix – at least in the US...]

Pastor Neang’s story was difficult to hear. It was a world I never imagined, let alone experienced. I wondered what qualified me to receive such a testimony, painful and personal. I pondered, “How can life ever be normal for someone who has passed through such things?”, and “What is a normal life?”

I don’t know what memories may afflict Pastor Neang, what dreams may waken him in the night. His experiences were of deep pain and trauma, surely not without lasting consequence. But his words and life so clearly show the healing of God. He testifies to the grace of God in sparing his life and giving him purpose. Part of that purpose is in teaching others to be better church leaders. I was blessed to see and hear him doing that as a TLT trainer this month.



Pastors Ly Chhay and Nheuk Neang, co-trainers, consult with each other during TLT training at Tma Puok, Cambodia



Tma Puok, Cambodia, TLT Group, March 14-16

PRAYERS

- For **Pastors Neang and Ly**, and others like them, who minister to others through their own deep experience of trauma
- For **good partnerships** with organizations in Cambodia like World Renew, Resonate Global Mission, World Vision and Samaritan’s Purse

PRAISE

- For the **TLT Coordinating Team** in Cambodia who travel throughout the country leading church leadership training
- For the **Khmer translation** (Cambodia) of TLT materials; currently, TLT is available in 20 languages



Resonate Global Mission colleagues in Cambodia
L-R: Justin Van Zee, Gil and Joyce Suh

With Our Love, *Albert and Carolyn Strydhorst*

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