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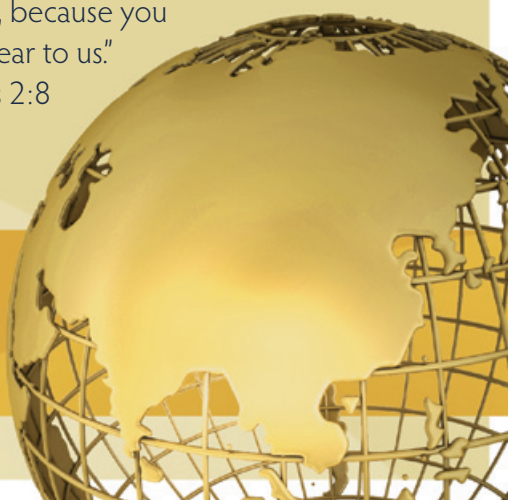
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"We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us."

1 Thessalonians 2:8

Focus on
Cadence Foreign
Military Ministry
(Southeast Asia)



The Cadence vision is "to exalt Christ in the nations through the lives of transformed military people."

There is, perhaps, no more vivid picture of the sheer power of this vision than in the burgeoning armed forces ministries in the countries of Southeast Asia.



David & Joyce Schroeder

As you read the testimonies of Sareth and Surasak, remember that **their stories are examples of the transformational power of the gospel to change lives in the midst of suffering, difficulty, religious oppression, and on the backdrop of massive human evil and horrific atrocities.** God has raised up each one of these national workers from places of hardship and darkness and has blessed them with incredibly fruitful ministry.

This past February I witnessed firsthand the movement of the Spirit in these places. I saw the changed lives; I experienced their joy; I enjoyed their Christ-centered love. In Cambodia, in particular, I felt as if I were walking through the book of Acts and literally beholding the sweeping movement of the Holy Spirit to transform hearts, to plant churches, and to bring the light of the gospel into the darkness.

Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." In the nations of Thailand, India, and Cambodia, the level of Christ's exaltation is on the increase as thousands of people's lives are being powerfully transformed by the gospel of God.

I urge you to pray; I implore you to invest financially; I encourage you to connect with this harvest field.

Be a part of this eternal impact!

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SOUTHEAST ASIA: *Amazing Movements of God*



Sareth Duong (left) with a friend in Cambodia

From the Killing Fields to Living Water *Sareth Duong*

In 1975 the ruthless communist dictator Pol Pot and his Khmer Rouge Party seized power in Cambodia. Now known as the Killing Fields, this time was one of the darkest in all human history. Sareth Duong was four years old.

The entire nation was reduced to slave labor. At age six Sareth was taken from his parents and made to live in a child labor camp with 500 other children. They were told they belonged to the government, not to their parents. For almost two years Sareth was made to live and work in an open rice field—having only a t-shirt and shorts for clothing. There he worked twelve hours a day and was fed just one cup of rice soup daily.

Sareth survived for two horrific years by eating insects, charcoal, and even dirt. On cold, rainy-season nights he and other children huddled together up to their necks in water, desperately trying to use the water buffaloes for warmth. He endured fierce beatings for the smallest of violations, once being hog tied and thrown into a cesspool of human feces for misplacing a drinking cup. Scores of children in that camp died, yet God spared the life of young Sareth.

After the overthrow of the Khmer Rouge Party, Sareth started first grade at age twelve. In high school he first encountered Jesus Christ. Christianity was forbidden in that communist/Buddhist environment, but a female student secretly showed Sareth a gospel magazine written in French. As he read, he was powerfully touched by God. He quietly asked the girl what she believed. Fearing someone would hear her, she said only, “It is true.” God used those three words in Sareth’s life and he trusted in Christ!

In 1995 Sareth joined Campus Crusade for Christ. His childhood had taught him perseverance, resourcefulness, and courage. Crusade taught him basic evangelism, discipleship, and ministry organizational skills. March of 2001 found Sareth in Manila at the International School of Theology finishing a Masters degree in Divinity. It is there he encountered the Cadence Asia student training

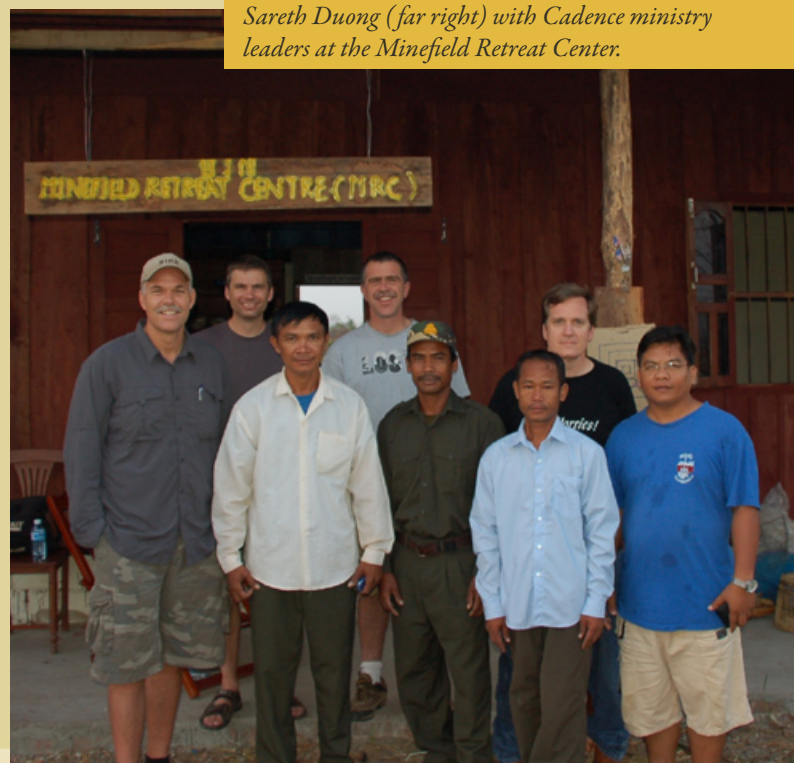
program that teaches ministry to police and military through weekly, hands-on involvement.

With his heart changed, a seminary degree in hand, and a new vision for ministry, Sareth joined Cadence Asia in December 2001 as the first full-time Cambodian staff. And God had been at work

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planting the seeds among the security forces of Cambodia preparing the fields for an abundant harvest.

Since joining forces with Cadence Asia in 2001, it is estimated that *over 20,000 souls have put their faith in Jesus Christ* due to this unique ministry in Cambodia. On a weekend gathering in the fall of 2007 over 800 soldiers and their family members stood in the rain at a military camp to hear the gospel message. Then they all waded into the river to be baptized into a new and eternal life. Cadence Asia recently finished a water project that pumps fresh spring water to the over 1,200 families at this same rural Cambodian camp. But it was the fresh Living Water that became “a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (John 4:14)



Sareth Duong (far right) with Cadence ministry leaders at the Minefield Retreat Center.

Testimony of a Thai Colonel

Surasak Banjueaw

I have been in the Royal Thai Army for the last 32 years.

Recently I retired as Chief of Defense Affairs Division, National Defense Institute of the Royal Thai Army.

After being raised in a Thai Buddhist family, I joined the military. The Thai army “way of life” is formally and informally full of Buddhist religious practices. Moreover, to have the best chance for promotion an officer must be Buddhist.

But in 1977 the seed of God’s Word was planted in my life through a Christian woman (of the Karen tribe) while I was leading an army intelligence team at the Thai-Burma border. Then my wife became really interested in Jesus. She allowed a Bible study led by a foreign missionary to meet in our home. This situation led me to Christ.

As a new Christian, I thought I was the only believer in all the army. When I visited churches in Bangkok, however, I discovered there were many other Christians in the Thai army. In 1984 a Thai military Christian fellowship formed to encourage believers in the army to stand firm for the Lord and witness to peers through our transformed lives.

Christians in the Thai army face various forms of rejection and persecution causing many to backslide. The Thai Christian population today is only one percent and traditionally a smaller percentage in the Thai army. Moreover, no Christian missions have worked directly with the Thai military or police. *Why?* Because they often seem arrogant and hard to approach, and therefore people fear them and their power and reputation for corruption.

But Thai military people are much more responsive to the gospel than most people. *Why?* Their vast Buddhist experience has proven empty. Military life produces deep, trusting friendships and these are channels through which the gospel can prosper. Already hundreds of men and women in uniform are coming to Christ, and they are responding at a rate much faster than the average civilian. God is at work among them like never before. A few public outreaches are now even being allowed by Buddhist commanders.

With God’s provision it is my passion to prepare young men for Christian ministry who are in the army, navy, air force, police and military academies. I plan to train them to be highly effective spiritual leaders who will impact the nation for Christ. When this strategic movement happens, it will be a powerful catalyst for the gospel to spread throughout Thailand.

The doors for ministry are now open. Pray we boldly walk in faith, for His glory, in this key moment of time.



Colonel Surasak Banjueaw with Thai soldiers

View more pictures of Cadence Foreign Military Ministry in Southeast Asia at www.cadence.org/ministries/cfm.

your prayer and giving guide

FOR CADENCE FOREIGN MILITARY MINISTRY - SOUTHEAST ASIA • NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2009

Below, the weeks for **November and December 2009** are divided into practical requests of three of Cadence Foreign Military Ministry's Southeast Asia countries. Please pray for these needs to be met. If you are moved to financially give toward these projects, see **inside** for how to make your donations.

For Ministry in Thailand (Surasak Banjukeaw):

Week of November 1-7 A newer used car, laptop, and LCD projector: **\$11,800 needed**

Week of November 8-14 A ministry training trip to the Philippines for three Thai officers (\$3,000) and Surasak's conference for Thai officers (\$3,000): **\$6,000 needed**

Week of November 15-21 One year of women's ministry development trainings and events: **\$4,000 needed**

Total current needs for Thailand (Account #13006): \$21,800

For Ministry in other countries:

Week of November 22-28 One year of women's ministry development trainings and events: **\$6,000 needed**

Week of November 29-December 5 1st Annual Leadership Conference (\$2,500) and ministry training trip to the Philippines for military officers (\$3,500): **\$6,000 needed**

Week of December 6-12 New laptop, LCD Projector, and a \$200 per month ministry activity budget: **\$4,200 needed**

Total current needs in other countries (Account #40055): \$16,200

For Ministry in Cambodia (Sareth Duong):

Week of December 13-19 Complete cycle of a Community Uplift program (including a full time school teacher at Unit 14): **\$38,000 needed**

Week of December 20-26 Materials, help, and labor to finish developing the Minefield Retreat Center and its demonstration farm: **\$15,000 needed**

Week of December 27-January 2 One year of women's ministry development trainings and events and a full time military youth worker for youth ministry: **\$10,000 needed**

Total current needs for Cambodia (Account #13004): \$63,000

Total current needs for the above Cadence Foreign Military Ministry (Southeast Asia) projects: \$101,000



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BY CHECK • Please make all checks payable to Cadence International. You can write the project number on your check or include a separate note. Please do not write names in the memo line. • Send to **PO Box 1268, Englewood, CO 80150**.

Project in Thailand – #13006 | Expanding ministry in other countries – #40055 | Project in Cambodia – #13004

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