

CAMBODIA MECHANIZED BOREHOLE

**2024 IMPACT REPORT** 

# **Gallardo Family**

"So Your ways may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations."

— PSALM 67:2





neverthirst exists to bring clean and living water to unreached communities worldwide.

And you're making that possible in Cambodia.

Thank you!



Friend, we are happy to share that your generous act of love has served as a catalyst for local pastors and believers to share the gospel within their part of the world. While using the tangible gift of clean water as an open door to share about Jesus Christ, more than 1 million people to date have received clean and living water through neverthirst projects.

This report is the visual representation of months of prayer, labor, and service. Today, we celebrate that many families now have a clean, safe water source. But more than that, because we partner with key local ministry leaders in the 10/40 window, these same families have heard the hope of the gospel — many for the first time.

Children no longer miss school to collect dirty water that causes them to be ill. Women are no longer suffering through long treks to a water source that has all but dried up. Men can work and provide for their families instead of paying for medicine or doctor's visits to care for their sick family members.

From the neverthirst team, and on behalf of those you have served, thank you. We are privileged to partner with you in this eternally impactful work.

With sincere gratitude,

Matt Letourneau

CEO

# **COUNTRY OVERVIEW**

# Cambodia

#### 144 OUT OF 189

The Southeast Asian country of Cambodia ranks low on the United Nation's Human Development Index (144 out of 189 countries), which measures the average wellbeing of all people in a given country.

#### 27%

27% of the rural population lacks access to clean water.

#### 51%

More than 6.3 million people (51% of the rural population) lack access to adequate sanitation facilities.



# 82%

82% of the population identifies as Buddhist and 19 of the 43 people groups in Cambodia remain unreached with the gospel. Our partners mobilize local pastors and churches to work alongside water projects where there is often no Christian presence. In this way, they help meet physical needs while sharing about Jesus Christ.

As we work in isolated, rural locations, we are focused on improving water access and quality for Cambodians through a variety of programs including:







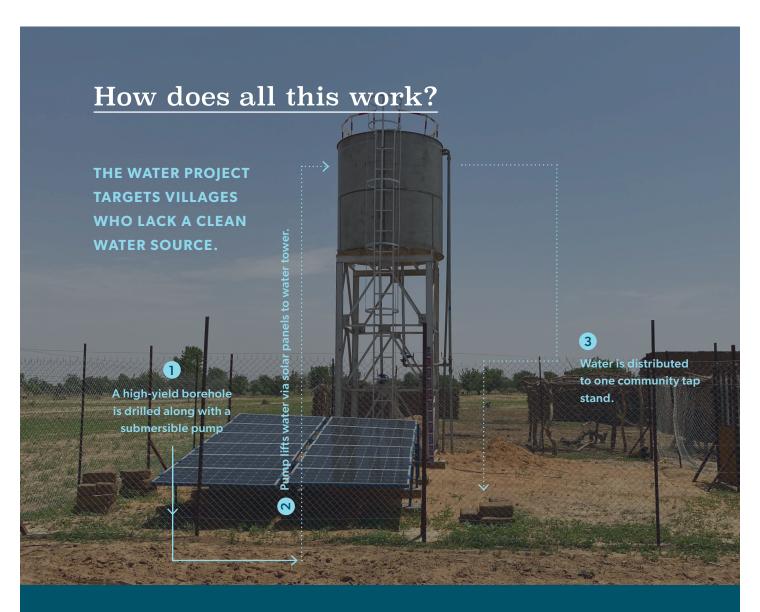
comprehensive school water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs

# **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

Your project began months ago as our local implementing partner surveyed and selected the villages where the need for safe water was the most urgent. In these locations, most people walk to collect contaminated water from a shallow open well, river, pond, or end up walking further to collect from a pump in another village

We worked with our partner to select the most appropriate solution based on the geographical context. A mechanized borehole is the most appropriate solution when the groundwater is too deep for a standard hand pump to adequately meet the needs of the people.

The focus for your project was to improve water supply to the village by drilling a borehole, installing solar panels to power a submersible pump that then supplies water to a central tap stand in the community. To encourage ownership, the local community also contributed to a future repair fund. Our partner, and the local church, then trained community members in operation and maintenance of the water system, safe water storage, sanitation, and good family hygiene practices. Completion of a water project is the culmination of a three-way partnership — your generous support, our local implementing partner, and the local church.



"My name is Noukan Bunsok and I am 30. My wife and I have two children. We live in Kiribas Kraom Village. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior four years ago. I was persecuted by my family and neighbors since then. But I've kept praying and trying to serve God because He is so good to me. I now lead a small Bible study group in my village.

When I worked alongside the neverthirst team, I had the opportunity to grow in the skill of sharing the good news of Jesus with my neighbors.

Five people have accepted Jesus Christ during this project. They come to worship service regularly now."



# **VILLAGE**

Kouk Thkov

# **DISTRICT**

Sangkum Thmei

# **PROVINCE**

Preah Vihear

#### **WATER POINT ID**

134.066



# **PROJECT LOCATION**



**Latitude** 13.449891

**Longitude** 104.758743



View your project's location.

# **BEFORE THE PROJECT**

# Previous water source

Collecting surface water (river, pond, stream)

Total time spent collecting water each day at previous source

1-2 hours per day

# **YOUR IMPACT**

# **Project results**

- Provided clean water for people in the area.
- Created a platform for the local church to share the gospel.

#### COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND CONTRIBUTION

- Formed a Water User Committee
- Trained in operation and maintenance of water project
- Raised a future repair fund
- Trained in safe water storage and good hygiene practices



# Clockwise from top left:

Walking to the previous source; Beneficiary at tap stand; Collecting at the previous source.

# **YOU VY**

"Hello! My name is You Vy and I am 35 and live with my five family members in Kouk Thkov Village, Preah Vihear Province.

I finished only grade 6 and was forced to drop out after that because school was too far away and I needed to help my parents to support our family. I have been married for 18 years and my husband is Lim Sok. He's 45 and we have three sons. Our main occupation is farming. We plant crops in the rainy season and provide labor in the dry season. We both worked hard to earn an income to support ourselves and send our children to school. Supplying water in our home is my responsibility. The pond is where I used to get our water. The water was murky and never enough for our needs. All the other families and cattle use this same water. It's so polluted. It took us about 1-2 hours to get water there. When the pond runs dry, we go about 4 miles away to another lake. It took us about 4 hours to get water there. We often had diarrhea.

The new water source eliminates our problems with water. Our health is improved and the amount of water we have meets the needs of all the people, all the time. It's really safe and easy, just turn on the tap and we get water. The water is clear and odorless and we can use it immediately, without further treatments. We have more time to work and our children have time to go to school."







# STORIES OF IMPACT



# Clockwise from top left:

New drilling or rehabilitation of borehole; Tap stand construction; Water tower; Solar panel installation.

# **CHEK NAN**

"My name is Chek Nan and I'm 52. I am married and we have five children. My wife is Lim Kheang. I've been the village chief for 18 years. I've lived here since our marriage in 1992. Most families here plant rice, and cassava, and harvest cashew trees.

We are remote, without access to water and electricity and there are about 60 families. Community ponds were the largest source of water in the village and served the people and the animals. We faced a lot of water-related challenges, like traveling far away and spending a lot of our time.

Just knowing about the clean water project, we were already happy. We hope we'll get better with clean water. Now we spend very little amounts of time getting water. The water is clean, colorless, and odorless. It's the cleanest water source we've ever used. We no longer worry about water and we can confidently send our children to get water on their own. This source extends beyond our expectations and enhances our lives."









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#### **SEN NHUB**

"My Name is Sen Nhub and I'm 53. I'm married and we have six children. My wife is Chey Moa and she is 51. She is a farmer. I'm a missionary and I've been serving this area since 2013. I've been a pastor since 2015. My family is from Sdau Village. We currently have 15 adults and 20 kids in our church, even though the people are very committed to their traditional beliefs. Reaching out to new believers was very difficult.

I joined the water project through the recommendation of someone on the Christian Committee in Ronak Ser Commune. Cooperation with this project has extended our reach to many people. As we fulfill the physical need, the people are very happy. As people voluntarily attend trainings, I can share about Jesus Christ and make new connections with them. Now that people know us and trust us, they welcome us into their homes and listen to what we have to say."





















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## **CLEAN WATER IS ESSENTIAL TO LIFE**

Yet today, more than 703 million people lack access to it. neverthirst provides access to this basic need through appropriate clean water solutions around the world.

# LIVING WATER IS ESSENTIAL TO ETERNAL LIFE

neverthirst equips gospel-centric partners to demonstrate the love of Christ to their neighbor through the physical gift of clean water, while equipping them to share the gospel among the unreached. neverthirst's mission is built around the success of the local church because we believe where there is clean and living water, life flows.