

4am

Vibol's husband Tin gets up, and rows half an hour away to set up his fishing lines and pots.



6am

Vibol rises with the children and helps them get ready for school. They can't afford to have breakfast.

7am

Brother and sister Tan (8) and Keo (11) leave for school. Their friends living close by have come to pick them up in their boat, so five of them wind their way through the waterways to get to school.



8am

Vibol and Tin sell their morning catch to a fish trader – hopefully earning enough to be able to buy rice and cover the costs of medicines for the family.

8am to 11.30am

Vibol takes care of nine-month-old David, and cleans the tiny one-room home, before preparing lunch of



rice and soy sauce which is ready in time for when the children arrive home from school.

12.30pm

The children return to school in the afternoon, heading back by boat. One of the children tethers the boat to the school veranda, before they all run inside their classroom before the bell sounds.

1pm to 4.30pm

Tin spends the afternoon fishing, and Vibol continues to look after David and repair the side of the house, to stop the rain from pouring through the palm leaves. Mid-afternoon, Vibol travels by boat with her neighbours to an hour-long literacy class being run by Bible Society at the Mission of Mercy Church in Mechrey.



4.30pm

The children arrive home from school.



5pm

Tin returns home from fishing.



6pm



The family sit down together for their meal of rice and soy sauce. Tin reads the Bible to the family.

6.30pm to 8pm

After dinner, Tin helps the children with their homework, before the whole family turn in for the night – sleeping in an area that's been partitioned off from the main living area by a wall of flattened cardboard boxes.



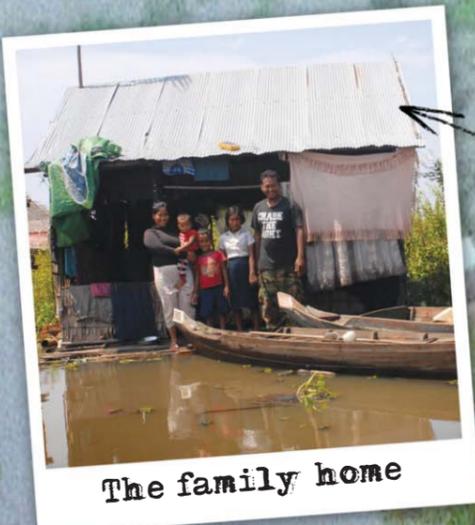
Day in the life of Vibol and her family

Vibol has lived in Mechrey floating village almost all her life. She married Tin when she was 16. The daily grind of poverty is almost overwhelming at times; the children are malnourished and often sick. The family rarely have enough money to pay for healthcare and medicines. But thanks to Bible Society, they have a Bible – and they trust in God for their future.

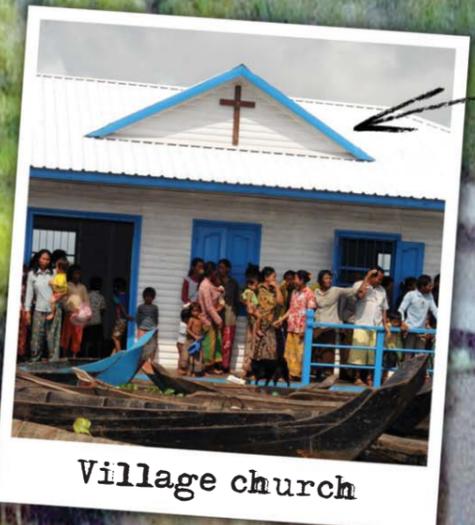
Tin rows 30 minutes
from home this way...



Tin fishing



The family home



Village church



Children off to school



Vibol with her Bible

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