

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

March 2015 Update

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings to you in Jesus precious name! My wife and I pray that all is well with you and yours. Here in Cambodia, we are rejoicing over God's goodness and are extremely grateful for your partnering with us as we labor in the harvest fields of Southeast Asia. It has often been said that a picture is worth a thousand words. If this is true the picture of this woman, who I met while visiting in a village known as Steung Meanchey, speaks volumes. Blind, impoverished, and destitute. That is what this part of the world is and they so desperately need Jesus.



Woman I met out visiting



Monday Evening Bible Institute

Recently, as I have mentioned in previous blog updates, I have had the chance to start discipling four Cham (former Muslims) men at my house. That number has now increased to six. It is amazing how hungry for the Word of God these men are. They take notes, they ask questions—tough ones at that—and they are so grateful for the opportunity to learn the Bible. I am so grateful for Man's willingness to interpret for me; I'd be totally lost without

him. Immediately after spending an hour with these six men and Man at my house, we all go next door for Bible Institute. It is such a blessing to be able to teach "The Beatitudes" every Monday to a group of men and women who desire to know the Word and be conformed into the image of Jesus Christ.

As I mentioned in our most recent blog update, though I don't speak the Khmer language, I am grateful for men like Vannak, Man, and Kosal, who I have the privilege to visit with on a weekly basis. I have plenty of opportunities to share the Gospel because they are willing to interpret for me. This past Saturday, while visiting in "the sewer," I had a chance to share the Gospel with Grandma Jia-Heng. She is over 90-years old. She said she had heard of Jesus, but wasn't quite sure who Jesus was, why Jesus came, and did not "remember" what sin was. I shared with her for a while about whom Jesus is, why Jesus came, what sin is, and the consequences of our sin, and then, as I often do, turned it over to Vannak. While grandma didn't get saved, she was very open and attentive. As we walked away from her house, Vannak said to me, "I am praying that grandma will get saved before she dies." Vannak will continue to follow-up on her in the days to come.



Monday Afternoon Discipleship



Vannak and Grandma

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What a joy and privilege it was to preach for missionary Ranier Rolda and the Bethany Baptist Church in Phnom Penh. I taught Sunday school, preached in the morning service, as well as preached for the evening service. It was a tremendous blessing. Brother Rolda has been here in the country for over 20 years and is doing a good job.



Preaching at Bethany Baptist Phnom Penh

Also, as I mentioned in our most recent blog update, it is such a blessing to have our youngest daughter Joy join us here in Phnom Penh. She will be such an asset to the work here, especially with the children, the teens, and college age girls. Joy has a great love for the Lord; she loves people, especially children, teens, and college age young ladies. Here at Pacific Baptist Church of Phnom Penh, as well in the city here, we have a boatload of children and young ladies, so the harvest is definitely plenteous. Joy will be going with Srey Nech and a few others from our team to one of the villages weekly, she will be assisting with the children and teen ministries here, and Lord willing, her, my wife, and possibly, my niece Susanna, will be teaching teen and college age young ladies English. Lord willing, our niece Sue will be joining us in just a few weeks. Our once “empty nest” is filling up real quick!



Joy arriving at the airport



Joy out visiting

For His Glory in the 1040 Window,

Johnny and Denise Esposito

JER 9:23-24

