

BRINGING THE *Light* BEHIND THE DOORS OF DARKNESS

The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

MATTHEW 4:16

December 2014 Update

Dear Praying Friends,

After spending a few months in the states reporting what God has done, as well as the next step in our journey with Jesus, we are back in Southeast Asia. We arrived on Friday, November 21 and are gearing up for the next step in the glorious journey with our Lord. Exciting times are ahead I am sure! The ministry here in Phnom Penh reminds me so much of the early days at Pacific Baptist Church when she was known as Cambodian Baptist Church. We are thankful for the great work that was started in Long Beach over 26 years ago by my brother that has now extended to three different countries in Southeast Asia with plans to one day go to China.

Please pray for God to use us in Cambodia, even as we are adjusting and adapting to a new country and culture!

Our first weekend here was such a blessing. Being able to, once again, be a part of the services here in Phnom Penh was exhilarating. What a joy to see so many, especially so many young people coming with a hunger for the Lord and His Word. One of the many blessings from our first weekend here was to have so many folks come to us personally or share in the service, during testimony time, and thank us for our willingness to leave the comforts of home to come and serve in their country.



Service in Phnom Penh



Men's Choir

One ministry that we are seriously pondering and praying about is reaching the young college age students here in Phnom Penh. There's a boatload of them. There are two things that many of them have in common. They want a better life than their parents had and they want to learn English. Please pray with us to have the wisdom and creativity to reach these dear young people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with His love. Dave and Debbie Board and my wife and I spent a couple hours at a coffee shop with Mora (see picture below), who recently trusted Christ, and a few of the other employees. We had a great time and we definitely see much potential!



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Mora & Naren

Please pray for Mora's growth in Christ and for Naren's salvation!

Being "back in the saddle again," here in Southeast Asia and the 1040 Window, I am once again reminded of the great need for more laborers who are willing to leave the comforts and conveniences of America to bring Jesus to such a dark part of the world. You can't walk down the streets or drive down the roads without having your heart touched by the great need. Seeing both the physical and spiritual poverty that is just a way of life here is gut wrenching. For those of you who have not seen the various brief videos on our site, I encourage you to do so. Check us out at <https://carrithelight.wordpress.com/media/>

Please pray for more laborers for Cambodia and the other 68 countries in the 1040 Window!

The next four weeks will be very busy as we will be flying into the "restricted" nation in which we served. Along with getting together with the team we led for 15 months, we will be preaching for three different congregations and doing some teaching for a handful of national pastors. We will also be going into Thailand and be preaching twice for a two day Men's Meeting with four or five different churches from two different countries in attendance. From there, we will be going to Bangkok along with members from our three teams in Southeast Asia, sent out of Pacific Baptist Church, where we will be getting together for a few days of teaching and training.

Please pray for God to use these different opportunities to exalt Christ and edify His church in these countries!

As Thanksgiving Day has come and gone, my wife and I wanted to take a moment to thank all of our family, friends, and supporting churches for your faithful prayers and financial support. My wife and I are debtors, not only to the Lord Jesus Christ, but to each and every one of you. Thank you for being concerned with us for a lost and dying world and, above all, for loving the Lord Jesus enough to be a part of His worldwide cause!

For His Glory in the Nations,

Johnny and Denise Esposito

Psalm 67

