



OMAHA PARTNER CHURCHES / SCHOOLS UPDATE

Building a Garuna Christian School in Prey Veng, Cambodia
In Partnership with Garuna Ministries

Update #1: October 6, 2022

INTRODUCTION:

Garuna Ministries is so excited to be partnering with our mission friends from the Omaha area. We want you to feel a part of this mission project, even though you couldn't live much farther away from Cambodia—12 time zones away! So, we will be sending you this newsletter update **at least** once a month. There's nothing more exciting than "watching" God at work, and it's Garuna's desire to do all possible to help you stay up-to-date as your mission begins!

WHO'S PARTNERING IN THIS PROJECT?

To date, there are currently 9 churches and the Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha who comprise this mission partnership with Garuna Ministries. There's still time for other area involvement, too. The more, the merrier!

- Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church- LaVista
- Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha
- Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church - Omaha
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-Gretna
- GraceHill Lutheran Church - Elkhorn
- King of Kings Church - Omaha
- Lord of Life Lutheran Church - Elkhorn
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church - Springfield
- Pacific Hills Lutheran Church - Omaha
- St. John Lutheran Church - Omaha



WHAT IS THE SCHOOL PROJECT & WHERE IS IT HAPPENING?

You are building a Lutheran school in Prey Veng, Cambodia for children in grades K-6 who come from a very rural village. The families and children here are 98% Buddhist, and most have never heard about Jesus before. This is Garuna's 9th school in Cambodia, presently serving 1321 children with 7 schools in operation and the 8th currently under construction. You will be providing a Christian education 12 months a year for approximately 200+ children (like those in the picture above) with outreach to their families, a new church plant, and other programs which share Jesus' love and promises with people who have an openness to hearing the Good News!

WHAT WILL YOUR NEW SCHOOL LOOK LIKE & HOW IS YOUR MONEY USED?

Your gifts will provide two buildings to provide 5 classrooms, an office, the furnishings, and an outdoor handwashing & toilet facility. The construction includes soil filling and a border fence as you see at this school (below) established in 2019. (Garuna Christian School #6 in Siem Reap). This school now enrolls 320 students, has a Sunday School of almost 200 children and recently started a new church on site. In fact, we just constructed an additional classroom building to accommodate the growth.



IS IT A LUTHERAN SCHOOL? Yes, but we use the word "Christian" because that is better understood in Cambodia. In a non-Christian nation, denominational matters are often confusing.

WHAT'S THE PROJECT TIMELINE, AND WHAT'S BEEN DONE ALREADY?

Here is the site that was selected for your new school (3,000 m²)—a Cambodian rice field! With initial gifts sent from Omaha, the land has been purchased. We received the hard title and the construction permit is in process with the village leaders & our Cambodian attorney. We expect construction to begin soon!



We will send you regular photos & updates on the progress! The "harvest" truly is plentiful! **Pray for God's blessings and for final approvals!!**

NEXT ISSUE:

- Learn more about the site choice & how property is purchased in Cambodia.
- Hear more about how this Omaha Partnership came to be!
- Find out about an interesting Cambodian cultural tidbit!