



Baptism Testimonies:

Below are some examples of the transformational work God is doing in the lives of individuals connected to the Plas Prai ministry. Rejoice with us as you read and pray that these new believers will “*crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation*”, (1 Peter 2:2).

Diro’s Story: I have 8 siblings and I came to Plas Prai two years ago. I decided to believe in Jesus this past January after studying the Bible here at the Plas Prai dorm. These Bible studies were especially influential in my decision to follow Christ. An important verse for me is Matthew 6:33 “*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness ...*”

My family knows I am a believer now. When I told them I wanted to get baptized they said they accepted my decision. At first I learned about baptism from the Bible and then from seeing firsthand last year. I was interested immediately. I wanted to demonstrate my faith and show that I believe, even though I knew I was already saved by God’s grace. I rejoice in my journey with Christ through this baptism. After I graduate high school this year, I want to study at the Discipleship Training School. Later I want to return and be a staff leader at the Plas Prai dorm.



Diro



Narin

Narin’s story: I come from Rovieng district and I am number 5 of 7 kids. I am 17 years old. My mother passed away 4 years ago. I first heard the gospel in my village in 2017 before coming to Plas Prai. At that time, I wanted to believe in Jesus but my father wouldn’t let me. Then when I arrived here, I studied the Bible with Sina and was encouraged by the story in John where Jesus said, “*Don’t be afraid, I have overcome the world.*” This time when I asked my father if I could become a believer, he gave me the freedom to make that decision. When Sokhoeurn shared about baptism, I knew I wanted to get baptized now. I wanted to show that I have left my old beliefs and am now following Jesus.

When I graduate high school, I would like to study at the Discipleship Training School and grow deeper in my faith. I don’t know what will happen after that, but this is the first step in my plan.



Puu (Uncle)

Puu and Ming (Uncle and Aunt) from Bakam: We didn’t have time to get Puu and Ming’s testimony directly from them, but here is a summary of their story: Puu is a farmer who always did well in school growing up and wanted to go on to college. Due to financial stress at home, he had to stop school and work at the farm. This experience caused he and his wife (Ming) to prioritize education for their children. When they heard there was a center that would help their children finish high school,



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Ming (Aunt)

they sought out the Plas Prai to enroll their daughter and then eventually, their son. They were interested in knowing more about God right away and opened their home for a children's outreach group.

Though Puu is a loving and dedicated husband and father, over many years in the past, he developed an addiction to alcohol that he fought by trying to quit drinking on his own. Last year his two children came to us expressing great concern for their father and his drinking binges. Our team had recently heard of a new ministry in Southeast Cambodia created for healing of addictions. We shared this with Puu's children and they shared it with their Mom and Dad. Puu employed great humility and sacrifice by agreeing to go and his loyal wife chose to accompany him for the first month. At this place, healing from God is sought through prayer, Bible study and seeking God in all things. Puu found salvation from his addiction and salvation for his soul. Puu and Ming had already opened their hearts to belief through the testimonies of their children who studied at Plas Prai, but now they were having the opportunity to really know who God was for themselves and what salvation in Jesus was all about. They embraced it fully and have decided to live their lives in a walk of faith. They chose to be baptized to show their new faith and how they were crucified with Christ and now he now lives in them (Galatians 2:20)!

We studied with them for a number of months last year once they returned from the addictions center. They now want to open their home to receive anyone who would also like to learn about this salvation that they've found. Our Khmer partner, Sokhoeurn (on the left above), will now meet with them weekly and begin a simple house church in their home with interested neighbors and relatives. We praise God for this!

Theang's Story: At first when I came to Plas Prai I didn't know God. We studied the Bible a lot with the staff and they gave me a Bible. I wondered if this God was real. I decided to test God and prayed about things that I needed and when I prayed God always answered immediately. I decided I could trust this God. My life is quite different than when I was in my village; I was always afraid of evil spirits. Here at the dorm, I noticed that no evil spirits bothered us. I finally decided to trust God with my life. I also decided to be baptized and I needed to talk to my parents about this. I asked God to help my parents to be agreeable to this decision. When I told my parents about my faith and the desire to be baptized, my mother wanted to know if being baptized meant I would have to stop being respectful to my elders. When I told her that God wanted me to respect my elders, as well, she said she would leave the decision of my faith to me. I was again so thankful that God prepared the way for me with my parents. I am trusting in God with my life because He is the only God that we should follow and obey. He alone created everything we see. He alone has all power in the universe. When I finish studying high school here at the Plas Prai, I want to study at the Discipleship Training School because there I can learn to know God more deeply.



Theang



Sokmean

Sokmean's Story: God has done amazing things for me. Before I came here to Plas Prai, I had heard about God and Christians, but did not know who He was. As I learned about him, I decided to pray and ask him for things I needed. When I was lacking something God always provided for me. My first story of calling on God was at a time when I was at home in my village on a break from school. It was raining and the stream was rising and one of our cows was on the other side of the stream. I prayed to ask God to help the cow cross the stream. I was afraid because I didn't know how to swim and I was afraid the cow would be swept away in the water. The cow entered the stream and began floating down the stream. I grabbed its leg and the cow caught hold of a shallow area and began climbing out of the water. But I lost my grip on the bank. Soon I had fallen into the stream. I was so afraid! I prayed for God to help me. I grabbed a piece of bamboo nearby that was growing by the stream which kept me above water but I had no strength to get out of the stream on my own. As I continued to pray, my aunt saw me and came down and helped pull me out of the water.

Shortly after, I decided to follow Jesus and trust Him. Recently, I had a cyst on my neck that was causing difficulty eating, drinking and swallowing. The doctor told me that the cyst was not dangerous but that if it didn't reduce in size, they would need to operate so that I could eat and drink properly. This terrified me. My father wanted to take me home to the village and visit the shaman and try traditional medicine. I wanted to pray first and see if God would heal me. He agreed and gave me time. Immediately the cyst began to shrink. I told my father and he said he wanted to learn more about this God as well! My life has really changed. I decided to be baptized because I want to follow and obey Jesus. I also want to tell my story to the people in my village, they need to hear about this God.

Thank you so much for reading these testimonies – please take time to pray for each one!

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