

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

January 2015 Update

Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ! My wife and I would like to wish you a Happy New Year and we sincerely hope you had a wonderful Christmas, remembering that Jesus is the Reason for the Season. While there are some who may celebrate Christmas here in this part of the world, the vast majority do not know the Christ of Christmas, and a great many have not even heard His name. Thank you for prayerfully supporting us so we could do a small part in changing that sad fact.

The month of December was very busy and extremely blessed. In addition to being here in Cambodia, my wife and I spent two busy weeks in a “restricted” or “creative access” nation and a total of one week on two trips to Thailand. While in the “creative access” nation in which my wife and I served for 15 months, I had the privilege to preach in four different house churches, teach in the small Bible College (4 college students and three national pastors) for three days, preach/teach a special four-day meeting for a Filipino congregation, and teach another five Khmu men (future pastors) from way out in the “boonies” for six hours.



Please do continue to pray for our team in the “creative access” nation, as well as other godly missionaries who are serving there. Also, keep in prayer the many different nationals that we have had the privilege to work alongside of over the past two years.



On our first trip to Thailand, I had the opportunity to preach two times for a group of men from about seven or eight different churches in Thailand and a “creative access” nation. One of the great blessings, among many, from this meeting was having the opportunity to meet a 70-year old Thai man who was getting ready to start a church in Bangkok. Brother Chanon was led to The Lord over 35 years ago by an American missionary and has been faithfully serving the Lord since. You have to love a 70-year old man that is so in love with Jesus and so burdened for his own people, in one of the biggest cities in the world, who is willing to spend the last few years of his life starting a church. No shuffleboard for him!



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Please pray for the many godly men (both missionaries and national pastors) who are serving in the country of Thailand. Pray that the seeds that were sown during the two-day Men's Meeting will bring forth fruit for God's glory!

On our second trip to Thailand, we had the opportunity to spend five days with the teams that were sent out of Pacific Baptist Church. All three teams were there. We had a wonderful time of fellowship, teaching and training, and exchanging ideas with one another. I had the opportunity to teach one lesson. Brother Dave Board taught some really great things about the culture here in Southeast Asia and discipleship. He has been here for a long time and has learned much.

What a joy to see what God is doing, and contemplate on what God might have in store for the future. We are all so grateful for my brother, Pastor Joe Esposito, who years ago became burdened for the Cambodian people, and over the years, allowed God to expand that vision to all of Southeast Asia and China. While in Bangkok with our teams, I tweeted, "Amazing what God can do with one man who is willing to dream BIG dreams, count the cost, and sacrifice for the cause." We are all so grateful for my brother and his vision! I am also grateful for the many men and women who have given themselves, leaving family, friends, financial security, future ambitions, and all that was familiar to them to come to this part of the world to begin to see the fulfillment of "the dream."



Please pray that God will continue to use all three of these teams to reach many in their respective nations!

After returning back to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, it was nice to be able to unpack the suitcases, and start to, once again, get to know the folks we will be laboring with in the coming months. Looking forward to being a part of the work here in Phnom Penh and watching God move, while learning from some folks God has been using to reach this needy nation for Christ.

On a more personal note, while we were in the "restricted" nation one of our granddaughters, Hannah Aquino, was rushed to the hospital. Hannah is our four-year old autistic princess. We are glad to know that she is now all right, and we want to thank many of you for your prayers. Also, some have asked how her little brother Sammy is doing, and thank you for asking. Sammy is our three-year old grandson, who has two cysts on his brain. As of right now, Sammy is doing fairly well. They continue to test him, occasionally changing his meds, and monitoring his progress regularly. While he is surely not out of the dark, he does seem to be improving.

Please continue to pray for Sammy, Hannah, and their parents!

For His Glory in the Nations,
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PS Just a little reminder: two-three times per month we send out our blog updates!



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