

## MCC VISION, MISSION & PHILOSOPHY OF EFFECTIVE MINISTRY (POEM)



### VISION

To preach the Kingdom of God and to Heal the sick  
“And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” - Luke 9:2

The Vision of MMCC is to see a fully staffed mission training hospital that is: Cambodian-led; training national healthcare workers to care for the impoverished and underserved; partnering with local & global churches; facilitating church growth locally & provincially; and maintaining the 4P mission of MMCC with regional outreach centers.



### MISSION

*MMCC has a 4P mission: Proclaim, Provide, Prepare & Partner:*

**PROCLAIM:** Christ in word and deed

The animistic worldview teaches that one’s circumstances, like poverty and illness, are the result of bad things they have done, possibly in a previous life. The Christian worldview teaches that our sins have been paid for and that we can and should seek to improve our circumstances. We are passionate about demonstrating Christ’s compassion and mercy through the care we give and the words we share. We share the opportunity for Cambodians to know the hope, justice, and fullness of life in Christ.



**PROVIDE:** excellent healthcare to the poor

Since its founding in 2000, MMCC has remained committed to evidence-based, cost-effective, and holistic medical care. We limit our volume of patients in order to spend sufficient time with each one.



**PREPARE:** healthcare workers & mentor staff

MMCC is intentional about building capacity for sustainable change by mentoring and training Cambodian doctors, nurses, and allied professionals as well as village lay healthcare workers. We are a bi-cultural bridge community; missionaries invest in Cambodian staff, who go out to reach their country for Christ. In addition, we actively encourage spiritual growth of our staff and students, through discipleship, Bible study and partnership with local churches. Teaching preventive and community health to patients is also a priority.



**PARTNER:** with like-minded workers & the Cambodian church

MMCC is a multi-organizational, multi-national partnership. Our expatriate staff represents six different church-planting mission organizations worldwide. We also work hand in hand with the Cambodian Church and over 100 like-minded Referring Partner organizations to share the good news, incorporate new believers into the Body of Christ, and give excellent, compassionate medical care to the poor. Our global partners sustain ministry through serious prayer, awareness, and financial support.



## PHILOSOPHY OF EFFECTIVE MINISTRY (POEM):

MMCC is a facilitative development ministry:

- Facilitative (vs. pioneer) ministry focuses on investing in the national staff to carry out the ministry.
- Development seeks to grow the capacity of staff and patients over the long term as opposed to temporary emergency interventions (relief).

At MMCC, we are careful to line up all our decision making with our 4P mission statement. Some examples of how this philosophy is lived out day-to-day in the ministry are as follows:

**PROCLAIM:** the good news through National workers

Cambodians who may have heard about Jesus, have also heard that he is “the God of the foreigners.” So at MMCC, the national Cambodian workers are the primary evangelists. Our Missionary staff are welcome and encouraged to share the Gospel with patients, but we suggest doing so with national workers, so patients see that Jesus is the God for all people, including Cambodians.

**PROVIDE:** a development approach

Poverty is an ongoing situation, which requires a development approach to change. Disasters such as floods or famine are crises situations, which require relief. At MMCC we feel it is important to not treat poverty as though it requires relief. Therefore, we are not a free clinic, opening our gates to whomever lines up. Each patient at MMCC carries a referral form from an approved MMCC referring partner, who knows the patient well enough to provide a social assessment. Depending on this assessment, each patient participates in providing for their own care, even if in a very small way. This approach, along with deliberate efforts in preventive health education, help patients to improve their own situation. And our approach keeps the flow of patients at a good rate for teaching and relational spiritual outreach.

**PREPARE:** with mutual learning

You may have heard the phrase, “Give a man a fish and you have helped him for a day; teach a man to fish and you will have helped for a lifetime.” Sounds great! But not if he already knows a whole lot more about fishing than you do! At MMCC, our missionaries are not here to do the work themselves, but to do it WITH the national staff. We learn from them, what we could not have known otherwise, and they learn from us, what their education system does not yet offer. We provide training where it is needed and empower them with the work.

**PARTNER:** with long term relationships

At MMCC we are committed to developing partnerships that are truly helpful to, and would no way compromise, our 4P Mission. Therefore, we only receive short term volunteers who are committed to MMCC through ongoing partnership. We know that our partners are committed to learning and growing with us. The short-term involvement of our international partners is carefully designed to enhance the long term work.



#### NO SHORT-TERM MOBILE CLINIC TEAMS

In recent years, research has been published regarding problems associated with mobile medical clinics (When Healthcare Hurts, Seager, Greg, 2012). Unfortunately, globalization has popularized large short-term teams doing mobile work, however, there are major concerns. These include competition for local doctors, lack of continuity of care and language translation mistakes that lead to dangerous results. The Cambodian Ministry of Health has also raised concerns for similar reasons. Due to these concerns, MMCC generally does not utilize large mobile clinics with foreigners as part of our ministry strategy. We do, however, seek to mobilize our national staff for community health initiatives.



#### FUNDRAISING

MMCC has a fundraising policy which serves to strengthen our Partnerships by clarifying the responsibilities of both MMCC and its Partners.

We promise to stay under our system of accountability and our partners are asked to commit to regular, non-designated giving so that we may budget and plan accordingly. MMCC Leadership is accountable to the US Non-profit Board of Directors (MMCC, Inc.) for all funding endeavors.



#### HEART CHANGE & WORLDVIEW

At MMCC we recognize that true heart change only happens through the transforming power of Jesus Christ and the holy spirit in the lives of believers. This is why evangelism and discipleship are our main priority.

#### THE BIBLE

We also recognize that worldviews are rooted in underlying core beliefs. Worldview changes as hearts change, but this is a process of learning to discern cultural vs biblical norms. This is why the Bible is our text; it transcends cultures.

#### PRAYER

We recognize that Satan is active and can use things like a false worldview and/or poverty to hinder people from seeing the freedom of Jesus Christ. We recognize that God works through his people and that prayer is powerful and effective (James 5:16). This is why we focus on prayer and ask our partners to do the same.



For more information on MMCC see [www.mercymedcambodia.org](http://www.mercymedcambodia.org)

