Baptism 2025



Praise God with us for the 13 new followers of Jesus!! May 14 we celebrated with them as they followed Jesus' example of being baptized to show their new faith and the transformation that happens inside through the illustration of baptism. This long practiced ordinance shows that our life dies (entering into the water) and a new life emerges IN CHRIST!

Galatians 2:20 tells us *"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me."* This amazing truth is real, alive and active in these new Christians who have put their faith in Christ and now are walking (living out) that truth each day. It is a joy to walk beside them as they do this. We learn from them, too!


Panhavet

Please pray for each one and enjoy reading their stories below of how God brought them to himself. Pray also for our dedicated Khmer partners who live with them each day and shine truth into their lives. Sina, Saroth, Silat and SK give so much to serve and help these young people grow—what a blessing they are!!

Panhavet—My family is very poor. We own no land and my father died when I was 9. I would go to the fields to work for others in hopes of having enough to eat. I stopped studying at one point. When I was accepted to Plas Prai I began to have hope again and recognized that God saw me and was helping me. I now know that I have a father in heaven.


Kai's baptism

Kai—At first, my family would not let me apply to study at Plas Prai since it is a Christian dorm. Finally they agree that I could fill out an application. When I was accepted, they told me "don't believe in that God". I was determined to obey them. But as I watched the leaders and other believers there, I recognized that they were good people. Initially I didn't understand the Bible studies and the worship seemed strange. After some time I began to see truth in the studies and I began to open my heart. Then I got dengue fever very badly. I remembered that I could ask God for help—when I did, he healed me! God kept answering my simple prayers. I decided to trust Him as my Savior. I was really afraid to tell my parents, so I asked God for courage. He gave me courage!! Before I could ask my parents for permission, I overheard an aunt talking with my mother. She asked my mother, "if Kai wanted to become a Christian, would you let her?" My mother's response was, "Sure!" Wow, God sure is amazing!



Sokchem—I have done many things that I am now ashamed of. I wanted to live my own way. When I came to the dorm, I considered myself superior to the other students because I was older than all of them. The staff worked patiently with me and set an example that we all have value in God's eyes. During the lessons about God, I learned that God created everything and owns everything—just like a shirt has someone who made it and someone who owns it. That really impacted me. God began changing my life and became not only the one who made me, but the one who owns me.



Srey Khouch—My home life is difficult and there has been abuse. I've often lived in fear and do not feel loved. When I came to Plas Prai I was afraid of spirits. The leaders and older students who believed in Jesus encouraged me to pray when I was afraid. They told me that Jesus is more powerful than any spirit. My father was very sick and the leaders helped me pray for my father and he was healed! I decided to put my faith and life in God's hands. His love never fails.



Sophy—My older brother studied at Plas Prai and told me about the God who created the world. When I finished 9th grade, I wasn't interested in studying at Plas Prai to finish high school because I knew they wouldn't let me use my phone. But, I decided to apply because I had no other option for finishing high school. When my brother was sick, a Christian came and prayed for him—I didn't know what it meant to pray. But at that time, I chose to follow Jesus along with my parents. Now I am growing and understanding more what it means to follow God and I see Him changing me. I used to lie to my parents and others quite a bit. Now I can trust Him and speak truthfully.



Soklin—My family situation is difficult and I was left at home a lot when I was young. In middle school I began doing things I knew I shouldn't do. About that time, my cousin, shared the gospel with me. She was different in a good way! When I had the opportunity to go to Plas Prai, I learned for the first time who God was, that he created the world and that he has power to change our lives. I thought I wouldn't have friends when I went to live at Plas Prai. But I learned how to pray and asked God to give me friends. He did and I have been choosing to trust Him ever since! Sometimes her family members call her "Jesus" because of her new faith. She hopes that one day they will choose to trust Him, too.



Theara—My mother died when I was young and my father has suffered from seizures and confusion. My older brother came to Plas Prai to study and told me about God. When I had the opportunity to study here, I was really thankful and decided I needed to find out who this God is. I learned many things about God and finally realized, Jesus is the one who can save us from our sin! I decided to trust Him with my life. Now my father is doing better and says he wants to trust in Jesus, also!



Srey Loeng—I was ready to quit school after 9th grade but my aunt, who had attended Plas Prai, told me she was praying I would be accepted so that I could finish high school. This aunt is very kind and always asks how I'm doing and encourages me. She told me about the God who created the world and who came to the world to die and pay for my sin. I really didn't understand what she was talking about, but I knew she loved me and was making good choices in her life. She gave me an application and I was accepted to the dorm! It took me all the way to 12th grade before I could really see and appreciate who God is. I am a very fearful person. I began praying that God would give me courage in areas where I was fearful. I saw him answer my prayers and have decided to submit myself to him and receive his gift of salvation. I'm so thankful!



Saophoan—When I first heard about Jesus, I wasn't interested. God seemed to only want to keep me from doing all the things I used to do in my life which I enjoyed. But I decided to keep learning and try to understand why other people would choose to follow him. One day I decided to pray to Him about a problem my brother was having. Shortly after this, my brother's situation changed dramatically. This got my attention and I began to consider if what God was about was better than my own plans for my life. I discovered it was! I've repented of my sin and have accepted his salvation—now I am His child!

Chanda—Initially, I really struggled with coming to Plas Prai. They said I couldn't go out alone, have a boyfriend, have a phone, etc. It really didn't sound fun! But I wanted to finish high school, so I applied and was accepted. As I learned about who God is, I began talking to him about my problems. He helped me find good friends, he helped me work through financial issues, I found I could talk to Him about anything and trust that He cared. I knew I needed forgiveness from my sins. When I decided to trust Jesus fully and accept salvation, I kept getting sick. My family members wanted to send me to the shaman to call spirits to help me. I chose not to do this and ask God to help me instead. He has been steadily helping me with my health. I still have struggles, but I know that I am God's child and he will never leave me.



Toho—I used to go out with friends late at night and do things I shouldn't. When I came to Plas Prai, I began to see why these things are harmful. I also saw that the people here have a true and deep love for one another—and for me! It made me pay attention to the teachings. I have discovered there is truth in the teachings of the Bible. I decided to follow Jesus as he is the one true way.



Chunny—I started believing in Jesus when I was in 10th grade when I first heard about God and the Bible at the dorm. The Bible answers questions I've had that Buddhism could not answer. I've continued to read my Bible and I keep finding more ways to help me live. I decided to place my life in God's hands since he knows best.



Soksan—I am 30 years old and was addicted to alcohol for many years. It completely ruined my life. I had heard about Jesus when I was younger but I was a very faithful Buddhist and my father was a leader in the Buddhist community. I myself would chant at events and was proud of my commitment to my religion. I was always a good student and successful at many things in life. But I was also proud and self-dependent. I discovered I could not save myself from my addiction. A Christian shared with me that I could pray and ask God to show himself to me. I decided to ask God to show himself to me and I read the entire New Testament in 1 week. From the time of that prayer, I was able to stop drinking. Within a month I lost the desire to drink altogether. I began taking every opportunity to learn more about God and began engaging with Christians who warmly welcomed me into their fellowship. I quickly accepted Christ as the Savior of my life and I am learning to trust Him with everything I do. I am a new creation and I couldn't be more overjoyed!



We hope you enjoyed reading about how God rescued each of these new believers. We are grateful that his rescue mission never stops! As always, thank you for standing with us in interest, prayer and partnership. It is our joy to be part of this ministry and an honor to partner with you for God's glory and the joy of His children!

~ Jim and Carolyn