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The Presbyterian Church in Cambodia



Report of Pastors' Families Retreat

Location: Kampot City

Date: May 14-16, 2026

A. Theme of Pastors' Families Retreat

Rev Pa Sokha, Rev Ruos Saruon, Rev Sun Kimsen, and Ps Smougn Lay came together to discuss and find out what are the need for our pastors and their families. After the discussions, our pastors have chosen a theme for the pastors' families retreat "Spiritual Disciplines".

B. Participants

This year, we hold a Pastors' families retreat in Kampot City on May 14-16, 2026. There are thirty-two people who attended the retreat, eight pastors and their wives and children, Rev Samuel, Dy Chanhak a cameraman and a PCC's staff. Rev Cheng Socheat and his families could not attend the Pastors' families retreat because they were busy with taking care of his mother-in-law was very sick and stayed in hospital in Vietnam.

C. Guest Speaker

Rev Pa Sokha invited Rev Samuel, a chairman of Methodist Church to the pastors' families retreat. He is over seventy years old. He has a lot of experience in preaching and ministry. He also has taught God's word in Methodist Seminary.

D. Teaching

On the evening, on the 14th of June, we have our first session on the boat. We start with worshipping God with some songs. Then we welcome our guest speaker, Rev Samuel, pastors and their wives and children. After that Rev Pa Sokha teaches us the book of Ephesian 5:22-6:3. He encourages the women to submit to their husbands as the head of the family. He thanks the women who support their husband to serve God, to lead and feed His flock, especially during the time of difficulties, sickness and discouragement. He also encourages all the men to love their wife as Christ loves the church. Men must love their wives as they love and care for their flesh. He also encourages their parents to take good care of their children, paying attention to them. He also encourages all the children to respect their parents and take a part in the ministry in the church.

On the 15th of June, Rev Orm Samuel teaches two sessions. The first session, 1. God has the plan for all of us. So, cling to God. 2. God's word is mighty (Jer 23:29, Heb 4:12, Gen 1:3-29). 3. Season of Life (Ecc 3:1-3) a. He causes (Matt 4:1), for 40 days Jesus is hungry, Jesus has a difficult time, and He is tempted, b. He allows (Matt 4:1, 1 John 2:16) Jesus

was tempted in three things, but he never failed, Job faced a lot of suffering but God paid back to him. God understands and wants us to experience; c. God stops (Gen 20:1-2), God stops bad things from happening to us. So we can do His will; d. God grows us (John 15:1-2) God doesn't want us to lose our souls. He wants to give us hope (Jer 29:11). Remember that before the crown is the cross. Paul boasted of his suffering. Through suffering, He makes us grow.

In the second session of today, Rev Orm Samuel has taught the differences of Man's and woman's brain and the different needs of both.

Man	Woman
Sexual fulfilment	Affection
Recreational companionship	Conversation
An attractive spouse	Honesty and openness
Domestic support	Financial commitment
Adoration	Family Commitment

After the teaching, there are Question and Answers: How strong is your marriage? What do you expect from your spouse?

Rev Saruon – I know my weakness. My wife prepares food for me, even though she is angry with me. After argument, she acts normally. My wife is good at managing money in the family. We both learn to negotiate with one another like bargaining at the market.

Rev Sokha – My wife and I are different. I am responsible in the family. I am wrong sometimes. I take care of my family. We both share the work load. My wife is so helpful to the church.

Puth Situn, Rev Kimsen's wife – In the church, I am a worship leader. I also help prepare food with the church's members for people to eat after church service.

So one flesh, we must have mutual understanding, learn to negotiate, converse/communicate. Thank God very much for the special helper!

On the 16th of June, the session, Rev Orm Samuel has shared his testimony how God chose him. He escaped to a refugee camp, Khav Y Dang in the Pol Pot's regime that led to genocide in Cambodia in the 70s because he wanted to go and live abroad. He asked his relatives for a Bible because his relative went to worship God. Then he received one Bible. He managed to go to USA. He did not want to die in Cambodia. He didn't want to be born again as a Cambodian people. He hated Cambodia because of the cruel regime of Pol Pot that wanted to kill him. In the USA, he went to church, but did not understand God why God wants to send him back to Cambodia. He negotiated with God because he did not want to come to Cambodia. By God's grace, he came to help Cambodia and share God's word with Cambodians.

E. Activities and pictures

On the 14 of June, we arrived in Kampot city and then we had lunch at Ma am Restaurant together. Then we checked in at Khemara Hotel.

Then we visited durian farm and ate durian together.





On first session is on the boat. After Rev Pa Sokha's teachings, we have dinner together. We go watching light bugs.





Rev Orm Samuel teaches us.





Praying to God together.



Playing fun and excited game.







Song performance by Pastors' children.



Eating lunch together



Photo together at Kep City



Seafood BBQ at Kep City



Communion together



Rev Pa Sokha presents love gifts to Rev Orm Samuel.

