

# The Shull Family

*Missionaries serving the people of Cambodia*



Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

April 9, 2019

***"[A]nd how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?"***

The cry of our hearts as missionaries is that Cambodians would believe the Gospel! But how can they believe if they have not heard in their language? Though language study is at times meticulous and stressful, it is worth the time and effort so that others may clearly hear and understand the Good News and believe. Three weeks ago I was able to see some fruit from the hours of study and **preach for the first time since our arrival!** The Lord gave great grace in preaching for about 40 minutes on the account of Peter walking on water in Pastor Tho's church. Thank you to all those who prayed for me. I am looking forward to returning later this month to preach once again. Naomi continues to take more strides in her language learning as well. Since our last prayer letter Naomi has begun the adventure of learning to read and write in the language with the largest alphabet in the world (33 consonants, 23 dependent vowels and 13 independent vowels). **She has excelled in her reading!** She is beginning to read through a booklet used in salvation Bible studies and learning new Bible vocabulary. Our girls are also beginning to speak Khmer and English words together. Joy, who is nearly a year and a half, now puts her hands together in a praying gesture while saying please in Khmer to ask for things. Jewel (age 2.5) will also put her hands together and say goodbye in Khmer as we leave church. Their favorite word in both languages – in typical toddler fashion – is "no"!

### ***Ministry Opportunities***

It has been a blessing to be involved in various ministries over the past two months. We continue to teach the Children's Sunday School Class and go out soul-winning on a weekly basis. In February I was able to take a survey trip to a needy area about 2 hours from Phnom Penh. It was shocking to see the spiritual darkness! Though most people had heard of the name Jesus, they only associated it with a place where you can get free rice, free English learning, or free computer training. They don't know that Jesus is the promised Christ who came to save sinners. **They know nothing of his love and forgiveness!**

Coming up in May, New Hope Baptist Church (the ministry we are assisting in) will be hosting an annual Bible conference called The Pressing Forward Conference. This will be a special time of fellowship for believers throughout the country. Missionary Rodney Ruppel is putting together a music book of over 140 songs for churches and Christians to be able to use. We have enjoyed the opportunity to help with this project.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- 1. For Cambodian believers and leaders to be challenged through the Pressing Forward Conference in May.**
- 2. For our continued progress in learning the Khmer language.**
- 3. For God's direction in ministry.**
- 4. For more laborers in the harvest!**

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