

MISSION POSSIBLE 2018

Temple Christian College

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Total fundraising for
2017 was over

\$58,458.40

(after expenses)

for all projects

Mile End/Paralowie
Campus



It is a privilege at Temple Christian College to not only be involved in the education of young people, but also in their spiritual formation.

Our desire is that Temple students have an opportunity to nurture their faith in an honest and supportive environment, and in doing so, that they might develop a robust trust in God that will last a lifetime. Through all that we do we want to encourage students to find their place, their identity and their sense of meaning, purpose and mission in the grand unfolding story of God. Our hope is that their time at Temple will help them to develop skills, talents, understanding and experiences that will enable them to go out into the world and create culture that reflects the Kingdom of God "on earth as it is in Heaven". A significant part of this vision is to provide opportunity for students to experience short term mission trips in both Papua New Guinea and Cambodia. Trips such as these continue to shape the lives of our students as they learn more about themselves, the needs of our world and how they can participate in God's mission. We are also committed to fund raising for a number of different projects the school is involved in, and we are incredibly proud of the generosity within our school community. What an honour it is to serve God, and to live for a cause so much bigger than ourselves!

Mark Ryan,
Assistant Principal, Christian Life and Mission



CAMBODIA

Each year I visit Cambodia with our school team I encounter something surprising; something I haven't seen before. This year it was on a visit to Sunshine Cambodia, a project that we have visited many times before as a school.

After spending some time with the children that Sunshine minister to, we jumped in some tuk-tuks and went out to visit the community in which many of the children live. It was an urban slum in the Steung Meanchey district of Phnom Penh. Having travelled to Cambodia six times before, I thought I had seen it all, but this place was different again. The whole community is built on top of swamp land, into which raw sewerage is pumped from the surrounding community. As we walked across the makeshift boardwalk, and spent some time inside the ramshackle homes of the residents, there were frequent wafts of the most repellent smell you can imagine. And evidently this was a good day! There had been recent rain, and the water was flowing, which keep the smell and the mosquitoes at bay. From all reports when the

water stagnates, the smell is unbearable, the mosquitoes breed, and sickness ravages the community.

While visiting these kind of communities is difficult and confronting, we had the luxury of getting back on our tuk-tuks and returning to relative comfort. Meanwhile, the residents of the slum village live with that experience 24-hours a day. My hope is that exposing our students to some of the poorest people in our world may unsettle them, in the best possible way. That their perspective may be shifted, both in terms of how they see themselves and what they have, and in their desire to serve God and seek justice for the world's poor and oppressed.

In 2017 we travelled with 13 students and 4 staff, and once again it was a jam-packed itinerary. The trip began by spending a few days with our great friends at A Greater Hope Orphanage in Takeo. As school was taking a break due to the Pchum Ben festival, we were able to spend some more quality time with the beautiful kids who live at the Orphanage.

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It has always been a special time, and this year was no exception as we played games, did craft activities, walked to the top of the local mountain and had a morning out at the Wildlife Park.

On our return to Phnom Penh we greeted with 300 kids waiting for us at Andong Village, which was the first opportunity for us to run our program. What an experience that was! The kids were wild, we were disrupted by a huge thunderstorm, and at times it looked like chaos reigned, but our team did a great job singing songs, performing drama, face painting, making balloon animals and playing games. When the program was over and the kids returned to their village, we were able to sit down with Pastor Abraham and gain a better perspective of the difficult context from which the children come.

The team did a wonderful job connecting with kids everywhere we went. Over our two weeks we were able to visit a number of organisations that work with underprivileged and/or exploited children and their families. Along with those I have already mentioned, we spent time at Cambodia Care Centre, PIO, AusCam Freedom Project and PCL. We also had the privilege of taking the Destiny Rescue community out for an afternoon at the waterpark. Each of these organisations are doing a remarkable job providing educational, vocational and life opportunities for some of Cambodia's poorest families and are often also engaged in community development projects that go well beyond the classroom. While we visit these projects to learn, bring life and attempt to add value, it is ultimately a great gift to us as we are inspired and transformed in the way that we think and act.

Along with all of the practical mission aspects of the trip we were able to reflect on Cambodia's tragic history at the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, soak in the Cambodian culture at local restaurants, markets and a Cambodian circus, and as always we dressed in traditional clothes for our team photos. We finished our trip in Siem Reap, and after an exhausting 2 weeks, were able to move at a slightly slower pace

and debrief on all that we had learnt. We were able to visit the remarkable Angkor Temples, and hear the phenomenal story of Reaksa Himm and his survival through the Khmer Rouge regime – and then came up agonisingly short in a game of soccer against local kids at Reaksa's community centre.

It is so exciting to visit these projects and encourage them with funds that we have raised through the Temple community. It is having a significant impact in each of these places. I trust that the team has returned to Australia with many stories to tell, and with transformed lives, ready to join God on his great mission for the world.

Mark Ryan

Assistant Principal – Christian Life and Mission

Cambodia Missions Trip

is planned for
Term 3 Sept 17—Oct 1
for 14 days

*Total funds raised across both
campuses*

\$30,0000





Many children in Cambodia only go to school for the morning or the afternoon, not both, so they only get a few hours of education a day.

Historically the public system is inherently corrupt which means even attending doesn't necessarily mean learning well. It can be the case that families who can't afford to 'pay' their teachers don't get taught, and even for those who can, the standard of teaching may, in some cases, be so low as to be non-existent. It's possible for a child in Cambodia to get all the way through the system and learn very little, which perpetuates the poverty cycle. Also, many kids don't attend school at all, because their time is more important to their families as labour.

So this means there are a number of schools that work privately in Cambodia to try and do better. Often they substitute for the public system in providing a more robust, state-approved education. Sometimes they help to pull in kids who otherwise wouldn't go to school at all - like those who live in the slums and/or work in the rubbish tips - by working in the community with the families. Other projects are set up to provide supplementary education in the morning or afternoon where kids are not at school, teaching them English, hospitality and other skills to help them improve their prospects for earning a decent living.

That's how the idea for ConnectEd Cambodia came about. ConnectEd Cambodia exists to

connect resources from schools and businesses in Australia (and beyond) to education projects in Cambodia. Great work being done by outstanding people in Cambodia can flourish even further with a little more support, and we figure that there are lots of people just like us who are looking for opportunities to help. The physical, intellectual, financial and human resources that we have at our disposal have the potential to make a significant impact in Cambodia.

Since 2016 ConnectEd Cambodia has sought to partner with a range of organisations working with underprivileged and/or exploited children. We have been able to deliver books and computers, as well as fund scholarship programs and renovations to school facilities. We have been working with AusCam Freedom Project, who work with Cambodian girls that are vulnerable to exploitation, by supporting them through their education; the Cambodia Care Centre who minister to some of Phnom Penh's poorest people in the Deum Sleng Slum community; and PCL in Siem Reap who run a Learning Centre to supplement the education of local kids. As I write we are about to embark on another trip to Cambodia where we will deliver iPads and laptop computers, visit new projects and continue to deepen the relationship we have with our partner organisations. In particular, we are hoping to find ways in which we can help in the area of teacher training and development.

If you feel that you can help in some way with physical or financial resources, feel free to contact me through the school. You might also like to follow our Facebook page (ConnectEd Cambodia) to keep up to date with the projects we are supporting. We're excited about the possibilities, and we are looking forward to connecting some generous people with some very special projects.

Mark Ryan, Assistant Principal,
Christian Life and Mission.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA



I asked, "Did you enjoy the dance, cooking and craft lessons?" as we went into each classroom this morning to say goodbye. Every class gave a resounding cheer!

Angelika Blackman, Mary Blackman, Jasmina Curea, Tenniel MacKenzie-Campbell and Mrs Miriyam Kaladari did an outstanding job teaching lessons to classes from Reception to Year 8. They had to teach up to 5 classes in one day and did it in 30-degree heat with no fans or air-conditioning. But they were able to have cold showers back at the accommodation (because there was no hot water).

One highlight of the trip was being able to visit 2 villages and stay in one overnight. The village people are so welcoming and generous. It is humbling and challenging to see how generous they are with so little. I also enjoyed going back to the village we visited last year where we planted banana trees because we were able to eat the bananas that had been harvested.

Being my first time in PNG, was such an amazing experience being able to meet everyone for the first time. Seeing all the kids and being able to teach each class cooking lessons, made me fall in love with each of the students, seeing how happy and excited they all were just to be able to make and decorate cupcakes was a true blessing for me, although it was something simple, I was able to have a great time with each of the classes.

Throughout the 10 days we were also able to visit a

Village called Gaire, and although it was only for a night, the impact that the kids there had on me was huge and I miss them more each day. The hardest thing for me was clearly having to say goodbye to everyone on the last day. I will always have a place in my heart for them and I can't wait to go back next year and see them all again!

Jasmina Curea, Paralowie Campus

Going on the PNG Mission Trip for the 2nd time has been an absolutely incredible experience. God really opened my eyes this time and I saw things that I didn't see last year. I immensely enjoyed teaching Art to the Preps to Grade 8s at Sunrise Bethel Christian School. As soon as we arrived at the school, we were swarmed with students and teachers. They were all so welcoming, greeting us with hugs, handshakes and gifts. I had several highlights on the time but, one of them would have to be the overnight visit to Gaire village. Everyone in Gaire was so welcoming and friendly. It was a highlight to share at the Sunday School. At the Sunday school we shared the story of David and Goliath. I was so blessed to share a message at the Ark Ministry. The Ark Ministry is run by Bible College students and they round up children from settlements and teach them Bible stories and give them food. The challenge for me was having to say goodbye to everyone, it was amazing how we could form such great friendships in only 10 days.

Mary Blackman, Mile End Campus

"Most people are mirrors, reflecting the moods and emotions of the times. Some people are windows, bringing light to bear on the dark corners where troubles fester. The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows."

Sydney J. Harris

Papua New Guinea Mission Trip

Applications for travel July, 2018 now available from School Front Office.

Total fundraising amount given by both campuses

\$5,618.91



Mile End/Paralowie Campus

40 Hour Famine - August, 2018

WORLD VISION

Temple Christian College has a long and proud tradition of involvement with World Vision dating back over 28 years.

While we aim to raise as much money as we can to help needy people across the world, perhaps a more important goal is to teach our own students to be outward thinking and to realise that they are blessed to be born in an affluent nation and that they therefore have a responsibility to give generously to others.

There have been a number of changes to the World Vision project over recent years. For the past 3 years due to the downsizing of World Vision's Australian operations, there has been no Global Leadership Conference in South Australia and no South Australian staff workers. Resource materials are available on line and administrative support is provided via phone. Whereas in past years a specific nation was targeted for aid and educational resources aimed to educate the students about that country's needs, the current trend is more general and lately has been either the global food crisis or the plight of refugee children. The nature of fundraising has also changed: whereas our students used to collect

cash and issue receipts to donors, now most sponsorship for the 40 Hour Famine is done on line. Participation in the 40 Hour Famine is the main focus of fundraising for mission in Term 3. After the World Vision Leadership team has launched the project at assembly, students register, set up their fundraising page and start asking for sponsorship. For a number of years we have run the 40 Hour Famine in school time rather than on a weekend so that students have a feeling of community support. We finish the 40 hours of fasting from food, technology or furniture at lunchtime on the Friday. For the last 3 years, the 40 Hour Famine has been run as a year level competition with year levels competing fiercely to win the free pizza lunch at the end. So far the undisputed winners have been the Year 7 students who participate in large numbers.

The raising of sponsorship money is always supplemented by a number of other fundraisers such as BBQs, Casual Days and pancake breakfasts. These are managed by the leadership team who develop many skills of leadership, organisation and event planning and catering.

Mary Smith, World Vision Coordinator

*Total funds raised across both campuses
\$14,867.71*





DAUGHTERS OF GRACE

*Total funds raised for
Destiny Rescue was \$1,668*

Daughters of Grace is a girls' support group which was started in 2012 by a keen group of female Prefects.

It aims to build community and support, particularly for new girls to the school and to develop leadership skills for the senior students who organise the fortnightly meetings. At each meeting we have a devotional spot and make time to pray in our mentor groups. When everyone has finished their lunch there is a game or activity.

Since 2014, Daughters of Grace has also incorporated a mission project so that students learn to be outwardly focussed as well as nurtured. We are committed to sending \$150 per month to Destiny Rescue for their work in Justice House in Phnom Penh. Destiny Rescue works to rescue under-age girls in Cambodia from the sex trade and offers them accommodation, education and the opportunity to learn skills for alternative careers.

To date, any funds raised over our monthly commitment have been spent on gifts for the girls and staff at Justice House or have been donated to the work of the Cambodia Care Centre. In 2017 we raised a total of \$1,668 towards our project.

Daughters of Grace raise all their funds through the sales of food to the school community and on Open Evening. Every second Monday we sell lunch to students. This food is prepared by the Catering Corps of Daughters of Grace who set up stalls, cook and serve food. They work hard, giving up free lessons and lunch times to raise these funds. Last year we were awarded a grant of \$500 by Tabor Bible College and this is being spent on a mobile kitchen which will enable us to both cook outside and keep food hot as we serve it.

It is a privilege to mentor Daughters of Grace and to see the growth in both the new girls who join us and the leaders who give up their time to organise both our meetings and our fundraisers.

Mary Smith,

Daughters of Grace Coordinator

“Whatever you do for the least of these...”

OTHER FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

across both Campuses

A series of fundraisers organised by Year Levels and Care Groups donated money to a variety of charities within Australia. The following organisations were supported in 2017:

Bramwell House—Salvation Army

Uniting Care

Eternal Flame—RSL

Cancer Council

Lyell McEwen Hospital

Ronald McDonald House

Autism SA

Make A Wish Foundation

RSPCA

Diabetes SA

Starlight Foundation

Donation Aid Indonesia

Total funds donated across all projects was over \$5,000.

**WE'RE DOING
SOMETHING**

KIVA Project

Temple Christian College's KIVA project was started in 2010 by a keen group of Year 12s who wanted to make a difference in their world.

They created the student account which was later joined by the staff account. Even though the principal amounts have not been added to for several years, the money is loaned out and re-loaned to other borrowers all over the world.

KIVA is a micro lending organisation which operates globally. We donate money on line to our choice of recipients across 81 countries. Field workers in each country organise the distribution of funds to 'borrowers' or partners who post their stories and needs on the KIVA website. Donors lend money in \$25 loans which are then paid back as the borrowers get on their feet financially and pay back the loans.

KIVA projects include farmers asking for help to buy seed to plant, parents requesting help to send their children to school or village groups needing to buy vehicles to transport their goods to market. As the loans are paid back, the money becomes available to lend to someone else.

Since 2010, as a school, we have invested a principal of \$2181 but in 8 years that starting amount has been recycled and we have lent \$8100 to a total of 287 KIVA partners. The only money lost has been in transaction fees and we receive regular reports on our partners' progress and achievements.

In 2018 we plan to hand the KIVA projects over to a keen group of Year 11 students who aim to hold a fundraiser once a term to add to our principal investments. It is a rewarding and very easy way to help entrepreneurs in other countries less fortunate than Australia.



GENTS

Gents is back for another year and we have another wonderful group of Year 12 students who are passionate about seeing the young men of our school grow in their God given potential.

Gents is again focusing its fundraising efforts towards supporting families that have been affected by domestic violence by parenting with Bramwell House.

Bramwell House provides supported crisis accommodation for single women and women with children escaping violent homes. Most women will stay at Bramwell House until there is a vacancy at a Women's Shelter. Bramwell House is a short term crisis service and clients may stay approximately 3 months. Other women will find alternative accommodation after Bramwell House such as living with friends, family or travelling interstate.

Near the end of 2017 Gents held its first ever 'Boys night in' where close to 40 young men chose to stay at school on a Friday night and spend time together talking about God, relationships, struggles and their hopes for the future. It was a fantastic night where the young men from all year levels came together and shared openly about their lives and it was a blessing to see the Year 12 leaders praying with and for the younger boys of the school.

Mr Ben Potter, GENTS





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Term 4 missions focus is the Good Samaritan Christmas Gift Shoe Boxes for OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.

encouraged to pop in a Care Group photo and message of greeting and encouragement.

For some 40 years 'Samaritan's Purse' has been involved in practical ministry in many nations throughout the world giving aid to the poor, sick and suffering with food, medicine and other necessities of life. Operation Christmas Child specifically aims at brightening the life of individual children at Christmas time bringing joy and a small measure of respite from the difficult lives they endure.

Millions of children around the world are victims of war, poverty, famine and disease. They don't have too much joy in their life. This is just one small way we can bring a little light and hope to a child living under duress.

In 2017, Mile End and Paralowie Campus put together 186 shoe boxes and raised over \$1,888.60 Please be encouraged to continue this very good work.

This is a project undertaken by each Care Group for the first 5 weeks of Term 4.

Donated items can be left at the Student Service Office from the beginning of the year. Boxes are packed early in Term 4.

Student members decide on the age and gender of the child the gift box is being prepared for. Each Student is encouraged to donate small appropriate gifts. \$10 per box must also be raised to assist with freight and distribution costs. Care Groups are also



"He who is kind to the POOR lends to the LORD and HE will

REWARD him for what he has done.."

Proverbs 19:17

Key Fund Raising Events

2018

Mile End/Paralowie Campus

Casual Day's and

BBQ Lunches

each Term

\$2 donation

to wear casual clothes instead of school uniform. Dates will be advertised in the school newsletter

Mile End Campus

Quiz Night

The Shed

Saturday, June 2

PNG Fundraiser

Mile End Campus

Bush Dinner/Dance

The Shed

Term 3

Saturday, August 4,
6.00pm

Cambodia Fundraiser

Further information, dates and venue, will be advertised in the School fortnightly newsletter.