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TEAM CAMBODIA NEWSLETTER

LATEST NEWS FROM THE FIELD

THE HONCULADAS

DEAR MISSION PARTNERS,

As our first term in the mission field has almost come to completion, we are happy to share with you the things we are doing in Cambodia. We are so grateful for your unending support and encouragement towards us. Thank you for partnering with us as we serve the Khmer people.



ENGLISH CLASS

- We initiated an English class for the kids in our community. Every Saturday at 5pm, 14 to 16 kids come to our place to learn Basic English for free. We provide activities and snacks after the class. Parents also watch their kids and we have an opportunity to talk to them and build relationships with them.



PRAYER NIGHT

- Every Friday night we have Prayer time with our Chom Chao church leaders; Lokru Tou & Malavy together with their 2 kids at our house. We sing Khmer songs, sometimes eat together, meditate on God's word and pray together. This ministry builds our personal prayer life and our relationship with each other.



BIBLE SYNTHESIS CLASS

- On March 21st, Pastor Jude and Lokru Tou started their Bible Synthesis class at our place. They study the different Dispensations. The goal is to finish in July before we go on Home Assignment to the Philippines on the 3rd week of July.



We are thankful for your commitment in partnership to us since day one until now. We praise the Lord for your lives and for giving us the opportunity to be supported in the field and be able to minister to Khmer people.





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THE HONGS

Thankful and grateful for another season of God's blessings, guidance and provision. There is much we are involved in at the moment and yet there is much more we desire to do. We were so thankful for the recent children's charity community event and were able to give 'Good News' books in Khmer with a colourful school bag and school supplies to almost 50 children. This was so well supported and funded primarily by our Khmer churches, members and friends. We love to see how God inspires hearts to give and get involved with practical service! We continue with several Bible study sessions each week, Chetra meeting the men, and I meet with ladies. The church is running well and more of the men are taking up teaching roles. This is part of the process of developing leadership and teaching skills among members so that we have a strong core group who will gain experience now in order to lead well later on.



The three men who have been given the role of 'church elder', are also advancing in their skills which really helps Chetra as the current Pastor, to balance and improve the ministry responsibilities through delegation to others. We need your prayers to strengthen all of our ministries including our monthly Women Of Worth meetings which are not yet growing towards our goal! English classes are small, but doing well, and I'm delighted with the monthly 'kids cooking club', as a way to help our young ones bond, and also provide them with an opportunity to invite a friend into a Christian environment, and for parents to connect and engage with our community. We praise the Lord for the energy and strength to serve, and appreciate all the support, encouragement and prayers, that really helps fuel the work over here. Let's never give up! 1 Timothy 2:3-4.

THE BERMEJOS

The first quarter of 2024 brought significant challenges for my (James) family. Following multiple medical examinations, we discovered that my father had a cancerous tumor in one of his kidneys. After much reflection and prayer, our father opted to undergo surgery to remove the affected kidney. Unfortunately, three weeks post-surgery, due to complications, he passed away on the 14th of March, joining the Lord. Losing a cherished family member is never easy, but finding solace in the Word of God brings us peace and hope, remembering that "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). We are thankful for the opportunity to return to the Philippines for two weeks to mourn alongside our family. We extend our gratitude to all who have shared their condolences, sympathies, prayers, comforting words, and financial support.



In our mission work, we are actively supporting the local ministries of our two congregations, training and developing leaders for our national ministries. Additionally, we are dedicated to enhancing our Cambodian Language skills through ongoing study to improve our Khmer speaking, reading, and writing abilities. We kindly ask for your prayers as we navigate through our Khmer Leadership Training process and Khmer Language Study ministries. Thank you once again for your prayers, support, and encouragement. Your partnership in our mission is truly valued!