Just The Beginning

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Adventist World Radio has a longstanding reputation for getting into the hardest-to-reach corners of the world using shortwave. But, our AM/FM affiliate radio stations around the world are also reaching many people in towns and cities where it is possible to air programs on these bands.

I’m sure you have considered how amazing God is, haven’t you? He operates the vast universe with absolute precision. At the same time, He sets in motion the very events needed to impact each and every person on planet earth for Jesus Christ.

Today, you will discover the amazing story of Tep Lon, Preak Phally, and Sophat Sorn. In reality it’s a story about God bridging continents and meticulously arranging time and events to draw these three souls together in fellowship of the Spirit.

Tep Lon was born in Cambodia but now lives in the United States. After she became a Christian she started traveling back and forth to her home country sharing her Methodist faith with her people. Many – perhaps many hundreds or more – accepted Christ. One of those converts was Preak Phally, a nephew. Preak eventually became a very successful pastor in his region.

Much More In Store
While visiting her village in Cambodia, Tep heard AWR’s Khmer language Voice of Love broadcast on shortwave radio [from Guam]. The program speaker was Pastor Sophat Sorn, whom Tep soon discovered lived in Stockton, California. When she heard this she could hardly believe her ears because she had once lived in Modesto, California – about 30 minutes from Pastor Sorn. Tep was so excited she could hardly wait to return to the states and visit him!

Once home, Tep attended pastor Sorn’s church on Sabbath and enjoyed it very much. Tep asked if she could have additional study material, so pastor Sorn supplied her with many CD’s over the next 6 months. She again called him and asked if she could spend a month with his family in study – to which he agreed. Tep was very impressed and excited by all she had learned. She was so excited, in fact, that she called her nephew in Cambodia, Pastor Phally and began to share with him what she had learned.

Pastor Phally liked what he heard from his aunt but he was reasoning, “If Pastor Sorn is very good in preaching and teaching the word of God, why does he worship God on Saturday.” Still, he wanted to talk with Pastor Sorn so Tep arranged for a phone call and soon – over the next six months—the two pastors studied together long distance. Phally in Cambodia and Sorn in California! In Pastor Sorn’s own words, “After 6-7 months of doctrinal study, Phally and his wife were baptized on May 5, 2012 along with 13 more members of his church.”

But this is not the end of the amazing workings of God.

According to pastor Phally, “After my baptism in the Mekong River I shared among Sunday pastors and other Christians about the Sabbath. They all feel very happy and are rejoicing and thanking God so very much. All of them have become Seventh-day Adventists now. God be praised!”

But he has just begun to witness! Listen to what he did just recently:

“Last week, I invited 20 Sunday pastors and Sunday church leaders who are so interested in Adventist teaching to have a Bible Seminar.”

Dear AWR friend, I want you to know that it is because of you and your gifts of love that AWR is able to broadcast the Voice of Love programs across Cambodia. The results are thrilling. Pastor Phally had this to say about the people of Cambodia and especially in relationship to the leadership of other denominations:

“They are so thirsty for the truth of God. There are hundreds of them, mostly as Sunday preachers of independent denominations.”

The interconnections of God’s stories today are just the “tip of the iceberg” for Cambodia!

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In His service,

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AWR President