

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

June 15, 2014 Update

Friends,

Greetings in Christ! My wife and I pray that all is well with you and your church family as the summer months approach. I am sure the past two weeks have been a very busy time of the year for all of you. It always was busy this time of the year when I was back “home.” It’s been busy over here also.

It hasn’t only been busy over here, but it’s been a very fruitful few weeks. At our last Sunday PM service in the “restricted” nation quite a few of the nationals showed up unexpectedly, and I challenged them, along with our team to follow in the footsteps of David’s Mighty Men [2 Samuel 23:8-23] and allow God to use them to make an impact for Christ and the cause of Christ in spite of the many obstacles in a “restricted” nation.

At the beginning of the month I had the opportunity to spend four days with missionary Stephen Benefield and his church family. I had a wonderful and blessed time. On Saturday, the two of us, along with a few of his church members, drove 2 hours to a village where they have had a children’s ministry for many years now. Thank God for a ministry that seeks to love these needy children in Jesus’ name. On Sunday I preached both the AM and PM service for his church family. There was a great crowd, great spirit, and great response to the preaching. On Monday and Tuesday evening, along with his church family, there were four other churches represented, including one national pastor. It was nice to spend some time fellowshiping with missionaries Rodney Ruppell, Chad Phillips, Kounaro Keo and Matthew Brown.

Please pray that God will take the seeds of His word that were sown during the three-day conference and bring forth fruit for His glory!



Special before service



Congregational singing



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A few days later a group from Pacific Baptist Church in Long Beach [my sending church] arrived here in the country. My daughter, my nephew and his wife, along with two of my nieces are a part of the group. Visiting in Phnom Penh on Saturday and the services on Sunday morning, afternoon and evening were emotional for me as I was witnessing the fruit of my brother's vision that God had laid on his heart about 30 years ago. It was absolutely breathtaking!

Please continue to pray for my brother, his family and the PBC family!



Children's afternoon service



Sunday PM Service



The next generation in PP

On Wednesday evening, I preached a message for the Pacific Baptist Church of Phnom Penh entitled "Dreaming Dreams that Make a Difference" [Genesis 37:5-11; 42:1-5]. I actually preached from these passages, but a different message the week before at the three-day conference. I spent the entire evening emphasizing the importance of dreaming big for God [Genesis 37:5-11; PRO 29:18]! God knows this part of the world is in the midst of a spiritual famine and needs some "corn."

Please pray that God will use this trip to stir the hearts of our young people concerning worldwide missions!

I just received word that an 18 year old young man named Jui, who was one of my wife's students and who had trusted Christ about one week prior to me leaving the country of L's, was baptized this past Sunday. We have been working with and praying for Jui for quite some time. This was very exciting news!

Please pray for continual spiritual growth in Jui's life and that God will use Jui to reach his people for Jesus!

For HIS Glory in the 10/40 Window,
Johnny & Denise Esposito
JER 9:23-24

