



Cambodia

Alta Glas has been leading the Veritas ministry in Cambodia since 2006. Here she shares some thoughts on the impact of the training:

Cambodia, the country of gentle smiling people, is approaching the end of its epic tragedy caused by the genocide during the Pol Pot era (1975-1979). The last decade has seen rapid economic growth and a pursuit of education and qualifications.

Cambodia now has freedom of religion, but often the truth of the Word of God is distorted through wrong interpretation and teaching. Veritas Cambodia is privileged to impact the developing church in the country by training pastors and church leaders at this time. Through the training they are obtaining knowledge and skills to interact responsibly with God's Word. They are excited about the impact of this on their own lives and the lives of others.

Saroun is a pastor who is often asked to teach in a big organization where many people have doctorates and master degrees and some participants are not Christians. This used to intimidate him, but as he has learnt to do proper exegesis and application, he is able to stand in front of them without fear and bring the message with confidence.

Chan Chrib cannot read or write. She says that through the training she has learnt that she is a new person in Christ and also now knows what Biblical principles are and how to apply them. She shared that she used to be a hard person who liked to create conflict but that she has learnt what forgiveness and patience really are.

Our prayer is that God will always remind us that it is He who does the teaching, leading and guiding, and that we, as Veritas Cambodia staff, are mere tools in His hands. I pray that David's words will ring true for all of us: "Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name" (Ps 86:11).



The staff: Samoun, Sok, Vanna, Saran and Alta



Marking meaning indicators



Grassroots training



Self study

Mozambique

Mozambique, lying on the south-east coast of Africa, was under communist rule for many years, but is now wide open for the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a country which is fast developing and this is particularly the case in Tete province where there is a lot of mining activity. This is also the province where most of the Veritas training is taking place.

Rev Riaan Terblanche and his wife Saretha were missionaries in Mozambique for many years. They now live in South Africa. Riaan who is a fluent Portuguese speaker, started travelling to Mozambique in 2007 to implement the Veritas training. He usually travels alone to remote areas in the country and battles with bad roads, difficult border crossings and mosquitoes! Although the training started in Tete it is also spreading fast into other rural areas and provinces such as Zambesia and Manica. There are now about 700 participants in training in Mozambique. We can really praise God for the growth in training!

At Milanje, Zambesia province, Veritas is training 20 facilitators in collaboration with Espanor. Espanor is an organization of different churches working together, training around 150 students, impacting society on many levels, which is also in line with the vision of Veritas College. Not only is leadership training taking place, but it is combined with agricultural development and child evangelism. We praise God that the children are very open to the gospel of Jesus Christ in contrast to many older people who are still involved in forefather worship.

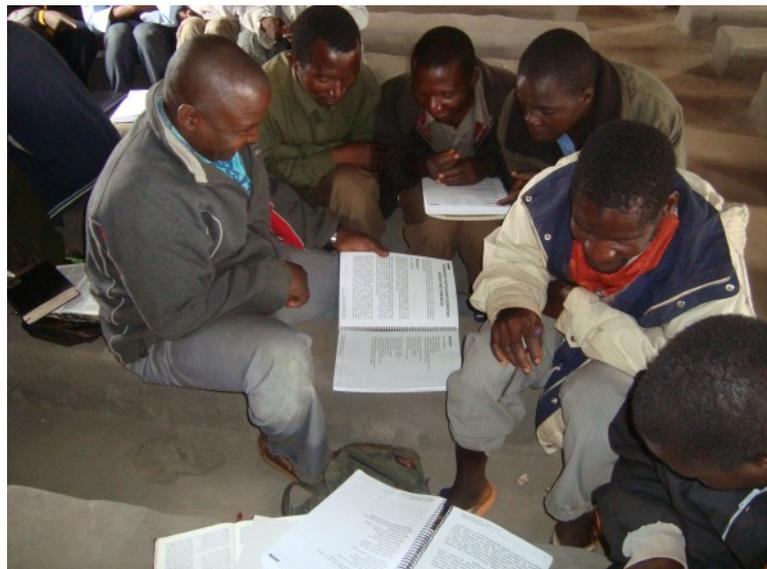
The facilitators in Mozambique are very dedicated and travel far to attend the training. Ivan Skinner recently accompanied Riaan and was touched by the fact that the facilitators in training worked late into the night on their exegesis. Pray that they will stand firm in the Lord.

The photo right, shows some of the students at Milanje who were very happy to receive new bicycles to take the gospel to remote areas.

Pray that Mozambique will stay receptive to the gospel of Jesus Christ and praise Him for the wonderful growth that is being experienced now!



Riaan in action



Hard at work



A happy student with his new bicycle

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