

# 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

February 1, 2015

Dear Praying Friends,

My wife and I are so grateful for all that is going on here in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The ministry here is busy about the Father's business that's for sure. Whether it's the three church services in Phnom Penh every week, the various village ministries, the children's ministries, the Monday evening Bible Institute, the various soul-winning times, the many different personal discipleship times, and the list could go on, this is a place that is hopping. My wife and I are thankful to be a part of a ministry that keeps expanding for the cause of Christ, yet, at the same time, understanding the need to continue to build a more sure foundation.

**Please pray that God will continue to use Pacific Baptist Church of Phnom Penh, her many ministries, and the various village ministries to bring the love, life, and light of our Lord Jesus Christ to a dark and dreary land!**

One of the primary purposes for my being here is to assist in the mentoring of the future leaders here in Cambodia. I am presently meeting weekly with one of the missionaries, just a time of discipleship and mentoring, as we search the scriptures. I am also meeting with four of the national men, who are serving in various capacities of leadership here, and these are also times of discipleship. My wife and I are also working together to disciple a 19-year old young lady named Srey-Nech, who is also teaching my wife the language.



Sinath and his family



Vannak & Man



Kasol

**Please pray that God will use these various discipleship times with Touch, Vannak, Man, Kasol, and Sinath to train up some men who will be greatly used to reach their people!**

It is has also been a great joy to rotate going out soul winning with three of these national men. In fact, recently, Vannak and I had the opportunity to lead a 14-year old to Christ, her name is Meanghuan. She had been attending the Sunday afternoon Children's Ministry services for the past five months. I had the opportunity to share the Gospel with her, Vannak interpreted for me, and she turned to and trusted Christ and Christ alone for her salvation. Then she showed up for the Sunday morning service the next day (first time ever). She has now attended the past five weeks!



Meanghuan

**Please pray for Meanghuan to grow in her newfound faith!**



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Over the past three weeks it has been heart breaking to see the extreme poverty in this city. Nowhere is this truer than when we make visits at “the sewer.” It is nearly impossible to describe the dire situation that these people live in. As you walk along the pathway along the sewer (the stench is terrible), talk to the people outside, and enter the homes (if that’s what you could call them), your heart is crushed. I can remember about four years ago, when I first visited Cambodia and had the chance to see the plight of these people, it was one of the many things God used to get me to leave the comforts of America to come to this part of the world. In spite of their dire situation, in spite of their lost condition, the people are friendly, the children are so much fun to be with (especially if you have candy, which I always do). One thing I learned four years ago, and it still stands true today, love is a universal language. Whether or not you speak their language, it doesn’t take them long to see that you love and care for them. Whether it’s leading Meanghuan to Christ, encouraging and praying with an ill grandmother named Da, or encouraging a young lady named Srey Jae, who has been out of church for a while, or just love on a bunch of poor children, it is an honor and a privilege to minister for Christ in “the sewers.”



The children that live by the sewer

**Please pray that God will use our team here, and the nationals who have been reached in recent years, to share His love to these dear impoverished people, especially the children!**

On Monday evenings (I refer to it as MNF), my wife and I have folks over our house. We will have a nice meal, a time of fellowship, and I will share something from the Word of God. The purpose of this evening is primarily two-fold: (1) To build relationships with unbelievers and see them come to Christ, (2) To disciple new believers. It has been exciting to have Mora over our place the last three weeks. She is a new believer and she has invited others to come. Last week Narin, who is not yet saved, came and seemed to have a great time. We are praying that she will continue to come and be saved!



Monday Night Fellowship

**Please pray that God will use this night to see new believers strengthened and unbelievers saved!**

Over the past few weeks, in addition to preaching at the Life Gate Baptist Church of Phnom Penh I have been preaching a series of messages here at PBC of Phnom Penh on “If God is Greater, He Deserves Our Greatest Love and Devotion.” Our theme, as a church family this year is “God IS Greater,” and this series has been a challenge for all of us to love the Lord Jesus with all of our hearts, soul, mind, and strength, and to love others also.



Church Theme

We are so grateful for each and every one of you. We are thankful for your faithful prayers and support of our ministry here in Southeast Asia. May the Lord richly bless you and yours.

For HIS Glory in the Nations,

Johnny and Denise Esposito

Psalm 67

