

# Kevin and Gillian Bird – What the Birds do

## Kevin:

Scripture Engagement and scripture access:

*"To identify gaps and obstacles to individual personal access to, and comprehension of, the Word of God by Cambodians (in the Khmer Language initially), and to take steps or identify pathways to resolve, minimise or remove these issues, in partnership with Cambodians and mission organisations, enabling personal access to God's Word for Cambodians in the national language, regardless of age, ability and education.*

*The work involves identifying projects, prioritising them, and completing them over time, and where possible, handing over responsibility and accountability for ongoing projects and activity streams to suitable Khmer nationals."*

Initially we researched available local language Christian resources (digital, paper) and then found ways to share these to pastors/mission organisations.

(Because of the different script, and accepted cultural practices, Google searches rarely find what you're looking for.)

Subsequent work involves creating and sharing ways for rural people to access these Christian resources e.g. via Facebook, and running six-monthly workshops to showcase new resources and upskill rural pastors with Biblical knowledge and skillset training in order to enable access to and understanding of the Scriptures and what Christian resources are available.

## Gillian:

Gillian works three days a week for an Assembly of God NGO called "Full Life Kids" in Battambang which runs a Christian school (Sala Hope Battambang), and six Hope Centres which are an "out of school" support program in rural villages to help children achieve more at school and provide holistic support including Christian content.

She is involved in curriculum guidance, preparing literacy and numeracy resources, and the training and up-skilling of teachers to help them to become more effective and know how to use the resources.

Additionally Gillian supports the Christian resource work, literacy and pastor's workshops Kevin is engaged with.