

# 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

March-May 2016 Update

Dear Friends,

Greetings in Christ from Southeast Asia! Just a quick reminder that we send our regular blog prayer updates out 2-3 times a month. If you are not presently getting them go to <https://carrithelight.wordpress.com> and request to do so. Or just shoot me an email at [seasia4him@gmail.com](mailto:seasia4him@gmail.com).

Over the past few months God has blessed tremendously! I have been in China, Thailand, Laos, and of course, Cambodia. The work here in Cambodia is being blessed immensely, God has been very gracious, and our people have been very faithful.

Just a few hi-lights from the past few months:

**STEUNG MEAN CHEY:** As we have mentioned often, my favorite time of the week is on Tuesday mornings and Sunday afternoons. During this time, we go soul-winning in an area called Steung Mean Chey. It is an extremely poor area but the people are extremely receptive to us sharing the Gospel with them. Over the past few months we have seen Srey Mohm, Yay Heang, Srey Nouen, Theara, Yay Sonboun, and two teen boys named Ra and Sela make professions of faith!

**PLEASE PRAY THAT THESE FOLKS WHO HAVE MADE PROFESSIONS OF FAITH WILL CONTINUE TO GROW IN SPITIE OF THE MANY OBSTACLES BEFORE THEM!**

**PSA THRICT AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES:** As always, the opportunity to go soul-winning in various villages around our church in Psa Thriect and to be able to preach in our Psa Thriect church has been an immense blessing. Our soul-winning efforts have been tremendous. I have the privilege to go out to these villages once per month and over the past three trips Vannak and/or Man and I have had five adults (Hong, Sokim, Sok, Nguyen, and Chon Ly) and one 19-year old boy (Sala) make professions of faith. We have had a few others who are so close, but have yet to trust Christ!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF THESE PRECIOUS FOLKS!**

**PHNOM PENH:** In our most recent Celebration Service which is held every six weeks or so, we had well over 250 people in attendance and 16 of our folks were baptized. This past Sunday we had our Mother's Day service and the place was jam-packed. Literally, standing room only. We had over 25 mothers in attendance. This coming Sunday will be our church's Friend Day!



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Discipleship has been going well with Man, Tom, Seng, Ra, Both, Kosal, Chay, Abraham, his wife Rohm and Vay. Over the past two months on Saturday visitation here around the church two young men named Panha and Sokcheat made professions of faith. A couple months ago we held another basketball camp for our teen boys and young men. It was a great time!

**PLEASE PRAY THAT GOD WILL CONTINUE TO BLESS THE MOTHER CHURCH HERE IN PHNOM PENH!**

**LAOS/THAILAND:** Last month my wife and I traveled back “home” to Laos. We spent our first 17 months in Southeast Asia serving there and we have many friends and connections. I had the chance to preach four times for a Bible Camp in Nong Khai, Thailand. There were at least eight churches represented. Five of these churches were from across the border in Laos and three were Thai churches. I also preached four times for our team and the church in the Capital city, once more for another Lao congregation and taught a full schedule (27 hours) for the Bible Institute. God was good!

**PLEASE PRAY THAT GOD WILL WATER AND INCREASE THE SEEDS THAT WERE SOWN ON THIS TRIP!**

While we were in Laos my daughter Joy got engaged. Her and her fiancé went with us on this trip. Just this week she headed back to the States to prepare for her upcoming wedding. Lord willing, someday in the near future, they will both be serving Christ and the cause of Christ in the 1040 Window, more than likely in China!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR CHRIS, JOY, AND ALL THOSE WHO GREW TO LOVE JOY DEARLY WHILE SHE WAS HERE THE PAST 15 MONTHS!**

**CHINA:** As you know, we were in China a few months ago doing some research about the possibility of our home and sending church, Pacific Baptist Church of Long Beach, sending a team to China. My wife and I will be heading out to China again this week. I will be preaching for a Missions’ Conference in the southern part of the country, as well as meeting with three different missionaries in three different cities to do a little more research.

**PLEASE PRAY THAT GOD WILL BLESS THIS TRIP!**

**My wife, Joy, Sue, and I thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support. We couldn’t be here without you.**

**Johnny Esposito**

