Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

August 7, 2019

## "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;

## but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

It is truly a great encouragement and comfort to us to know that God's power is manifested in the Gospel! We can not change lives, but the Gospel can. We can not break through the fortress of Buddhist thought with our own arguments, but the Gospel can. We cannot convince one to be willing to suffer the ridicule and persecution from their family, but the Gospel can. Praise the Lord we do not serve Him with the man-made devices of this world, but with the supernatural power of God!

## **Teaching and Preaching**

In these past two months, we have seen several encouraging milestones in our personal ministry. **Naomi** taught the children's class for the first time in June after 9 months of language learning. Then, at the end of June, she was able to teach the woman's Sunday School class. Often the first time teaching in a foreign language is a trial you "get through", but God gave great grace and Naomi excelled! Praise the Lord for the opportunity to minister as a family. **I** (Randy) have been preaching nearly every week since the end of May. Praise the Lord for His help in preaching! I still have a long way to go, but it is encouraging to feel greater freedom in communicating in Khmer. I have been able to carry on extended Gospel conversations with people on my own while out soul-winning. I have seen one of these conversations turn into opportunities to go back and continue teaching and sharing God's Word.

## **Prayer Requests:**

- Pray for the follow-up with those we have met while out soul-winning. Finding people home consistently is difficult.
- Pray for me (Randy) as I will be traveling out to preach every Sunday service in Svi Re-ung Province. (3hrs one-way)
  - Pray for Naomi as she enters her final level at language school tomorrow.
  - Pray as we cover the ministry of fellow missionaries while they are on furlough. We will be moving our family to
    their city in mid-September and continuing the ministry there in Svi Re-ung until their return in early 2020. Pray for
    us to adapt to this new environment. Pray that God would use us to encourage and edify the believers as well as
    lead the lost to belief in Christ.

Thank you for your prayers and support!



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