

## Banteay Meanchey Province (NW Cambodia)

In only one months time God has opened an incredible door of opportunity. Literally, anything we dream of, we can do! God has prepared us for this giant step of faith. The Lord has spoken to us in so many different ways that I have been telling my wife that we would be "blind, stupid and rebellious" to not see what God has been saying to us.

In this time, the Lord has revealed many verses to us, but my favorite is "*Good people leave an inheritance to their grandchildren, but the sinner's wealth passes to the godly.*" Proverbs 13:22

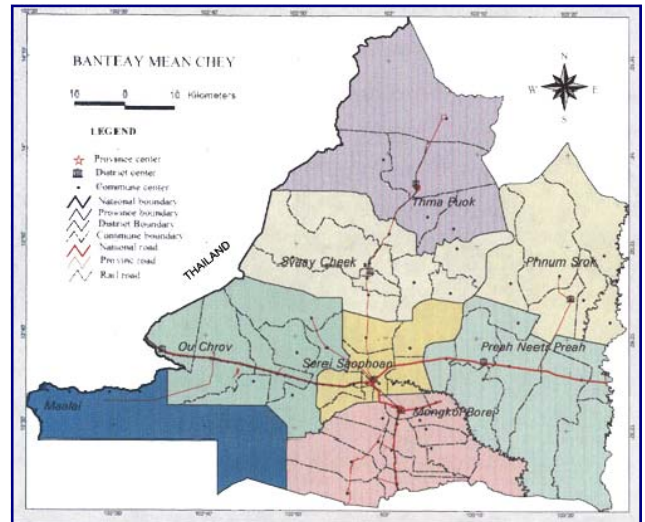
It is beyond my wildest dreams that not only would a Buddhist government allow us to do extensive ministry, but also supply the land and some monthly support is incredible. Beyond that, they have given us a opportunity for a company to build the infrastructure (sewage and roads) for two cities! With such a contract, we can likely employ hundreds of Christian workers and build our own nation at the same time! It is truly amazing what God is doing.



Steve and Noit at the ruined Banteay Chhmar temple

### Banteay Meanchey Province

**Land Area:** 6,679 km<sup>2</sup>  
**Districts:** 8; **Communes:** 64; **Villages:** 624  
**Total Population:** 678,033 in 2008  
**Urbanization:** 17.1 Percent; **Rural:** 82.9%



## Crystal Clear



There are no coincidences with God. I wholeheartedly believe that. Here is a list of some of the "coincidences" that have taken place:

1. When we registered our children's center, we were allowed to register in 6 provinces. We only had a Children's center in one province and didn't plan any others. However, at "random" we selected Banteay Meanchey province as one of our ministry areas. Our Children's center is already pre-approved before the Governor even invited us to come and work there.

2. 72 Children are being given to us to start with. They all come from Christian backgrounds!

3. We already have a long standing network with more than 100 churches in the area.

4. The Chief of Staff's sister is our neighbor in Phnom Penh.

5. The Governors Cousin works at a desk next to Noit's sister in the Police Department. He is now going to be over a border checkpoint (good connection for us!)

6. The Governor has awarded us a contract to build roads and sewers in the province.

7. The land the government gave us is next to a vocational training school (just what we need and are looking for.)

*"Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times." Mark 4:8*

I literally could go on and on for 10 pages at all the coincidences. To us, God is speaking crystal clear!

## A Wholistic Strategic Plan

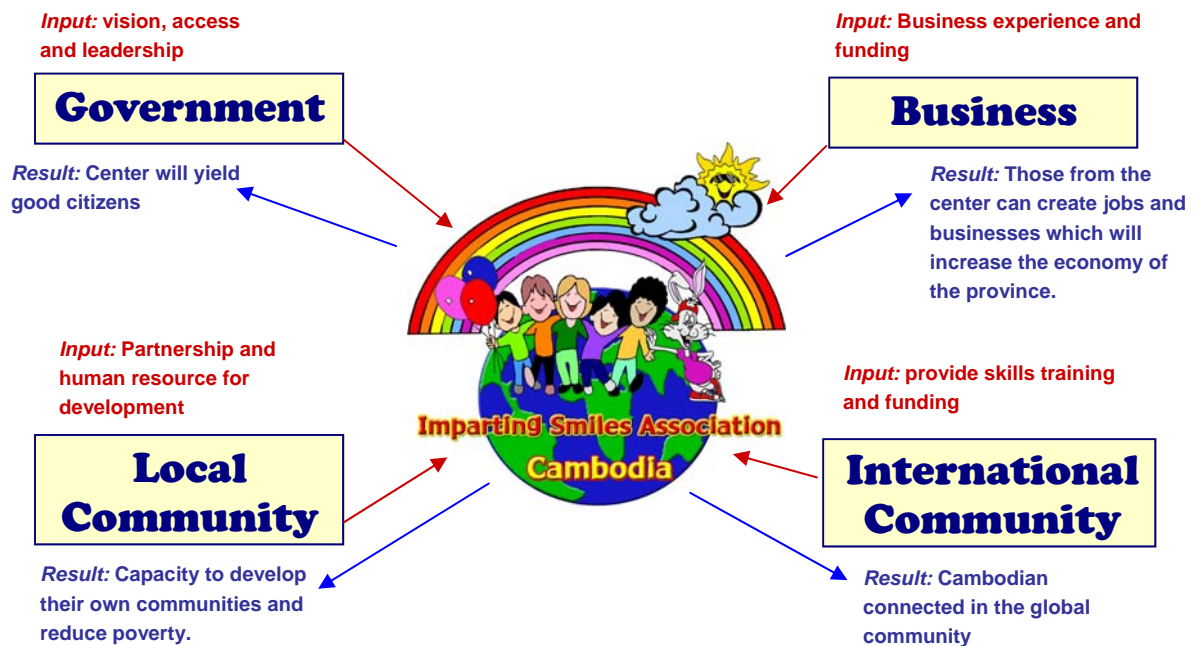
The task before us is huge. We need everyone's help. We believe that what God is doing is no accident. It is the result of faithfully following what God has called us to do for many years. The responsibility is equally enormous.

Two things which we have always tried to keep at a focal point of the ministry are: 1) bring unity to the Body of Christ and 2) never promote ourselves. We believe that these two components are required to live in the full potential of what God is calling us, as the Body of Christ, to accomplish on this earth. The gospel is central at all times. Yet, the desire for self-promotion will always destroy unity and the potential for the blessing of God. We have experienced over and over again that truly living by faith never requires self-promotion.

The strategy that God has given us potentially can see 200-300 churches planted, thousands come to Christ, thousands of babies saved from abortion, thousands of children given hope for the future, and hundreds of Christians employed building essential infrastructure for their own nation!

1. **Government of Banteay Meanchey**
2. **Community taking responsibility**
3. **Private Businesses Investing**
4. **International Christian Community**

These four components, all working together can bring real transformation to the lives of thousands of people.



### Immediate Needs to Start

*Opportunities do not last long, we have to work fast.*

1. **Financial capital to invest in construction company (approximately \$50,000 now and more later for cash flow).**
2. **Money to build Children's center (\$8,000 per dorm, \$20,000 for school building, \$30,000 for fencing, wells, toilets. . . . Total building projects approximately \$150,000.)**
3. **Money to support the kids education and new staff (approximately \$3,000 per month).**

God has showed us that he is going to bless us and multiply our fruit by 700 times!! We know as we are faithful in these initial projects, the Lord will bless us with more!

### Burning Rubber!

Fortunately I love to drive. When God opened up the doors in Banteay Meanchey, my first question to God was: "Do you know how far it is from Kracheh to Banteay Meanchey?" Kracheh is on the extreme eastern side of Cambodia, Banteay Meanchey is on the extreme western side and the only way to get there is to go south! 900 kilometers one way! We drive it every week.

Our cars have full-time angels just keeping them together. A 1991 Previa van (173,000 kilometers) and a 1996 Landcruiser (200,000 kilometers). God has always protected us and provided for us, he will now also.