



Timothy College and Business Institute

The Story So Far

Write the vision and make it plain (Habakkuk 2: 2)

During a visit to Cambodia in 1996, God prompted the then Cambodian Communities out of Crisis (CCC) Director and Treasurer (Ross Rennie and Tony Nixon) to make a grant to pay for three young Cambodian men to take courses in business studies at a college in Phnom Penh. This was the beginning of CCC's involvement with **education**, which has continued to the present day.



In 1999, God gave to CCC Council members Ross Rennie and Myers Cooper a vision for **a college** that would provide young Cambodian men and women with high-quality higher education in a Christian environment. Some of the students would be Christians and would be equipped to serve in their churches, but the college would be open to students of any religion or none, and CCC's aim would be for them come under the influence of the gospel and the Christian ethos of the college during their time there. The Lord spoke independently to Ross and Myers and gave to each of them the same name for the college: **Timothy College**.

CCC Council members shared this vision with various Cambodian church leaders and they were supportive of the idea. However, the priority of most of them was to establish Bible colleges and institutions that would train church workers and leaders.

Over the ensuing years, CCC waited and held on to the vision. We observed the price of land in Cambodia increase to astronomical levels. We became more and more aware of our inexperience in the field of education and the management of such a large-scale project as this. But we hung on to two guiding principles:

1. If this project was truly initiated by God, **He would be the one to pay for it** and He would provide the right people with the right skills to make it happen.
2. The project had to be **owned and managed by the Cambodian church**. We as foreigners, no matter how strong our commitment to Cambodia, had no right to impose something on the Cambodian people. They would have the responsibility to run the college long after we had gone. We needed a trustworthy Cambodian partner.

A Breakthrough

Though [the vision] tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay (Habakkuk 2: 3)

In 1995, Mam Barnabas, Sar Paulerk and the late Chhor Siharath founded the **Living Hope in Christ Church (LHCC)** in Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. CCC established an enduring friendship with these men and with the church. Several of the younger members of the church received sponsorship from CCC to attend university. Myers Cooper was a member of the church during extended visits to Cambodia in the early 2000s.

In October 2016, three CCC Council members visited Cambodia and renewed fellowship with LHCC, now under the leadership of Khem Sanith and Soun Both (pictured, right). In the course of our conversations with these two men we discovered a remarkable fact.

In accordance with the word of the Lord to us in Habakkuk 2: 2, 3, we had written the vision, made it plain and waited for it. Now we had discovered that the partner we had been seeking was known to us all along. Sanith and Both told us about a threefold vision with which CCC could be involved.



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The threefold vision of LHCC:

1. **To be a church.** CCC's aim is summed up in Ephesians 4: 11 – '... to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up....' We welcome every opportunity the Lord gives us to teach, encourage and edify our Cambodian brothers and sisters.
2. **To set up Christian businesses.** Ross Rennie has much relevant experience that he can share with them as they move forward with this vision.
3. **To establish a centre for Christian education** from pre-school to university.

It was this last aspect of the LHCC vision that we were most excited about. All three Council members had an inner witness that we had **found the partner** through which Timothy College could be established.

The CCC Council subsequently discerned a link between parts 2 and 3 of the LHCC vision, which has led us to rename the college **Timothy College and Business Institute**.

Faith that Can Move a Mountain *The just shall live by his faith* (Habakkuk 2: 4)

Sanith and Both showed us a plot of land that the Lord had led them to. The price tag is eye-wateringly high. In fact the figure that the Lord has given to Ross for the whole project is **US\$7 million** (about £5½

million). Where can we get that kind of money? From **Jehovah Jireh, the Lord our Provider!**



Khem Sanith, Soun Both and Ross Rennie viewing the land

LHCC are used to waiting on the Lord in faith. It took them **19 years** before they could build their first church building. It is **18 years** since the Lord imparted the vision for Timothy College to CCC. We have both learned to persist in prayer and be content with God's timing.

We have written the vision and made it plain, we await the appointed time, we exercise confident faith that **what the Lord has initiated and revealed, He will bring to pass.**

What You Give Is What They Get

We try to keep CCC keep lean and fit, with minimal overheads. Our latest annual accounts (for 2016) show that our UK administration costs were covered by the income we received through tax reclaimed under the Gift Aid scheme. In addition, not only do the people who run CCC receive no payment for their services; they also give money to the charity with the stipulation that this can be used for administration or promotion if necessary.

So we are confident that this year also, **100% of any donation you make to CCC will go to where it is needed: Cambodia.** Whether you give to our **Children of Cambodia** project, help pay for another child's education or support the fundraising effort described on the next page, none of your money will be swallowed up in administration.

Strong and Stable Leadership

During the 2017 UK general election campaign, Conservative Party leader Theresa May used the phrase 'strong and stable leadership' 57 times in the first ten days of the campaign.

Political leadership in Cambodia is in the hands of Prime Minister Hun Sen, who has been in office since 1985 and is one of the longest serving leaders in the world. Hun Sen was a Battalion Commander in the Khmer Rouge army until he fled to Vietnam. He was appointed Deputy Prime Minister in the Vietnam-instituted communist government in 1979.

Hun Sen's opponents may concede that his strong leadership has provided Cambodia with stability, but

they have also accused him of autocracy and nepotism.

Hun Sen has stated that he intends to rule Cambodia until he is 74 (which will be in 2026). Many Cambodians fear what may happen if support for the main opposition party increases and Hun Sen's party loses the next general election in 2018. Hun Sen warns regularly that Cambodia's peace is fragile, that civil war may come if his party is defeated and that he might deploy military force against any political party that attempts to wrest power away from him.

June 2017's commune elections may be a foretaste of what could happen in 2018.

Keeping His Mouth Shut for Cambodia and Terminally Ill Children

The Ultimate Sacrifice



CCC Founder Ross Rennie

Anyone who knows Ross can testify that he loves to talk. Without the ability to speak, Ross could not do his job. He prefers the spoken word to the written word as a means of communication. Ross loves to talk about Cambodia and above all he loves to talk about Jesus.

So for Ross to stop talking voluntarily would be a great sacrifice and a testing experience. But that is exactly what he plans to do from midnight to midnight on Saturday 5 August 2017.

There will be no talking, no telephone calls, no sleep (to avoid snoring) and no comedy programmes on television (so that he does not laugh) for Ross for 24 hours. He will be closely monitored so that he is not tempted to cheat.



What Is the Point?

This is not an exercise in self-discipline or self-punishment. Ross is **raising funds** for two charities close to his heart.

One, of course, is **Cambodian Communities out of Crisis**.

The other is **The Rainbow Trust** children's charity, 'the charity that no-one wants to meet', which supports families who have a child with a life-threatening or terminal illness. Ross's company **Integrity Supplies UK Limited** works with **Walther Strong and Company Ltd**. Just as some of Integrity Supplies' profits support the work of CCC, so also the purchase of Walther Strong's products helps support The Rainbow Trust.

Sponsor Ross

Ross is inviting his friends, his business contacts, CCC supporters and the general public to get involved.

You can support Ross's fundraising effort by donating at

my.give.net/silence

Ross will be silent for 24 hours, so you could choose to sponsor him at so much per hour, for example 24 x 10p = £2.40 or 24 x 50p = £12, or give any lump sum of your choice.

If you are a UK taxpayer you can increase the value of your donation by 25% by confirming that you would like to reclaim Gift Aid.

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rainbowtrust.org.uk

*Cambodian Communities
out of Crisis*



cambcomm.org.uk

The Rainbow Trust and Cambodian Communities out of Crisis are registered charities

35,000 Cambodian Children in Care

The Cambodian Ministry of Social Affairs has found that 35,374 children and young people are living in orphanages and other residential care institutions, many of them unregistered or never inspected. The Ministry discovered that, of children in care, 925 had a disability, 576 had HIV/AIDS, 270 had received “detoxification services” for addictive substances, and 252 were victims of child trafficking. One out of every 350 children under 18 lives in an orphanage, but almost 80% of adolescents in orphanages have a living mother or father. The Minister of Social Affairs suggested that ‘parents’ living conditions are poor, so parents send them to centres hoping their children could have a better education rather than stay with them.’

CCC’s **Children of Cambodia** project supports a group of 15 children whose parents cannot afford to feed them adequately. With our assistance, these children receive a cooked lunch each day and the pastor who supports them and their families ensures that they attend school and keep out of the clutches of traffickers, pimps and drug dealers.

Help CCC When You Shop Online

CCC has now concluded its relationship with Shop.com. You can still support CCC as you shop through



Whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be collecting free donations for CCC. There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury’s – it doesn’t cost you a penny extra!

It’s as easy as 1, 2, 3...:

1. Head to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cambodiancommunities and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you’ve checked out, that retailer will make a donation to CCC for no extra cost whatsoever!

Visiting Phnom Penh and Need a Reliable Taxi Service?

Mr Polo Touch, who featured in the BBC TWO programme *A Cabbie Abroad* in 2014, drives a tuk-tuk (a motor cycle and passenger trailer) in Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia.

Mr Polo provides a taxi service and usually waits for custom outside the Golden Gate Hotel in Street 278.

We have found Mr Polo to be extremely reliable, honest, conscientious and friendly. He speaks English and knows the city well. He will give you a fair price and will not overcharge you.

You can contact him on telephone number +855 11 899 261 or by email at polodriver7@gmail.com.



Watch an interview with Mr Polo at youtu.be/dwHNN7aQxvU

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