

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 2016 Update

Dear Faithful Praying Friends and Supporters,

Greetings from Southeast Asia from Denise, my daughter Joy, my niece Sue, and I. God has done so much since the last time I sent out a PDF Prayer Update. Just a reminder, we send out blog updates every 10-12 days. If you are not presently receiving our blog update just get us your email address and we will place you on the mailing list.

In the middle of December my wife and I flew into Laos. I preached and taught 16 times in about ten days for three different churches and a small Bible Institute that I worked with some when my wife and I were serving in the country. God moved in a mighty way in all of the meetings. It is always a joy to return back to Laos! Please see the picture at the end of this letter.

PLEASE PRAY FOR GOD TO CONTINUE TO BRING INCREASE IN THE COUNTRY OF LAOS!

Over the past two months I have had the privilege to see a handful of folks trust Christ. In the impoverished Steung Mean Chey, Phat, Srey Nieth, and Lynn have trusted Christ. In the Chom Kha village, Hong and his wife Sokim trusted Christ, as did a 19-year old teenage boy named Sala.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH FOR THESE DEAR FOLKS, AS WELL AS MANY OTHERS SAVED THROUGH THE MINISTRY HERE IN CAMBODIA!

I have been meeting on a weekly basis, for discipleship purposes, with seven adult men (Tom, Zeng, Ra, Man, Chaay, Abraham, and Kosal) and one teenage boy named Both. Other than visiting in Steung Mean Chey, discipleship is definitely my favorite time of the week. For the most part, this past month we have emphasized the importance of prayer in just about all of these sessions.

PLEASE PRAY THAT GOD WILL USE THESE MEN TO REACH THEIR PEOPLE, WHETHER KHMER OR CHAM, FOR CHRIST!

Occasionally, I have the privilege to preach for our Psa Thricht church. I had the privilege to preach for them four times in the past two months. This church is a miraculous ministry. They are wonderful people. They love to sing. They love preaching. The congregation is made up of both Cham (60%) and Khmer (40%) people. The church is located in Psa Thricht village about an hour and a half from Phnom Penh. These folks are excited about telling people about Jesus and have started reaching into surrounding villages, including the Chom Kha village. As I mentioned above, I had the opportunity to see three people (Hong, Sokim, and Sala) trust Christ while visiting with the Psa Thricht church family in the Chom Kha village.

PLEASE PRAY THAT GOD WILL USE THIS CHURCH FAMILY TO CONTINUE, NOT ONLY TO REACH THEIR VILLAGE BUT OTHER SURROUNDING VILLAGES!



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On Sunday evenings I am teaching a small group of folks whose first language is English, which we are hosting in our home. While, the group is small, it has been a blessing for all of us. It's been a real joy to have Wanita (from Nigeria) and her cousins Isabelle and Vanessa attend. I had the opportunity and privilege to lead Isabelle and Vanessa to Christ in my home about six months ago. They started attending church faithfully until some family issues came up and were out of church for a few months. Hopefully, the small group will help them to get back to where they were. So far it seems to be helping much. They recently gave a wonderful testimony of their salvation while sitting at the very table where they had trusted Christ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR WANITA, ISABELLE, AND VANESSA'S SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND THAT THEIR BROTHER BASIL WILL RETURN TO CHURCH ALSO!

By the time you receive this prayer letter, my daughter and I will be in China. We will spend ten days in the country with a missionary who has been in one of the large cities for about fifteen years. God has used him and his family to do an amazing work. Our purpose for going is to seek counsel and the Lord's mind on the possibility of one day in the future starting a work. I will make two more trips to China in the next few months. I will be preaching in a Missions' Conference in another city in the country, and then a couple months later, in a Leadership Conference in the same city. I will also be seeking more counsel from another established missionary in the country about the possibility and potential of starting a work.

PLEASE PRAY THAT GOD WILL GIVE US HIS MIND AND BLESS THESE TRIPS TO CHINA!

Thank you for your prayers and support,

Johnny, Denise, Joy, and Sue

