

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 7, 2015

Greetings in Christ!

Denise and I, along with Joy, Sue, and the rest of our team here in Phnom Penh pray that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that the upcoming Christmas Season will be a blessed one as we keep in mind the true "Reason for the Season," and His name is JESUS!

We are so grateful for your continual and consistent prayer and financial support. We couldn't be here without you holding the ropes back home!

I have been back in Southeast Asia for exactly one month. Talking about being busy and blessed, with all that has happened in the past month, it seems as if I have been back for months. From day one, with God's help, I hit the road running as soon as arriving back in Southeast Asia. If you follow me on Instagram or receive my regular Blog Updates that go out every 8-12 days, you have been able to see the goodness of God this past month.

Let me share briefly just a few of the many highlights from this past month that I shared in greater detail on previous Blog Updates:

- It has been a blessing to start discipling a few of the guys that I was working with prior to going back to the states for a short trip. I am especially grateful for the opportunity to spend time weekly with Kosal; who just got engaged to a sweet girl from our Psa Thrach church. Also, looking forward to spending a couple days a week both learning the language and discipling Abraham beginning this week.
- It was a blessing to be able to preach for our Psa Thrach church on a Thursday PM, Sunday AM, and Sunday PM. More than half of these folks are Cham (former Muslims) and the rest are Khmer. Just the fact that they are worshipping together and serving one another is a testament of the miraculous power of the Living God.
- God has really given me many opportunities to share the Gospel with folks who have been very open. While only one grandfather and a 19-year old mother made a professions of faith over the past three weeks, Vannak, Man, and I had the opportunity to share the Gospel with 28 different people. We are praying to God for a handful of salvation decisions from this group of people.



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- Just prior to our leaving for Bangkok we had our “Celebration Service.” This is something we do every six weeks or so, it is always a special blessing. Our three churches and various village ministries get together for one huge service. There are always testimonies, many different specials from the different groups, and of course, the preaching of the Word. This past Celebration Service we even had a baby dedication!
- Last week all three of our teams in Southeast Asia met together in Bangkok for fellowship, team building, and instruction. Altogether, children included, we had 45 folks gathered for five days. It was a great time! **Monday and Tuesday** were days of rest and relaxation, some family time, and an opportunity to spend time with our fellow team members from Laos, Thailand, and Cambodia. **Wednesday and Thursday** were full days of prayer, field reports, and some great instruction. I had the opportunity to teach four times. I also had the privilege to close the sessions on Friday with a much-needed lesson on “The Family.” To be honest with you, as far as I am concerned, the most valuable teaching we had all week came by way of one of our national men from Cambodia. Vannak did a tremendous job teaching us missionaries how to better serve the nationals (without offending them).
- My wife and I will be leaving for the “Creative Access Nation” in the middle-of-the-month. I will be there for ten days, my wife for seven. I will be teaching mornings and evenings just about every day that I will be in the country, preaching for our team, as well as for another church in the capital city. We covet your prayers!

For His Glory in the Nations,

Johnny, Denise, Joy, & Sue



Kosal's Engagement

