

# 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

May 2015 Update

Dear Praying Friends,

After spending a month back in the states, my wife returned back to Phnom Penh a few weeks ago. She flew back to be with my daughter Jessica, who was recovering from surgery, as well assisting my daughter-in-law Hannah, who just had our 15th grandchild. She was greatly missed that's for sure! While my wife was gone, my daughter Joy and niece Susanna did their best to pick up the slack and were a great help and blessing to me. Speaking of Joy and Susanna, they have been a great addition to our ministry here in so many different ways. Joy has been especially helpful in one of our village ministries and both of them have been a tremendous help with our teen girls. Recently, they took Kanha's place and hosted the teen girls and did a great job. They are also a great help with some of the single college age young ladies.

**Please pray that God will continue to use Joy and Susanna to reach and disciple many children, teens, and young adults for Christ!**

As we have mentioned in a few of our blog updates [[carriethelight.wordpress.com](http://carriethelight.wordpress.com)] one area that our team in Phnom Penh has been spending quite a bit of time visiting is in a village (we would call it a suburb) called Steung Mean Chey. It is an extremely impoverished area with hundreds and hundreds (actually thousands) of people who need the Lord. For the most part these people are very friendly, hospitable, and open to hear us out as we attempt to share the love of Christ with them. We have seen a few of the folks saved, of which a handful of them are now attending our services, and we are building quite a few relationships. If you follow us on Instagram [[johnny\\_espo](https://www.instagram.com/johnny_espo)] or on Twitter [[@jjdjbtl](https://twitter.com/@jjdjbtl)] you have no doubt seen many pictures that we have posted of this needy area.

**Please pray that God will continue to use us to reach into Steung Mean Chey with the gospel of Jesus Christ!**

In a recent update we mentioned a man named Sok. For a couple of years now various members of our team have been sharing the gospel with him and even invited him to the church services. A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to share the gospel with him for which he was very attentive; you could sense the Holy Spirit's conviction all over him. He didn't trust Christ, but he did visit our church service the next morning. A few days later Man and I visited him and again shared the love of Christ with him and once again you could sense that God was stirring in his heart. (He understands the great cost to follow Christ in this country.) During that week Man and I went by to visit Sok once again. He said he's been thinking much about my message from the "Celebration Service." The message "Our Life is Like a Vapor," according to Sok, has been on his mind much the past few weeks. After sharing the gospel with him again today, the fifth time in the past four weeks, Sok trusted Christ. Praise the Lord!

**Please pray for Sok's spiritual growth!**

As most of you know I flew into the "Creative Access Nation" where my wife and I served for 17 months when first arriving in Southeast Asia two years ago. On Sunday morning I preached twice for a Filipino congregation in the capital city. God moved in a special way! This is the church that Denise and I, along with the rest of our team, were a part of for Sunday mornings when we were in the country. I was blessed to be able to preach every Sunday morning for these folks while we were based in the country and they have a special place in my heart. I love the pastor (Aaron Inventor), his family, and I love the people dearly!



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My primary reason for flying into the country is because I was invited to once again preach for the annual three-day Bible Camp that the nationals conduct during the New Year's celebration. It's normally held across the border, as it was this year. This year was my third year preaching for the brethren and may very well have been the best camp of theirs that I have ever been a part of. Seven from our group were detained at the border for interrogation. Praise the Lord! They were finally released. Unfortunately, they were not allowed to cross the border and unable to be a part of the camp. God did some great things in our midst. We were able to have five pastors in attendance and six different churches represented, five from the "Creative Access Nation." I had the privilege to preach a total of six times, while missionary John Henry preached or taught a total of five times. God moved in a mighty way and for this we are very grateful. Thank you for praying!

**Please pray that God will bring increase to the seed that was sown on my travels to these two countries!**

Thank you for praying and thank you for giving to the cause of Christ here in Southeast Asia. My wife and I could not be here if it were not for your concern and generosity.

For HIS Glory in the Nations,

Johnny and Denise Esposito  
Psalms 67

