

CAMBODIA



2026 PROJECT REPORT

Takeo, Cambodia · January 19 – February 5, 2026
A report to our churches, crew members and their families





Thank you.

Dear friends,

This January, 47 of us got on planes from ten different states and landed in Cambodia. We spent our days on a job site in Takeo, working beside our partner Ly Mak and the Lifesong Learning Center. By the time we headed home, block walls were up and the steel roof was going on a new school building for the kids of that community.

None of that happens without you. Every church that prayed, every family that sent a husband, dad or son, and every crew member who covered his trip fee and then worked hard in the heat — thank you. You made this possible.

We promised to be open with you about the money, so this report shows what came in, where it went, and the places where our books still need some tidying. We would rather show you our work than hand you a polished number we can't back up.

Thank you for trusting us with your gifts and your prayers. Cambodia is better for it, and so are we.

With gratitude,

Aaron Keller

MOVE Ministries

A NOTE FROM AARON

The project at a glance

A new school building at the Lifesong Learning Center in Takeo Province, built by a MOVE crew alongside our field partner, Ly Mak.

47

men who
traveled

10

home states, from
Alaska to Ohio

1

school building raised:
foundation, walls, roof

PROJECT SNAPSHOT



WHAT WAS BUILT

- School foundation and concrete floor slab
- Concrete-block classroom walls
- Steel roof structure and metal roofing
- Windows, classroom doors, a walkway and a front gate
- Crew housing on site: bunk beds, mattresses, A/C, generator and water

WHERE & WITH WHOM

Takeo Province, Cambodia, at the Lifesong Learning Center.

Field partner: Ly Mak / Lifesong, who bought local materials, hired local labor and set up housing for the crew.

Trip dates: January 19 – February 5, 2026.

Where the money went

Crew trip fees and restricted gifts paid for this project, and every restricted gift went to building materials. Here is how the funds were used, in plain numbers.

FUNDS RECEIVED

\$179,542.83

Trip fees \$162,550.00 (48 billed; 47 traveled)
Restricted building-materials gifts, net \$16,992.83

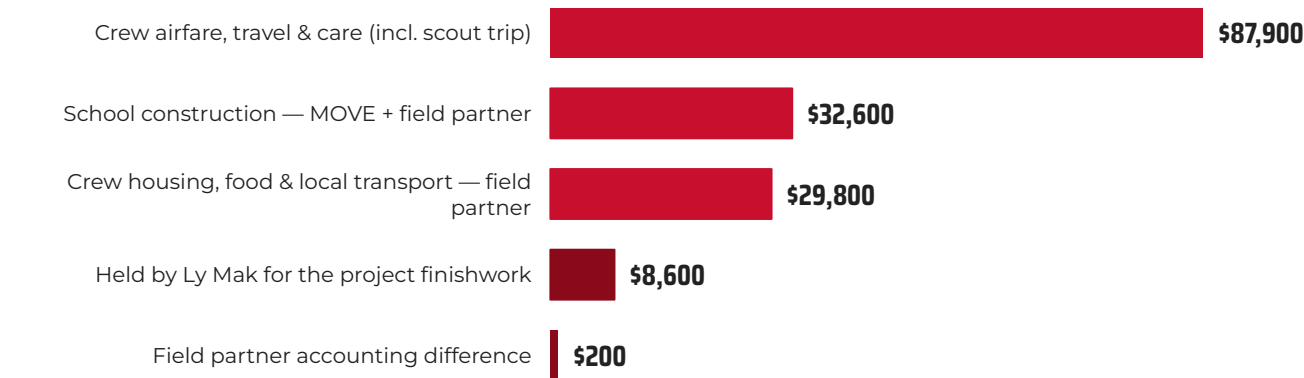
FUNDS USED & COMMITTED

\$159,076.62

Spent, plus funds left with Ly Mak for finish work

Funds used	Amount
Crew travel & care (airfare, bus, visas, insurance, hotels, gear, in-country crew cash, Mar 2025 scout trip net of reimbursement)	\$87,908.40
Construction & materials paid directly by MOVE (pre-trip + in-country)	\$6,818.22
Field partner costs through Ly Mak / Lifesong (building materials include all \$16,992.83 of restricted gifts)	\$55,723.00
Held by Ly Mak for the stucco, tile, and paint (transfer and cash)	\$8,627.00
Total used & committed	\$159,076.62
Funds remaining, rolled forward to Costa Rica 2027 (trip fees alone covered total costs with \$3,473.38 to spare after the scout trip)	\$20,466.21

BY PURPOSE (bars rounded to the nearest \$100; exact figures on the next page)



CASH THAT CAME HOME

MOVE sent or carried \$104,500.00 to Cambodia for the project. When the work was done, \$32,948.00 had not been needed and was deposited back into MOVE's bank account. It is not counted as spent above. Every project we take a contingency for the crew and for building materials in case of emergency.

Project Statement of Activities

MOVE Ministries — Cambodia 2026 Project • Project activity January 2025 – February 2026

Cash basis, prepared from MOVE project records. Unaudited. All amounts in US dollars.

REVENUE	Amount	Total
Crew trip fees received (48 billed; 47 traveled)		162,550.00
Restricted gifts for building materials, gross (Open Bible Churches, 2025)	18,880.92	
Less: 10% administrative fee (retained by Open Bible Churches)	(1,888.09)	
Net restricted gifts — fully spent on building materials		16,992.83
TOTAL REVENUE (trip fees + net restricted gifts)		179,542.83
EXPENSES — Crew Travel & Care		
Airfare (total booked by MOVE)	66,621.29	
Ground charter — Des Moines / Chicago bus, round trip	7,674.06	
Visas (Cambodia e-Visa)	1,500.00	
Travel insurance	1,558.00	
Hotels, travel delays, baggage & seat fees	1,246.49	
Scout trip, Mar 2025: \$7,888.63 less Sunshine Open Bible reimbursement \$1,602.52	6,286.11	
Crew gear, T-shirts, name tags, magazines & mailers	1,948.95	
In-country crew cash	1,073.50	
Total Crew Travel & Care		87,908.40
EXPENSES — Construction paid directly by MOVE		
Pre-trip tools & materials (US)	690.13	
In-country materials, paid in cash	6,128.09	
Total Construction — MOVE		6,818.22
EXPENSES — Field Partner (Lifesong / Ly Mak)		
School foundation	7,163.00	
School building materials (incl. 16,992.83 funded by restricted gifts)	18,580.00	
Crew housing setup & equipment	16,482.00	
Ground transport & excursions	4,793.00	
Food, cooks, helpers & cleaning	8,508.53	
Difference of accounting (per MOVE records)	196.47	
Total Field Partner		55,723.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		150,449.62
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES		29,093.21
Less: left with Ly Mak for finish work (tile, stucco, paint; estimate)		(8,627.00)
FUNDS REMAINING — rolled forward to Costa Rica 2027		20,466.21

Trip fees alone covered total costs with \$3,473.38 to spare after the scout trip; all trip fees are now received.

MEMO: Restricted gifts: Open Bible Churches, 2025 gifts for Cambodia building materials. Gross \$18,880.92 less the 10% admin fee of \$1,888.09 kept by Open Bible Churches (not a MOVE expense) = \$16,992.83, fully spent on school building materials, not on crew care or contingency. Scout trip detail on page 6; its \$4,500 cash to Ly is already in the wires. Trip fees billed \$162,550.00; all received, none outstanding. Cash sent or carried to Cambodia \$104,500.00; unused cash returned to MOVE's bank \$32,948.00 (not an expense). Riel converted at 4,000 KHR = \$1. See Reconciliation Notes (page 14) for open items.

Getting the crew there

Most of every trip fee goes to getting a crew safely across the world and back. Every dollar here was paid by MOVE by card, check or reimbursement, including the March 2025 scout trip.

Category	What it covers	Amount
Airfare	Crew airfare booked by MOVE, Sep – Nov 2025 (total booked)	\$66,621.29
Ground charter	CTI Charters bus, Des Moines ↔ Chicago O'Hare, round trip	\$7,674.06
Visas	Cambodia e-Visas for the crew	\$1,500.00
Travel insurance	FaithVentures crew coverage	\$1,558.00
Hotels & delays	Pre-departure and delay hotels; one Korean Air delay charge	\$571.89
Baggage & seats	Checked-bag fees and Korean Air seat selection	\$674.60
Crew gear & materials	T-shirts, team colors, name tags, crew magazines, mailers, team gear	\$1,948.95
Scout trip (Mar 2025), net	Flights \$7,428.63 + e-visas \$150.00 + honorarium/tip \$310.00 = \$7,888.63, less Sunshine Open Bible reimbursement of Evangeline's airfare (\$1,602.52)	\$6,286.11
In-country crew cash	Phnom Penh excursion & Killing Fields, market, snacks, crew meds, airport transport, replacement camera	\$1,073.50
Total crew travel & care		\$87,908.40

CREW TRAVEL & CARE



Materials MOVE bought directly

Tools and supplies bought in the US before the trip, plus materials the crew bought with cash at local shops in Takeo and Phnom Penh.

Item	Where / when	Amount
Electrical, construction supplies & tools	Amazon, Aug & Nov 2025	
Site plans	Staples, Aug 2025	
Tools & construction materials	ACME, Nov 2025 · Menards, Jan 2026	
Pre-trip tools & materials (US)		\$690.13
Roof steel (deposit)	Phnom Penh Roofing, Jan 22	\$3,288.40
Scaffolding	Thomata Steel, Jan 22	\$1,485.00
Lumber, form boards, cement board & screws	Takeo Lumber / Takeo Steel / depot, Jan 22 – Feb 3	\$880.36
Electrical wire	Jan 21	\$263.00
Plumbing — water tube & PVC	Jan 22	\$146.08
Small tools, blades, batteries, welding wire	Jan 22 – Feb 2	\$34.50
Washers & batteries paid in riel	KHR 123,000 at 4,000 = \$1	\$30.75
In-country total		\$6,128.09
Total construction paid directly by MOVE		\$6,818.22

Pre-trip total covers the Amazon, Staples, ACME and Menards receipts, including Amazon tools and Menards materials; recorded total \$690.13.



Our field partner: Ly Mak

Ly Mak bought most of the heavy materials locally, hired local labor, set up housing for the crew and arranged meals and transport. His handwritten summary is backed by about 180 pages of receipts, most of them in Khmer.

Category	What it covers	Amount
School foundation	Cement, #14 rebar, stone, gravel, sand, fill, steel hoops, concrete slab & floor, labor	\$7,163.00
School building materials	Cement mixer & wheelbarrows, scaffolding, walkway, windows & doors, blocks, roof steel, rod, lumber, sand & gravel, diesel	\$18,580.00
Crew housing setup & equipment	Bunk beds, mattresses & pillows, air conditioners & electrical upgrade, generator, water, kitchen & bathroom supplies	\$16,482.00
Ground transport & excursions	Buses, van, beach lunch, boat + Killing Fields + lunch	\$4,793.00
Food, cooks, helpers & cleaning	Meals and local staff for the crew	\$8,508.53
Total per Ly Mak's summary		\$55,526.53
Total per MOVE expense report		\$55,723.00

Difference of accounting —
MOVE books use \$55,723.00

\$196.47



FIELD PARTNER

Every transfer, in the open

Money moved to Cambodia by bank wire to Ly Mak, cash hand-delivered by Aaron, and trip cash withdrawn from MOVE’s bank. Dates are shown as recorded.

Date (as recorded)	From → To	Sent	Received
12/4/2025	MOVE → L. Mak (wire)	\$9,600.00	\$9,550.44
12/11/2025	MOVE → L. Mak (wire)	\$8,500.00	\$8,461.53
12/18/2025	MOVE → L. Mak (wire)	\$6,900.00	\$6,913.08 *
1/8/2026	MOVE → L. Mak (wire)	\$8,700.00	\$8,661.00 †
1/13/2026	MOVE → L. Mak (wire)	\$9,200.00	\$9,161.00 †
1/15/2026	MOVE → L. Mak (wire)	\$7,100.00	\$7,061.00 †
Wires subtotal		\$50,000.00	\$49,808.05
3/24/2025	A. Keller → L. Mak (cash)	\$4,500.00	
6/22/2025	A. Keller → L. Mak (cash)	\$5,000.00	
8/20/2025	A. Keller → L. Mak (cash)	\$10,000.00	
Total to field partner		\$69,500.00	
1/14/2026	MOVE US Bank → A. Keller (trip cash)	\$35,000.00	
Total cash to Cambodia		\$104,500.00	

CASH & WIRES

WHERE THE \$104,500 ENDED UP

Use	Amount
Field partner expenses (Lifesong / Ly Mak), net of wire fees (\$55,723.00 less \$191.95)	\$55,531.05
Construction materials bought by MOVE in cash	\$6,128.09
Crew cash spent in country	\$1,073.50
Left with Ly Mak for finish work: tile, stucco, paint (estimate)	\$8,627.00
Wire fees & exchange (sent \$50,000.00, received \$49,808.05)	\$191.95
Returned to MOVE’s bank account	\$32,948.00
Total accounted for	\$104,499.59
Difference	\$0.41

† Received amount not recorded; estimated as sent less a \$39 Western Union fee per wire. * The 12/18 wire shows more received than sent (kept as recorded); the trip-cash withdrawal typed 1/14/2025 is 1/14/2026. Aaron hand-delivered the 6/22/25 cash while Ly was visiting the US and the 8/20/25 cash in Cambodia. Wire fees and exchange total \$191.95; MOVE’s \$55,723.00 field-partner figure includes them, so they are split out above and the \$0.41 difference is unchanged.

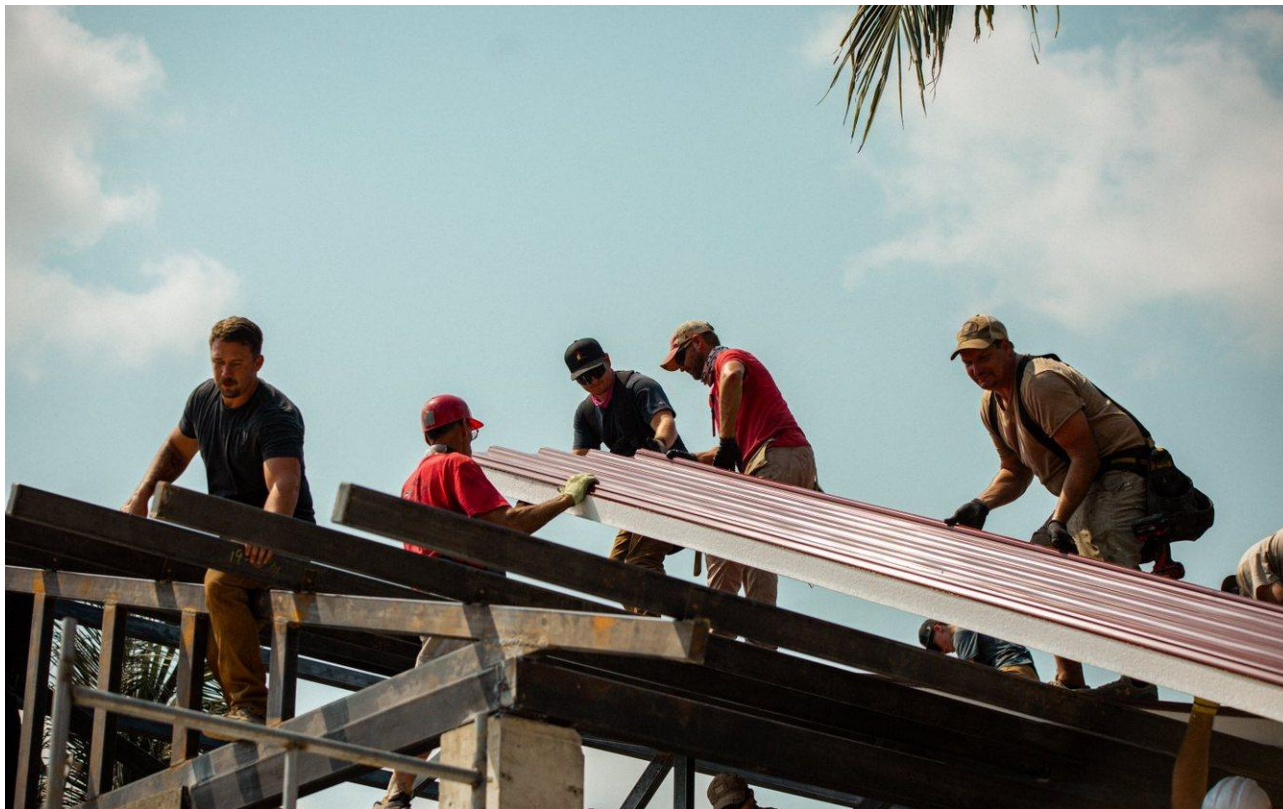
Block by block

ON THE JOB SITE



Laying block, welding roof steel, and working the mixing station under the shade cloth.

A roof over the classrooms



RAISING THE ROOF



“Let us rise up and build.”

NEHEMIAH 2:18

Who it's for



WHY WE BUILD



The building is concrete and steel. The point is the kids.

Every block the crew set is a place where children in Takeo can learn. Thank you for sending men to build it.

Dedication day



DEDICATION



“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.”

PSALM 127:1

Reconciliation notes & open items

We'd rather show the loose ends than hide them. Here is how we handled each place where the records needed a judgment call, and what is still being tidied up.

- 1. Airfare.** \$66,621.29 is the crew airfare MOVE booked. The itemized flight list in the expense report was incomplete, so this report uses the booked total.
- 2. Construction paid by MOVE.** \$6,818.22 = \$690.13 before the trip (Amazon, Staples, ACME, Menards tools & materials, as recorded) + \$6,128.09 in country.
- 3. Field partner total.** MOVE's books use \$55,723.00, which includes Ly Mak's school foundation (\$7,163) and building materials (\$18,580). His handwritten summary adds to \$55,526.53; the \$196.47 is a difference of accounting, and MOVE's records are the basis.
- 4. Funds left with Ly Mak.** \$8,627.00 was left with Ly Mak in good faith for finish work: tile, stucco, paint and classroom materials. It is an estimate; Ly has not sent an invoice breakdown.
- 5. Restricted gifts.** Open Bible Churches gave \$18,880.92 in 2025 for Cambodia building materials. After its 10% admin fee (\$1,888.09), \$16,992.83 came to the project and was fully spent on school building materials.
- 6. Scout trip.** The March 2025 scout trip cost \$7,888.63 (flights, e-visas, honorarium), less Sunshine Open Bible's \$1,602.52 reimbursement: \$6,286.11 net, shown in crew care. Its \$4,500 cash to Ly is already counted in the transfers.
- 7. Wires, dates & cash count.** The last three wires had no received amount recorded; each is estimated at sent less a \$39 Western Union fee. Wire fees and exchange total \$191.95 (\$50,000.00 sent, \$49,808.05 received). The 12/18/25 wire shows \$6,913.08 received on \$6,900.00 sent, kept as recorded. Aaron confirmed the dates: the wire typed 1/13/2027 is 1/13/2026, the trip-cash withdrawal typed 1/14/2025 is 1/14/2026, and he hand-delivered cash to Ly Mak on 6/22/2025 (Ly visiting the US) and 8/20/2025 (Aaron in Cambodia with his church). \$104,500.00 went out and \$104,499.59 is accounted for: a \$0.41 difference.
- 8. Possible overlap.** Killing Fields appears in crew cash (\$240) and in Ly Mak's boat + Killing Fields + lunch (\$1,198); airport transport appears in crew cash (\$400) and in Ly's buses (\$1,350). Confirm they are separate costs.
- 9. Trip fees & funds remaining.** All 48 billed crew members are paid in full (\$162,550.00 in trip fees, per the February registration report). After all costs and the funds left with Ly Mak, \$20,466.21 remains; it rolls forward to MOVE's next project and will be applied to Costa Rica 2027. Trip fees alone covered total costs with \$3,473.38 to spare after the scout trip.



THANK YOU

To every church, crew member and family who made Cambodia 2026 possible: you put a school on the ground in Takeo. We can't wait to build with you again.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS REPORT?

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