



Kone Kmena



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**2009**

## **Our Vision**

Equipping churches in Cambodia responding to children at risk in their communities

## **Our Mission**

Empower churches to respond to children at risk in their communities

## **Our Core Value**

- We believe God places a high value on children and families
- We believe the church is the most important agency in transforming communities, including the lives of children at risk
- We believe that supporting the children's families is essential in order to ensure their long-term well-being

# From the Director

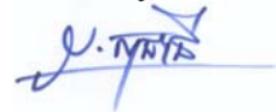
In 2009, Kone Kmeng conducted four programs: **Children at Risk, Children's Prayer Movement, Church Capacity Building, and Relief and Development Assistance.**

The scope and quality of Kone Kmeng's work has increasingly developed over the last three years. This 2009 Annual Report provides a brief description of the diverse ministries of Kone Kmeng today. Children At Risk program (CAR) is working in project partnership with local churches. CAR funded 6 churches to accomplish the work with

children in their communities. The Children's Prayer Movement program (CPM) challenges the churches to teach children to pray and give courage to children to pray regularly in groups. The Church Capacity Building program (CCB) is to sharpen the skills of leaders in caring for children and responding to their needs. The Relief and Development Assistance program (RDA) is working with churches to respond to immediate needs and encourage family economic improvement. Our impact in transforming the lives of vulnerable children is built on the quality of cooperation between Kone Kmeng

and the churches, Kone Kmeng and our donors, and the churches with their communities and local authorities. To each who has supported our work, through prayer, finances, and advice, we are deeply grateful. The commitment of the Kone Kmeng staff and people in partnership with us is a continual source of hope and promise for Cambodia's children.

May God bless you abundantly!



**Pang Sophany  
Director**

# Acknowledgement

On behalf of Kone Kmeng, I would like to acknowledge the members of the Board of Directors and volunteers who commit their time and energy to guide the way for Kone Kmeng. I am also grateful to the following churches, organizations and individuals who have supported the work of Kone Kmeng financially for this 2009. We achieved many things through their contribution and support.

## **Organizations**

- Wine To Water
- Love 146
- Doorsteps, Viva
- Ethnos Ministries
- Liberty University
- Equitas

## **Churches**

- Oak Hall Church
- Eastside Community
- Integrity Community
- Tokyo Chapel
- St Stephen's Church

## **Individuals**

- Glenn Miles & family
- Laura Fok
- Darryl and Kayo Record
- Sarah Malone
- Cora Hogue
- Tricia Traub
- Claire Lacey
- Charlotte Evans
- Bryant Meredith
- Dean Morihara
- Samantha + Dean Stamler
- Dennis +Terrie Atkinson
- Debbie Wall Rambeaut
- Chuck Ainsworth
- Cheryl Traub
- Danny Davidson
- Joni Strohm
- Racine Hee
- Ai Mishima
- Dara Ea
- Likoun Lo
- Vandenn Krouch
- Steve Kays
- Erin Or
- Dany

# Children At Risk Program

In 2009, Kone Kmeng partnered with 6 projects. They are based in the provinces of Banteay Meanchey, Battambang, Kandal and Svay Rieng. These projects focus on the 3 main areas:

## **a). Education**

The CAR helps the children get back into the public school. There were 229 children that integrated back into public schools through our non-formal education classes, bicycles and school supplies. There were 940 children received school

Supplies on Sept 2009.

## **b). Social raising awareness**

The program aims to increase the understanding of the people including children on issues of child trafficking, child rights and challenges of domestic violence. Trainings were attended by 562 children and 446 adults.

## **c). Family Economic Improvement**

There have been 75 families involved in family economic improvement plans: 13 families raise pigs; 2 families raise cows; 55 families grow

vegetables; 4 families started a home grocery business; 2 families started businesses of making hammocks and 18 girls are in a sewing training project.



# Children's Prayer Movement Program

CPM is a program that helps churches to focus on the life-style of prayer for children. There are 40 children praying regularly in Banteay Meanchey province. In Svay Rieng province, there are 141 children attending the prayer meetings regularly. The topics that the children raise up to pray for are their own needs, their families, their community's need, leaders for the churches, the leaders for the nation and so on.

In May 2009, Kone Kmeng conducted a children's prayer fellowship meeting on "***Pray Against Domestic Violence***" in Svay Rieng. There were 63 children from 17 churches located in different districts of the province. We have heard many testimonies from the children how God answered their prayers.

In 2010, Kone Kmeng has a goal to mobilize 30 churches in 3 provinces to give courage to the children to pray regularly in their own churches.



# Church Capacity Building Program

CCB is a program to strengthen leaders of the churches to support the children effectively. In Sept 2009, Kone Kmeng organized a 3-day workshop to 8 leaders of the churches who are running the projects to assist children in their communities. There were different speakers invited to share in the workshop. The topics focused on: understanding how to grow the church, listening to God's voice for the call, children's perceptions and how to run projects effectively.

In Nov 2009, Kone Kmeng cooperated with Open Arms to conduct a training on the "*Pastor's Family Fellowship.*" The training aimed to strengthen the relationship between the pastors and their wives. There were 10 couples who attended the training for 3 days. The pastors and their wives were involved in a separate training on *Team Building*. It involved being divided into 2 groups, a wives group and a husbands group. The wives group discussed the challenges they

faced being the wife of a pastor and a mother. The husbands group discussed their challenges being a husband, father and pastor. Each group shared the results of their discussions to each other.



# Relief and Development Assistance Program

RDA operates within 4 projects, Shelter, New Hope, Emergency and Clean Water and Sanitation.

## 1. Shelter

In Jan 2009, we built a house for a widow grandma with 3 grandchildren and her daughter who is living with HIV/AIDS. She exclaimed that “we always moved to our neighbor’s house for shelter when it rained or the storm came but now we are so happy and feel very safe. In May 2009, we helped build a house for another widow family whose house was destroyed

by a rainy wind storm. “After the storm blew the house away, my four grandchildren, my daughter and I had no money to rebuild a new house. We prayed and prayed. Later, the pastor told us that he had a supporter for the house. That’s a big hope” said the grandma.



## 2. New Hope

The New Hope project in cooperation with CBN and the National Pediatric Hospital provided free cleft palate operations to 4 children and 1 adult.

The project also brought a boy from Kampong Cham province to Phnom Penh to be operated on for his severe scarring from burns to his body.

Kone Kmeng supported two teenage girls to attend a Beauty Salon training and a teenage

boy to attend a motorbike repair training.

### **3. Emergency**

In Nov 2009, there was a drought in Svay Rieng province. In a discussion with pastors, villagers and local authorities, there was a recommendation to drill wells to get water for the rice fields. Kone Kmeng helped to drill 49 wells. It saved 123 hectares of rice fields from drying up. So there were 148 families who could harvest their rice crop in early Jan 2010. It benefited 514

people to have food security in 2010.

### **4. Clean Water and Sanitation**

There are two parts of the project 1). *Drilling wells and 2). Community training on sanitation and how to care for the wells.*

1). In Svay Reing, clean water for drinking is one of the most important needs. Kone Kmeng worked with the local churches to drill 68 wells (*each well was tested for Arsenic, Manganese, Fluoride, Nitrate and E.coli*), for people in 3 districts, Svay

Chrum, Svay Teab and Kompong Rou. There are 247 families, 2022 people served by these wells. Among the total number of people, 674 are children.



# Financial Summary

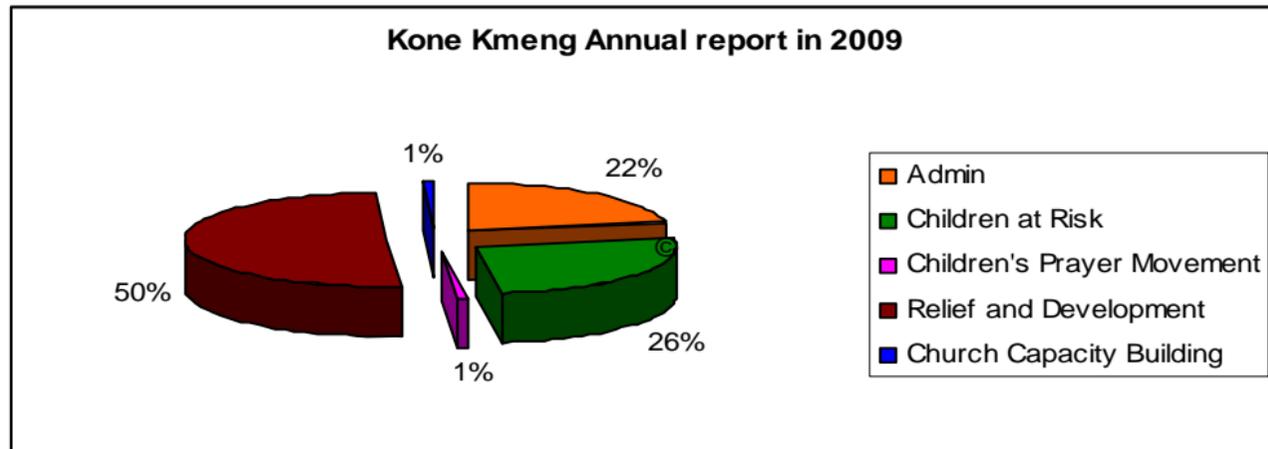
## Income and Balance

<b>Total Income for 2009:</b>	<b>\$ 59,998.36</b>
<b>Total Expenses for 2009:</b>	<b>\$ 63,421.64</b>
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>(\$ 3,423.28)</b>
<b>Cash in bank for 2009:</b>	<b>\$ 4,816.32</b>
<b>Cash on hand for 2009:</b>	<b>\$ 1,9924.27</b>

In 2009, Kone Kmeng was blessed with an income of \$59,998.36. The income from donor churches and individuals was about 23% each, with the remaining 50+% from organizations. Of that amount, more than 60% was from one organization helping to provide wells and sanitation training to

people in the villages. For this reason, we can see that 50% of our expenses were on Relief and Development. Only 1% was spent on Church Capacity Building because Kone Kmeng was able to send our church partners to trainings conducted by other NGO's. For the Children's Prayer Movement, instead on having big prayer fellowship events, church partners were encouraged to teach and have regular prayers with the children in their own churches. This kept the expenses down. Only one prayer fellowship event was conducted in 2009. We look forward to all that God has for us in 2010, as for the first time, He has provided funding for all Admin Costs for 2010. We continue to pray for the needs of the children and the churches which God is using to help the children.

Description	Amount \$	Percent %
Admin	14,015.39	22%
Children at Risk	16,218.34	26%
Children's Prayer Movement	643.99	1%
Relief and Development	31,945.18	50%
Church Capacity Building	598.74	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,421.64</b>	<b>100%</b>



## Fruit Stories

Dary is 14 years old. She stopped her school in Feb 2009. Then her parents sent her to work in Phnom Penh as a domestic worker. Every day, she had to work for long hours but she could make only \$25 for her monthly payment. In June 2009, her family decided to bring her back to the village after the pastor discussed his concern with them several times. In August 2009, the project provided Dary a micro-loan to start a small business. She runs it very well. In Nov 2009, she was given \$10 more to add to her capital so that she could expand her business. Now, Dary and her mom sell cakes together in the village. Each day, they can make \$2.50. The business has strengthened their family.

This is Vanak. She is 13 years old. Now, she is in grade 5. Vanak's family is so poor. Her father is a construction worker but he doesn't earn enough to support the whole family. Her mother stays at home. Once, Vanak was asked to stop going to school because her family could not afford for her to go. Then, she was selected to join the project. Vanak received school uniform and school supplies to continue her school. Everyday, she came to attend the after-school class for 1 hour at the church. This helped her to get on with the public school program. In Aug 09, her family received a micro-loan to start business. Every morning, Vanak gets up early to deliver her fried cakes to other sellers before she goes to school. Vanak quoted ***“I enjoy my study and I want my life to be difference”***

# Fruit Stories

## The Power of Prayer

Vuthy was living in a bad situation. His father was an alcoholic. He used a lot of violence towards the family. Many times his mother and all the children had to run away from the violence. In May 09, there was a children's prayer meeting in Svay Rieng. Vuthy attended the prayer meeting. He asked other children in his small group to pray for family's situation. In Sept 09, when his father was using the violence then two policemen came to stop him and took him with them for a day and half. After they released him then things started changing in his life.

His father stopped drinking alcohol and stopped using violence as before.

In the whole community, many parents have been trained on child rights and child protection through the projects run by churches. The pastors play a very important role to transform their communities. At the same time, the churches role is recognized by the local authorities who then cooperate with them, as well as parents and all members of the communities.

**OUR WORK HAS GIVEN GLORY  
TO OUR LORD!**

**PRAISE GOD FOR ALL HE DOES!**

**Every child is served to protection by giving names**

# Challenges

Throughout the year 2009, there were several main challenges that came along.

1. Not enough finance to support all partners projects
2. At the border areas, the parents were tempted to send their children to work so the children could not attend school.
3. A few pastors were not transparent. Two projects were stopped when corruption found and the pastors disciplined.
4. Not enough staff to implement the Children's Prayer Movement and Church Capacity Building.

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