

# 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

June 2015 Update

Greetings in Christ from Southeast Asia!

As always, recent days here in Southeast Asia have been extremely busy and blessed beyond all measure. As most of you know, I have just returned from a wonderful eight-day trip in a "Creative Access Nation." I was able to speak about 20 times during those eight days for our team sent out of Pacific Baptist Church in Long Beach, not only did I speak for their Sunday and midweek services, but we had four evenings of special Bible teaching. Though the group here maybe fewer in number, there is so much potential. They have a handful of young people who are growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus, and it was very apparent, after spending a week with them, they want to go forward for Christ in the midst of the difficult circumstances in this nation.

**Please continue to pray for our team in this "Creative Access Nation," especially the handful of young people who are going forward for Christ!**

While in this country, I also had the privilege to teach a few of the national pastors for a few hours each day Tuesday - Thursday. I love these men very much. They, and others like them, are the hope for getting the task accomplished in their country. Most of our sessions were from the Book of Colossians, dealing with the Pre-eminence of Christ in our Lives and Ministries.

**Please pray that God will use these men to reach many for Christ and disciple those whom they reach!**

Just a few hours before getting on the plane to leave the country, while doing my regular Saturday visiting, I had the chance to share the gospel with Chan. We had invited Chan to visit our service and she did so on Mother's day. Chan seems very open to the gospel and claims that she heard about Jesus when she was a child, but in her words, "I forgot about Him." While there are many in this country who have never heard of Jesus, there are hundreds, probably thousands, who at one time as a child heard the name of Jesus but have little comprehension of who Jesus is or why Jesus came.

**Please pray for Chan's salvation!**

The day before leaving the country, I combined two of my discipleship sessions. I had a great time as we finished our study on the Book of Colossians. In our two hours together we talked about "Prayer Lessons from Colossians." I challenged these six young Cham (former Muslims) men to become prayer warriors for their country!

**Please pray that God will kindle a fire in these men's hearts for Jesus, for prayer, and for their country!**

As we have mentioned in recent updates our visitation efforts in Steung Mean Chey are really beginning to have some exciting results. In the past two weeks just from Vannak, Adrian, my niece Sue and me visiting on Tuesdays, six brand new adults visited our services; two of them returned for a second visit. Over the last two weeks it has been a blessing to have Pov and her 22-year old daughter attend our service. At one time, they



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were faithful members of another church in Phnom Penh for over ten years. Apparently, something happened and they have been out of church for the past four years.

**Please pray for Pov, her husband (I haven't met him yet), and their daughter Srey Leak to get back on track and in church!**

Also visiting our church services from Steung Mean Chey over the past two weeks were Thy, her husband Song and their baby boy, Thia and her son, and Nun and her children. Thy is a young lady I referred to in a previous blog update who said, "I don't want to go to hell."

**Please pray for Song, Thy, Thia and Nun's salvation!**

Our "Celebration Service" as always was a tremendous blessing. The past two "Celebration Services" have had over 250 in attendance. We have our "Celebration Service" every six weeks and all three of our churches will meet together in Phnom Penh. Once again, we had a great crowd of deaf. It is totally unheard of in this country, as far as I know of, for churches to be reaching the deaf. If they were reaching any deaf, one or two at the most would be the max. This last Celebration Service we had 15 precious deaf folks in our service. Grace and Sina are doing a great job working with the deaf and God is blessing their efforts!

**Please pray that the deaf who are not saved will trust Christ and pray for those who are Christians to continue to grow in their faith!**

It was also a joy to see many new folks in our "Celebration Service" from one of the new villages that our Cham men have been working in. God has been blessing the endeavors. In fact, I heard that in our Cham congregation there were twenty new people in attendance last week. It was also a joy to have 11 new converts baptized during the service, including a young lady named Srey Nich, who my daughter and Srey Nech have been discipling. It was also a real treat for our folks to have Brother Dave Board with us. He flew in from the states for a few days. It was a blessing to have him preach. A great majority of our folks see him as their spiritual father, and rightly so.

**Please pray for the eleven men, women and teens who were baptized to continue to grow in, and stand for, their faith!**

Once again, thank you for your prayers and your continual support of my wife and me and the ministry here in Southeast Asia.

For His Glory in the Nations,

Johnny and Denise Esposito

