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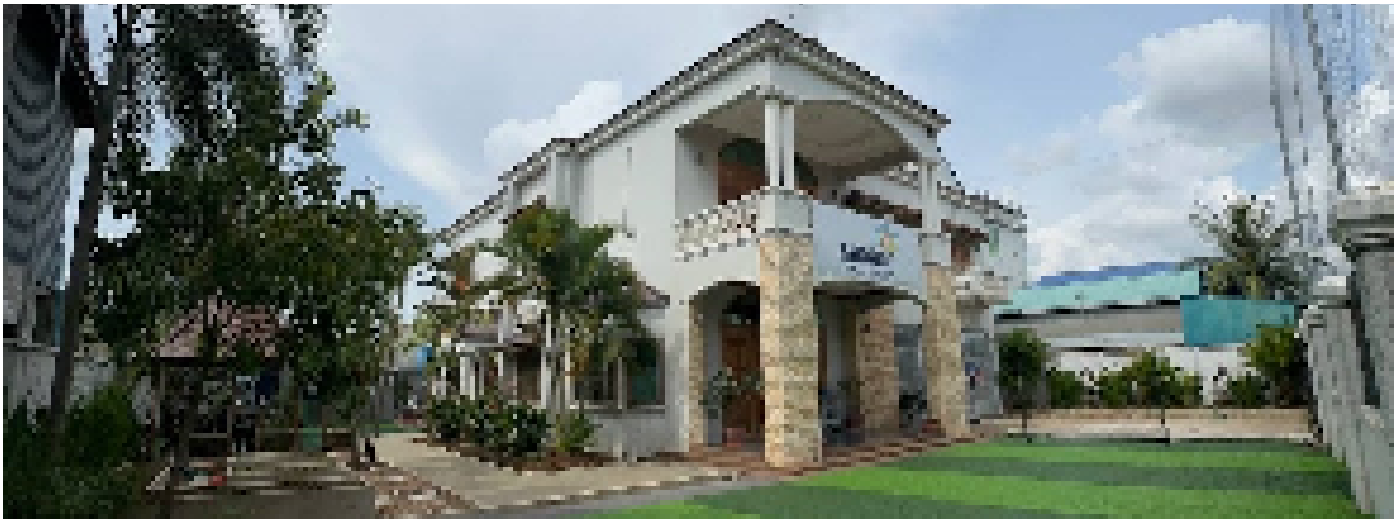
Quarterly Newsletter

GALILEE FOUNDATION

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📖 Editorial

Unless the Lord Builds the House



Following His Lead, In His Time

The past several months have reminded us that following the Lord sometimes means pausing, surrendering our plans and allowing Him to redirect our steps.

Earlier this year, Galilee Foundation (GF) explored establishing a Christ-centred preschool in Bavet, Cambodia. Yet changing circumstances led us to reconsider our approach and seek God's direction afresh.

What seemed like a pause has opened the door to a deeper relationship with Worthy & True (W&T) [https://worthyandtrue.org/] and Shine School in Phnom Penh—and the possibility of a long-term Kingdom partnership built on shared calling, faithful stewardship and Christ-centred education.

Through this journey, we are learning to ask not merely what we can accomplish for God, but **what He is building and whether our hearts are aligned with His.**

May we remain available, obedient and faithful—trusting His provision, His power and His perfect timing.

"Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain."
— Psalm 127:1

Galilee Team

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CAMBODIA | CHAPTER 1 - When God Redirects the Journey

From Bavet to a Bigger Question

Our Cambodia journey began with a burden to bring affordable, quality, Christ-centred education to underserved communities.

Bavet appeared promising. Through Pastor Chanthorn and other Christian leaders, encouraging relationships developed with churches, pastors and potential educators.

However, regional and economic uncertainties led GF to reconsider the timing of the proposed preschool. Rather than press ahead, we chose to pause, pray and seek the Lord's direction.

During this season, our relationship with Dr. Nikum Pon and the W&T team deepened. Their work at Shine School and wider educational vision invited us to consider a different pathway.

The question gradually changed from **“How do we establish the school we planned?**” to **“Lord, what are You building, and where are You inviting us to participate?”**

Our burden for Bavet remains, but we are learning to trust God's direction rather than our preferred methods and timing.





✨ Reflection

> Sometimes God's redirection is not the end of His purpose, but an invitation to understand it more deeply.

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart…” — Proverbs 3:5

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CAMBODIA | CHAPTER 2 - Seeing the Vision Up Close

Beyond Buildings and Programmes—Lives That Matter to God

Our earlier short-term mission visit to Shine School offered a precious glimpse of Christ-centred education in action. Returning in September allowed us to better understand its educational vision, teachers and aspirations.

Shine seeks to integrate academic learning, Biblical values, character development and care for the whole child, with a longer-term vision extending through Grade 12.

As we watched the children learning, interacting and playing, we were reminded that **this journey is ultimately about lives—not buildings or institutions.**

Every child is precious to God. Every teacher has an opportunity to shape young lives. Every family carries hopes for the next generation.

We thank God for Dr. Nikum, Kim, Jessica and the Shine team, and their commitment to serving these children.

Kingdom work often unfolds through simple acts of faithfulness—**one child, one teacher, one relationship at a time.**





✨ Reflection

Behind every great Kingdom vision are individual lives whom God loves.

"Let the children come to me..." — Mark 10:14

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CAMBODIA | CHAPTER 3 - From Project to Partnership



Fellow Stewards of What Belongs to God

As conversations deepened, GF and W&T began exploring something beyond support for individual education projects: a possible long-term Strategic Kingdom Partnership, bringing together our respective gifts and resources for a shared calling.

W&T brings educational experience, Cambodian relationships, an established school and a vision to reach more children. GF hopes to contribute through prayer, governance experience, stewardship, relationships and resources as God provides.

Our desire is neither to take over W&T's work nor become its sole funder, but to strengthen leadership, accountability, sustainability and future Cambodian leadership.

Over several months, both teams have prayerfully discussed vision, governance, educational quality and responsible stewardship, with openness and mutual respect.

We are learning that **Kingdom partnership is not about who controls the work, but how we faithfully steward what belongs to God.**

May Christ remain at the centre as trust deepens and the journey unfolds.

✨ Reflection

> Partnership before ownership. Mission before funding. Faithfulness before outcomes.

“For we are God's fellow workers.” — 1 Corinthians 3:9

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CAMBODIA | CHAPTER 4 - Seeking His Will Together

26 September 2026 | Shine School, Phnom Penh

On 26 September, GF and W&T gathered at Shine School for an extended time of prayer, listening and meaningful discussion.

Together, we explored Shine's future, leadership development, educational quality, stewardship, sustainability and opportunities to reach more Cambodian communities.

Yet beyond the plans and practical questions lay something more important: **the alignment of our hearts with God's calling.**

We asked the Holy Spirit to reveal any gap between our desires and His will—any fears, assumptions or personal ambitions needing surrender.

Our prayer was for humility to respond honestly to God, unity rooted in His purposes, and willingness to follow His leading.

We were also reminded that **faith and careful stewardship go hand in hand**. Difficult questions, responsible decisions and clear accountability are expressions of faithfulness.

We thank God for the openness of both teams and entrust the journey ahead to His provision and timing.

May the Lord continue to unite our hearts before He unites our hands in the work.



✨ Reflection

True unity begins when each heart is surrendered to the same Lord.

“Not my will, but yours, be done.” — Luke 22:42

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CAMBODIA | CHAPTER 5 - The Road Ahead

Faithful Steps, Not Presumed Outcomes

Where might this journey lead?

W&T's vision extends beyond Shine School to reaching more Cambodian communities through Christ-centred education.

An emerging pathway begins with strengthening Shine's leadership, educational quality and organisational foundations.

The immediate focus includes Dr. Nikum's proposed transition to full-time leadership, developing Cambodian teachers and leaders, strengthening the K–12 curriculum, student support, and progressing toward appropriate licensing and accreditation.

Looking ahead, W&T envisions Regional Hubs to develop educational capacity and future leaders, followed by Green Village Schools serving underserved communities.

These are aspirations, not predetermined GF funding commitments. Each step requires prayerful discernment, responsible stewardship and God's provision.

GF seeks to complement—not replace—W&T USA, school income and other appropriate funding sources.

Our desire is not merely to help the work grow bigger, but stronger, deeper and more sustainable.

We entrust the journey and its timing to the Lord.



✨ Reflection

> We may not know every step ahead, but we know the One who leads.
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> *"Commit your work to the LORD..." — Proverbs 16:3*

OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY - Before God Works Through Us

He Continually Works in Us

Our GF–W&T journey has reinforced a precious truth: **before God works through us, He continually works in us.**

We can be busy serving, planning and pursuing worthwhile ministries, yet still need the Lord to search and realign our hearts.

Discipleship@Galilee is more than fellowship or Biblical knowledge. We desire to know Christ deeply, abide in His Word, depend on Him in prayer, surrender daily and faithfully bear witness to Him.

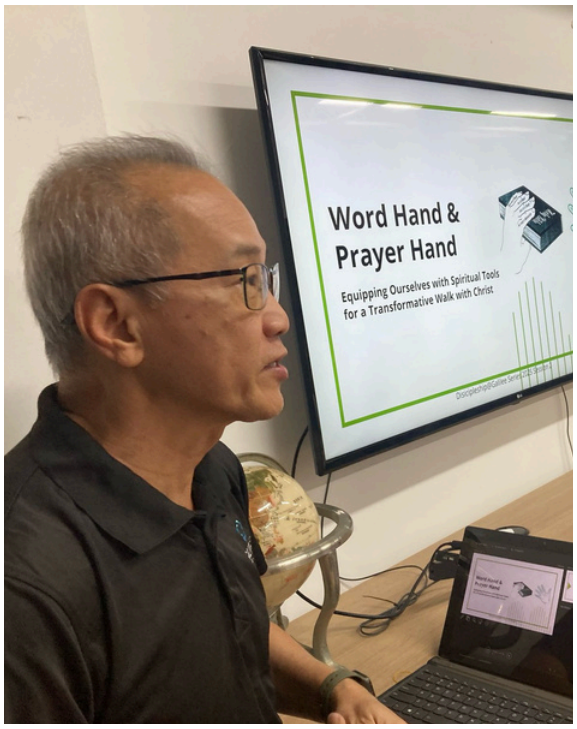
Whether serving families in Singapore or exploring opportunities in Cambodia, the question remains:

“Lord, am I truly available to You?”

As Discipleship@Galilee resumes on 15 October, may we encourage one another to practise surrender—not merely speak about it.

May our desire be not simply to do more for Christ, but to know, love and obey Him more faithfully.

Lasting fruit comes from abiding in Him.





✨ Reflection

Before asking God to use us, are we allowing Him to transform us?

“For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” — Philippians 2:13

Page 8 — Our Team

SERVING TOGETHER - Faithful Where God Places Us



Different Gifts. One Lord. One Calling to Serve.

We thank God for the brothers and sisters He continues to bring alongside Galilee Foundation—each contributing through prayer, relationships, practical service, professional expertise or generous giving.

Our calling is not measured by the number of programmes undertaken, but by faithfulness to those God entrusts to us.

Program Champions discern, develop and steward ministry initiatives.

Program Associates demonstrate Christ's love through befriending, listening, sharing meals, serving and sharing their testimony.

Discipleship@Galilee encourages us to grow together by developing spiritual habits in God's Word, prayer, surrender and faithful witnessing.

As we enter the final quarter of 2026, may we serve with renewed hearts, willing hands and deeper unity.

Different gifts, one Lord—and the joy of serving together for His glory.



✨ Reflection

> God does not call everyone to the same task, but He calls each of us to faithfulness.
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> *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another..." — 1 Peter 4:10*

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Pray. Give. Serve. Give Thanks



As we reflect upon the past quarter, our hearts are filled with thanksgiving for God's faithfulness.

We thank Him for the relationships He has opened, the opportunities to serve, the lessons learned through waiting, and the encouragement of brothers and sisters who continue to journey with GF.

We also recognise that much remains unfinished.

There are people still to be reached, families to be encouraged, children to be nurtured and decisions to be prayerfully discerned.

We invite you to continue journeying with us.

PRAY
Pray for humility, wisdom and discernment among the GF and W&T teams. Pray for Dr. Nikum, Kim, Jessica, the teachers and children of Shine School. Pray for strong Cambodian leadership, faithful stewardship, and clarity concerning each next step. Above all, pray that God's will—not our preferences—will prevail.

GIVE
Continue supporting GF's ministries through the resources God has entrusted to you. May every gift be offered prayerfully and stewarded responsibly, for the blessing of those in need and the glory of Christ.

SERVE
Consider how God may be calling you to participate—through personal relationships, prayer, professional expertise, mentoring, practical service or other gifts He has given you.

GIVE THANKS
Rejoice with us in the ways God has been leading, correcting, encouraging and providing. May we never become so occupied with the work that we fail to recognise the One who makes it possible.

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Looking Ahead with Thanksgiving and Trust

Upcoming Events

15 Oct — Discipleship@Galilee 2.0 (7.30pm to 9.30pm)

19 Nov — Discipleship@Galilee 2.0 (7.30pm to 9.30pm)

17 Dec — Discipleship@Galilee 2.0 (7.30pm to 9.30pm)



🌿*With Gratitude*

We began this journey thinking we might build a school.

Along the way, God has been teaching us something deeper.

Before asking what we can build for Him, we must first ask what He is building—and whether we are willing to join Him.

We do not know exactly where this journey will lead. But we know the One who leads us.

So we move forward prayerfully—available, surrendered and faithful—trusting His provision, His power and His perfect timing.

May we witness His hand so clearly that all glory, honour and thanksgiving belong to Him alone.

"This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." — Psalm 118:23

Thank you for reading!

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