

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

August 15, 2015 Update

Friends,

GREETINGS FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA!

My wife and I pray that the summer months have been a time of great harvest for you all. The past six-week's, since our last prayer letter (our blog updates go out 2-3 times per month), have been very busy. Along with our many varied regular weekly responsibilities here, I had the chance to preach at our two village churches, we had Sen visit us from a "Creative Access Nation," Amy visited us from Thailand, then there was Youth Conference. After Youth Conference we flew into the "Creative Access Nation" for some ministry opportunities and to meet up with Pastor Dwight Tomlinson for a few Barnabas1040 meetings. Then we returned to Cambodia (the Tomlinson's came with us) and had our "Celebration Service." It has been a really good summer to say the least! You can find our previous blog updates @ <https://carrithelight.wordpress.com>

Please pray that we will finish the summer strong!

Recently, I had the awesome privilege to preach at our two village churches. It was a long day (over 14 hours) and some really rough roads, but it was an extremely blessed day. I had the privilege to preach three times. Actually four, if you count the hour and half of preaching/teaching on the tuk-tuk with three of our Cham men. I preached twice for our Cham (former Muslims) people and once for our church in Prey Bang. It was a real treat to see the tuk-tuk unloading with over 20 adults (including one blind adult man), teens, and children to come and hear the Word of God preached. I even saw one motorbike pull into the church with five people on it. That's legal here!

Please pray for both of these churches to continue to grow in Christ and grow in the ever-expanding outreaches to nearby villages!

It was a special treat to have Koumaly and Darath Thongdy and their children, along with a group of our friends from the "Creative Access Nation" with us for Youth Conference. Of course, my wife and I served alongside of the Thongdy's for 17 months and they are our dear friends. While the folks from the "Creative Access Nation" may not have understood much of what was going on in the Khmer language, I believe they had an enjoyable time and were touched by the Word and love of God.



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Our Third Annual Youth Conference was fantastic! As always, God came through big time. Our theme this year was “Our God is Greater,” which happens to be the church theme for 2015. He definitely showed Himself great during those three days of Youth Conference. What a blessing it was to see all of the young people in attendance for the three days. The preaching, the singing, the skits, the activities, the food, and the fellowship was great. It was a real blessing to see many folks from the different villages that we have ministries in to be able to attend the services. I am so grateful for all of the folks who helped to make it happen. This is one of the great benefits of having a team and faithful nationals working together for one common cause—the Gospel. So much more can be accomplished for Christ and the cause of Christ when you have men and women who love Jesus who are willing to work together. So many more people can be reached. So many more can be helped!

Please pray that the seeds that were sown at Youth Conference will bring forth fruit for God’s glory in the coming days!

Our last service in the “Creative Access Nation” was a tremendous blessing. Pastor Dwight Tomlinson preached for us. We had four illegal house churches represented for that Wednesday evening service. The place was packed to overflowing. It is amazing how much potential can be found in those churches. This is especially true in the three house churches that are reaching primarily nationals (one of the churches is a Filipino congregation). There’s just so much potential in this country. Approximately forty percent of the country is under the age of 15. These young people are so much more open to “new ideas” and “new ways” than their parents or grandparents were and this is good news for the Good News. Every one of the services we were a part of, including the Wednesday PM “Combined Service,” was somewhere between 90-95 percent under the age of 25. I remember reading a few years ago that this country (at the time) was considered the YOUNGEST NATION IN ASIA.

Please pray for our team in the “Creative Access nation,” along with the other groups we work alongside of, that God will use them in this needy harvest!

This past Sunday was our “Celebration Service.” Every six weeks or so, all of our different ministries gather together in Phnom Penh to worship Christ and celebrate God’s goodness over the previous six weeks. It is always a great joy to see the folks coming from the different villages and to hear the different groups singing and sharing their testimonies. Of course, the food is always excellent! :) It was nice to have Pastor and Mrs. Tomlinson with us for the service. They flew into the country with us and were with us for just about a week. It was also a blessing to have so many of the folks (I think ten adults) that Vannak and I have been working with from Steung Meanchey in the service along with their children. Most of them have never attended our church. In fact, only two of them have ever set their feet inside of any type of church service. We also had 18 deaf men and women in the service. Grace is doing a tremendous job. Praise the Lord! And, to add to all of the other blessings, we had twelve new converts baptized, including an elderly, disabled woman.

Please pray that God will continue to bless our ministries here in Cambodia!

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.
For His Glory in the Nations,
Johnny and Denise Esposito
Psalm 67

