



**AGRISTEWARDS**  
GLOBAL AGRICULTURAL OUTREACH MISSION

# Connections, Connections, Connections

One of the most amazing things God continues to do over and over through Agristewards is making connections.

For the sake of time I will try to be brief, but I don't want to leave anyone out. This was my third trip to Cambodia and each time Vatanak has been my translator. This year he felt prompted to invite people to our training through a monthly Christian newsletter. I met some amazing men through this invitation.



First, there was a French man named Andre. He has had a burden to help Cambodia with agriculture for three years. He was so excited to learn about FGW and the balance of spiritual, management, and technology lessons. He asked if he could go with me everywhere we went for the next week to learn as much as possible. I look forward to seeing what he accomplishes for the Kingdom.

Next, there was a father and son named Keat Kove and Virak Bun. Keat had an amazing testimony of what God had done in his life. He had been a forced laborer under Communist rule. He worked 362 out of 365 days a year and was served rice porridge two times a day. During the rainy season, he worked in the rice fields; during the dry season he helped build water retention dams by hand. When Vietnam raided Cambodia, Keat took the opportunity to flee to Thailand. He became a Christian at the refugee camp. His uncle saw his name listed with the Red Cross and sponsored him to come to America. He ended up in Hawaii working in construction. In a few years, God blessed him and he became a general contractor and he built custom homes for a living. He has returned to Cambodia with a passion to build a Christian retreat center. The Lord enabled him to buy up 200 hectares of land at the foot of a mountain. He visited Noah's Ark in Kentucky last August and intends to do something similar in Cambodia. He is currently planting fruit trees, wants to start growing vegetables, and was eager to learn the FGW method.



Next up is Jonatan Nicholardis. He and his family live amongst a Muslim community in Cambodia and were looking for a way to have an opportunity to share the Gospel. He looks forward to planting some demonstration gardens and let God, The Creator, amaze the locals!

Another man I met was Cnat. He is a former Bhudist monk, is now a pastor for New Life, and recently moved his family to Svay Rieng to plant a church. He wanted to use a FGW class to reach his neighbors and make new contacts in the community.



You could feel the Lord pulling on the heart of a participant named Barang. He joined the Sunday morning cell group and we visited his farm before leaving the region. He was getting ready to burn his crop residue and was excited he had been to the class and learned the importance of mulch/God's blanket. Please pray for Barang to give his life to Christ!

The final connection I wish to share with you is Project Khmer Hope, a mission project led by a church in Singapore. A lady from the Singapore church had visited Rwanda and was extremely impressed with something called Farming God's Way. She emailed Grant and Nikki Dryden and asked if there was a trainer in Cambodia. Nikki forwarded the email to me back in September. We arranged a training and I was blown away by all this organization was accomplishing. Deborah, the director of the center, is an older lady, full of fire and passion for the Lord. She had a burden for helping the local community with agriculture but didn't know where to start. She had been praying for three years for direction from God. She was beside herself with excitement as she sat in the class to learn along side them. I can't wait to see the progress this community makes with such a passionate director.



*"Thank you Lord for allowing me to be an adopted member of your family. Thanks for bringing just the right people at just the right time into my path. Lord bless those that have heard your message and bless their hands as they put into practice what they have learned so the whole world sees your handiwork!"*