



Dear friends,

I am Father Vincent Chrétienne, the new parish priest of Chomnaom. For almost three years, the community no longer had a parish priest. On December 1<sup>st</sup>, Bishop Kike will install me in the village. I am French, 34 years old, in Cambodia for 3 years. I am not a Jesuit, like bishop Kike, but a diocesan priest from Paris Foreign Missions Society, a congregation present in Cambodia since 1664.

This letter is an opportunity to contact you and to give you some news of Chomnaom. The Christian community is doing well, despite a difficult year, due to lack of water. Rice crops are not very good. Cambodia's economic situation is difficult since the health crisis. There are no tourists. That is why we continue to give a lot of rice to the poor families of the village



Mass in Chomnaom

In the parish, we have many projects.

First, we constitute a new team of catechists. Some young people in the village study the Scriptures. This is a very important point because the Gospel is the heart of our presence here. We need your prayers to support our mission in Cambodia, especially in Chomnaom. But the encounter with Christ is first of all the Eucharist. That's why we will build a new altar. At the present, there is an old altar very dark. We want to create a stone altar with relics of Sainte Thérèse of Lisieux.

Second, we will build a new building for the nursery school. At the moment, the school is located in the presbytery. We need to create a place dedicated specifically to children, with big classrooms and toilets. It's a project of about \$30,000. We are still short by \$15 000. This project would allow us to accommodate 150 children. Indeed, we have 6 teachers for only four classes and 100 children.



Youths with bishop Kike

If you want to receive more news from Chomnaom, you can follow us through our Facebook page: Catholicchurch Chamnaom. You can see the different events of the village.

Be sure we continue to pray for you and your families. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in your faith.

Fr. Vincent Chrétienne