

Bethlehem Star of Peace ID

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What is an ID? The Cambridge Dictionary says your ID is something you use to prove who you are. It is your identification. In psychoanalysis the “**id**” includes your most basic needs and emotions, the deepest part of your being. So, what is BSOP’s ID as of today?



This is the report of the **Bethlehem Star of Peace International Directors (ID) Dennis & Melody Nordine** based on recent extended visits to Thailand and Cambodia spending time with each of the 15 fieldworkers currently deployed. Part one will briefly describe the “ID” of BSOP-Cambodia today—the identity and core ministries of each fieldworker there.

Aide Rose (most people call her “**I-D**”) is part of a multi-national team catalyzing a church planting movement in Anlong Veng (AV), Cambodia. This region is perhaps the most underserved and unengaged region of Cambodia. When Aide joined the multi-national team, there were no established churches in AV. Today there is a growing mother church and outreaches in several villages and towns. Aide spearheads the ministry to youth and kids. This involves tutoring programs as well as evangelism and discipleship among youth.



Last week a beautiful community library building was dedicated that serves students in AV. Aide’s team provided that building and our Reinforce Cambodia USA participants helped with the final cataloguing of books.

Aide works in counselling youth and families as a part of her disciple making.



This week there are 660 youth registered for camp in Anlong Veng. These youth come from Khmer Evangelical Churches (KEC) across Cambodia. Pray that this event will build up the youth participants and serve as a witness to youth and families in AV of God's transforming work in Cambodia.



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Glenda is right now at the Anlong Veng youth camp with delegates from her church. She serves youth, families, and community kids at Bethlehem Church which has just started a second daughter church in a rural community where members have relatives or contacts. Glenda trains the children’s teachers for her Battambang city church as well as the two outreaches. She is part of the HIV-positive family ministry and the team that engages kids and youth in the first outreach in RDK. Her passion for the future is to increase the size of the youth group in Bethlehem church and build more lifelong disciples there.

Glenda serves as Field Director for BSOP Team Cambodia making sure everyone stays safe, healthy, and legal with the Cambodian government.

Ann is also at the AV youth camp with youth from Bethany Church in Thomokol, Battambang. She has a large ministry



with 21 youth in discipleship classes and 24 kids in English. One of her disciples has graduated from the KEC Bible

Institute and now serves full time at her church. Two more youth enrolled at the Bible Institute in Phnom Penh recently and will graduate in two years—hoping to return to Bethany for ministry. Ann has trained a group of teachers to lead ministry among children and youth. Ann is exploring the opportunity to move to an older, weaker KEC church in Battambang City to help

revive their youth and outreach ministries. They have a good building and location in the city but need a new visionary worker. She could possibly transition to there in 2025. Ann’s father was in a fatal motorcycle accident in April. She went home for his memorial service but is still grieving and recovering from that experience. Pray for her family’s emotional strength. Her dad was an active Christian in their church in the Philippines.



Mary Jane “**Bing**” has served in Battambang for 16 years. She taught at Legacy of Hope Christian school for over ten years and then started the Shine ministry to concentrate on evangelism and discipleship, within the context of starting and strengthening churches. Shine has small group and individual meetings.



Bing was a major catalyst in starting WAB Church and still helps with their teaching, preaching, and outreach ministries.



One of her disciples, shown above, was baptized this year. Bing also leads Bible-infused life skills classes for culinary students at Green Mango Restaurant and teaches an evangelistic Bible study for two large student dorms. She influences both the dorm staff and residents.



Reinforce Cambodia took place November 1-7. Ginny and Sue spent the week with Aide Rose in Anlong Veng. Dennis & Melody spent the week with the “stars” in Battambang. We saw God at work in reaching Khmer people as well as healing team members. Our BSOP fieldworkers in Cambodia are amazing, effective, gifted women of God!



Flindy is completing her third year in Cambodia and is becoming confident in her everyday use of Khmer language. She's still trying to master the specialized vocabulary and structure of "government Khmer" used in report forms. She is part of the staff of **Rapha House**, a residential facility to help restore girls who have been trafficked for labor or sex. Flindy is one of eight Rapha staff who work with the Prevention Program that engages about 100 families in an at-risk community providing them with preschool, life skills classes, structured play time, and age-appropriate Bible classes. Because this program has the blessing of the government, there are also many forms and reports to complete regularly.

Flindy also engages young adults at BCC Church helping them grow and become more active in serving in ministries in their church.

Jenny is Client Services Director and supervises the 21 caregivers plus cooks and a nurse at "Big House" in the secure compound built by Rapha. Their goal is to transition girls back into their own home and family, if it is safe, or to find a new home. Recently when four clients were making that move back to their families, someone asked one girl, "**What are you going to take home with you from Rapha House?**" Her answer was, "**I'm gonna bring Jesus with me!**"

Jenny also serves on the oversight team that guides the three locations of Rapha's ministry in Cambodia. She's a problem solver—like when a client tries to run away. She's a staff counsellor when her team has professional or personal problems. She's a safe, older sister to talk to. She's a source of spiritual wisdom in regular Bible classes as well as staff training sessions. She serves as an advisor to the National Director of Rapha in Cambodia. They are working together on training staff to be stronger at critical thinking and to replace the normal practice of workplace *competition* to one of *cooperation*. In a ministry that is filled with potentially stressful situations, Jenny is building a team that she can trust and who trust her—that lowers everyone's stress level.

Jenny is BSOP Cambodia's Field Treasurer and serves as encourager of all BSOP stars.

