

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

April 2015 Update

Dear Faithful Supporters,

Greetings in Christ from Phnom Penh, Cambodia! My wife and I, along with our daughter Joy and our niece Susanna (yes, that once empty nest is filling up rather quickly) are thankful for your faithful prayer and financial support. We could not be here making a difference with God's help without your prayers and financial support!

This month has been extremely busy and very blessed by God. Of course, there have been our regular responsibilities, such as discipling 10-12 guys weekly, teaching in our Bible Institute, soul winning and visitation, teaching in our Wednesday PM Worker's Meeting, and preaching.

To go along with the regular responsibilities, we also had a two separate tremendous evenings at my house with university students (eight on the first and ten on the second evening). For the past two months we have been working on building relationships with them and we are praying that it will lead to a great harvest of souls. On the first Saturday evening my wife and daughter made chicken and dumplings. It was a first for all of them, but they seemed to enjoy it. On the second Saturday evening we had pizza and chicken. We also taught them how to play UNO. They had a blast! On the following day three of them attended our Sunday morning service.

Please pray for the majority of these students who aren't saved to trust Christ, and for the couple who profess to know the Lord to grow in their faith!

As I mentioned in a recent blog update, one of the hi-lights of the past two weeks was the opportunity and the great privilege to preach for our Cham (former Muslims) people in our Psa Traach church. There was a great crowd and great spirit. Just before I preached San and his wife sang a beautiful special. These people are hungry for the Word. Invitation time was unbelievable. Brother Touch Keo travels about 180 miles (on a motorcycle and very rough roads) every Sunday to preach three times at two different villages. He's doing a great job!!!

Please pray for these dear people, who have suffered much persecution in the past, and for some of them the persecution continues!

I recently had the chance to spend a weekend with missionary Walter Poole. On Saturday we went soul winning together. We had some really great visits, but by far the best was when I had the opportunity to share the Gospel with a woman named Sokthea. I hope that's spelled right! She listened attentively for some 30-40 minutes and was really close to trusting Christ, when all of a sudden her husband, a police officer, rode up on his motorbike. We left the family with some Gospel literature and I promised to send them some more. Brother Walter will follow up on them in the days to come.

Please pray for Sokthea to trust Jesus in the days to come!



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Two weeks ago on Monday evening we had a great time. First, from 4:00 – 5:30, I combined two of my discipleship appointments (John and Kosal) and my nephew joined in. It was a great time. Though they are definitely both at different phases in their journey with Jesus, both John and Kosal are growing much and for this I am thankful. Afterwards, John, Kosal, Adrian, my nephew Joseph and his sisters Sue and Jojo, along with my daughter Joy and I had a great meal prepared by the ladies. About 6:30 Naren and Rada from Coffee Bean showed up. After they ate, I had the opportunity to share the Gospel with Naren. She is the 28-year old young lady who had never seen or heard of the Bible until about a month ago.

Please continue to pray for Naren's salvation!

This past weekend I had the chance to share the gospel with five different people. I shared the gospel with two grandmothers at one location and a husband, wife and her mother at another home. Sharing the gospel with anyone, especially in this part of the world, is always a special blessing, but sharing the gospel with Sombo, his wife Chheng and her mother was a real treat. Just two weeks ago, Sombo, a government worker, claimed to be an atheist. In a matter of two weeks' time he's actually renounced his atheism and has become very open to hear the gospel.

Please pray for Sombo, Chheng and her mother to turn to Christ!

A week ago, a group from Pacific Baptist Church in Long Beach arrived here for the annual Southeast Asia Missions/Senior Trip. Our youth pastor Nathan Ros and his dear wife brought the group here. It is such a blessing to have them here with us. Some of them are staff at PBC and/or PBS. Others are students. Many of them were my students at Pacific Baptist School and/or Pacific Baptist Bible College. It is always a blessing to have them visit here. This was always a dream of my brother's (Pastor Joe Esposito). I think he looked upon this as a great way to introduce our young people to Southeast Asia, the 1040 Window, and the great need for laborers. I believe his dream was that many would come and choose to one day return.

Please pray that God will use this trip to touch the hearts and change the lives of our young people as well as our staff that are here, and that God will find a laborer or two in the bunch!

About a week ago, we had a great time of food, fun, and fellowship with our workers from the three churches, as well as the group from our home church in Long Beach. Hearing the many testimonies, especially from our Cham (former Muslim) people, was heart-warming and inspiring to say the least. The food was great. The fun was insane. In the words of missionary Bounna Has (who organizes the games), "That's How We Roll." I had the privilege of preaching to close the time of fellowship. I preached a message on "Who or what is holding you back from going all the way with Jesus" from Matthew 19:16-22. I think I might have preached a bit longer than I was supposed to, but God seemed to be moving.

Please pray for these folks to not only continue on for God, but go all the way with Jesus in reaching their country for Christ!

Over the past few weeks Man and I have been working with a woman named Srey-Pech and her husband. About three weeks ago, I had the opportunity to share the gospel with her. She was very open. We left her with some literature, which she read. I also gave her an animated book, which tells the story of the Bible in Khmer. She has been reading it to her children. She has said that her and her family would attend our "Celebration Service." This past Sunday, after I preached in our morning service, Man and I went by to visit the family. She had a huge smile on her face when we came by and, once again, promised that she would attend the service.

Please pray for Srey-Pech and her family to be saved!

For HIS Glory in the Nations,

Johnny and Denise Esposito

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