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Do you collect things? My sister collects spoons. I have seen them in her living room mounted in nice displays. My daughter collected NBA basketball cards in her youthful days, volumes of which are in my attic turning a dingier shade of yellow each year by Fresno summer heat. When I was a kid, I collected coins. I still have them somewhere, and when I die, a numismatically-minded family member will inherit them and sell them on eBay. I have a small collection of pocket knives in a little wooden box with real brass hinges made by my dad in 1939. I have other collections: political buttons and pins, stamps, too many baseball hats, lots and lots of books (although they are now all stacked in cyberspace). I also collect geckos, metal ones.

I didn't intend for my beloved geckos to become a collection, but it happened, and now they cling noiselessly and motionlessly on my fence, observing me as I flip hamburgers; all in an irregular yet ceremonial line just above my 60,000 BTU barbecue (which is why it is good they are made of metal).



My first visit to the kingdom of Cambodia was in 2010. Seven years later I still remember the wave of excitement I felt when I boarded my flight to that strange country. Since 2010 I have been to Cambodia eight times.

In 2010 I traveled there with a pastor friend to help a young man who had been deported. I had no plan of how to help him, I simply went and asked the Lord to guide me. In about a week I leave for trip number 9, this time I have a plan. One of the highlights will be a conference for young men (The Institute for Pastoral Leadership and Development) who have been deported; former gang members who feel called to be pastors. We will spend time working on preaching, leadership, and pastoral development.

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Van Veth (center) leads a group of deportees in Battambang. He will be one of our attendees.

I was in need of help with the purchase of conference items; mainly books and printed materials, and also bus traveling expenses for one of the guys who is coming from a city several hours north of Phnom Penh. **Through the generosity of several donors these costs have been covered!** Thank you.

What else can we do to help train young pastors in Cambodia? More study tools are needed, and with the first wave of expenses paid, I can take more materials and provide more services and training. Can you help?

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