

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/July 2016 Update

Dear Praying Friends,

We have often heard the phrase, “Teamwork Makes the Dream Work.” This is something that we are witnessing here in Cambodia. God is doing some miraculous things in this country, and for this we are extremely grateful. Whether it is the home church here in Phnom Penh, our church in Psa Thriect, our church in Prey Bang, the various ministries in Steung Meanchey, Prek Pnou, Chom Ka, Elephant Den, or the other different villages where we have been allowed to have a presence, God is moving!

STEUNG MEANCHEY: As always, the ministry in Steung Meanchey has been a tremendous blessing. It is good to see recent converts like Samaat, Grandma Sonboun and her daughter-in-law Navy, growing in Christ. Samaat’s story is interesting to say the least! While I don’t have the space in an update such as this to tell the story, I can tell you that he trusted Christ, has been faithfully attending the services, and his 25-year old son, who Vannak and I have witnessed to on a couple of occasions just recently came and visited our church service. Recently, I went visiting in an area that I seldom ever visit and had the opportunity to share the Gospel for well over an hour with one of our teen boys mothers. Her name is Leak. She was very kind, very open, and very receptive. I feel like she might get saved soon!

On various occasions in the past, Vannak and I have had the opportunity to share the Gospel with Jan. We have had the privilege to lead her two daughters (Srey Nieth and Lynne) to Christ. Last week, we shared the Gospel with Jan once again. While she did not trust Christ, it was very apparent that the Holy Spirit was working. While we were sharing the Gospel with her, she had mentioned that Lynne needed a bike to go to school. Later that day, we surprised them with a new bike.

The Teen and Children’s Ministry in SMC, which is only about two months old has an average of 80-90 children and/or teens in attendance every week. It is awesome to see our national young people doing all of the ministry here. They are being led by Man and his wife Kanha. Lord willing, next month Man and Kanha, along with Kosal and his wife Phalley will move into Steung Meanchey and start conducting services for adults and teens also!

PSA THRICT: As always it is a tremendous blessing for me to go to our Psa Thriect church once a month. I have had the opportunity to go three times since I last sent our PDF Update. Vannak and I normally leave between 6:30-7:00 AM and return about 8:00 PM. It’s always a long and tiring day, but it’s also a fruitful and fulfilling day. The folks in Psa Thriect, many of them former Muslims, are faithful. They love soul-winning, singing, and scriptural preaching. After sharing a short devotion with them, normally about 12 of us will go out to bring the Gospel to 3 or 4 different villages for about three hours. Also, Kam, Tom, and Phalley will conduct a children’s ministry in one of the villages. Later that afternoon I have the opportunity to preach for their mid-week service. There is always a great response to the preaching!

PHNOM PENH: As usual, a lot of special things are happening in Phnom Penh. People are being saved, baptized, and discipled. Our church facility is packed to overflowing. In our most recent Celebration Service, which is held every six weeks or so, we had over 300 people in attendance and we thank God that 22 of our folks were baptized.



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Of course, the Fourth of July is not a holiday in this part of the world, but most American missionaries do celebrate it. Our team here in Cambodia went on a boat ride, had plenty of food, and some great fellowship. All of us are grateful for your prayers!

It has been a blessing to visit a man named Hokwa on various occasions and share the Gospel with him and his friends. About a month ago, Hokwa finally made a decision for Christ and has been faithfully attending the services ever since.

CHINA: I had the privilege of going to China twice over the past three months. In May I was preaching a Missions' Conference for a long-time missionary to Hong Kong and the Mainland. This past month I had the opportunity to be with my dear friend, Dwight Tomlinson. Brother Tomlinson pastored for over 40 years in the States, and is the founder of barnabas1040.com. We both preached and taught a total of seven times for a Leadership Conference and the Sunday services for the host church. There were seven different churches from various parts of China in attendance. Many made decisions to follow Christ wherever He might lead them. We even had one man and three women trust Christ!

My wife and I, along with the girls, would like to thank you for your prayers and faithful support. We couldn't be here and doing what God is allowing us to do without your concern and compassion for this part of the world!!!

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