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Two Left Feet

~And a jump start in the new year~

Yesterday when I was painting some trim and doors and thinking about writing to you all and praying for wisdom as to what to type here, I heard a song that talked about 'two left feet' and how our Father sometimes comes along and gives us just that at the right time and place just so that we have the urgent need and option to trust Him even further than we may have in the past. He certainly gave us two left feet when we landed in the US as we did not know what the future would look like at that time for Cambodia and our role there. The song clearly spoke to my heart.

It is very apparent now that He has again knitted these past 16 weeks in the US just the way He wanted them to be for us. You see, just after we left Cambodia, a tumultuous environment erupted in Phnom Penh due to the corrupt elections and the new sanctions aimed at the poor garment workers who already were heavily at risk. It cascaded to just outside our old apartment, between there and our office where two jean factories were located. Evidently some casualties and some fatalities have occurred over a series of events in spite of the governmental crackdown on the marches and demonstrations. That enveloped restrictions for foreigners to move about and do their work, let alone not be caught on the sidelines.

Secondly, we had to step back from the disappointing news about the Angel Dormitory and realize that He had other plans for our

responsibilities toward the success of the dorm that involved the local church and the investor on this side of the pond talking and making plans that would suit both sides. Notwithstanding that our last 22 months were not in vain as we gathered in data, established relationships with the leaders in the villages, and got some reality teaching on culture and daily living and grew to love these gentle folk so much.

As I write this there is a team in Cambodia delivering the downpayment for the dorm property and doing some hands on in the dorm itself. Praise the Lord for their continued and enduring support thru all of this. They have also seen and heard of the pain and injustice to these dear people. And yet the call of God to reflect His heartbroken compassion and longing for justice by doing what we all can to help others is clearly visible in all of our hands and feet on the ground both here and there.

“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25: 40

Thirdly, we have met with and have quickly grown to love and appreciate our newly found organization leader who is so focused on sharing the gospel message with lost souls of the world and has a goal to match projects and individuals to accomplish that goal in the simplest way possible. The idea is to involve the local church so that they are invested in whomever is coming to serve in their community. The responsibility doesn't stand solely on this side of the pond but is focused on the receiving community so that they can maximize the potential and talents of the individuals that are being sent to serve in their

midst. That way those who are also being called definitely know what the picture looks like so that the love of Christ can be effectively proclaimed while in the field. Thank you Jesus for sending Jim to serve and coach us for Cambodia.

Let me also add that Jim is so excited to be able to extend this ministry, God's ministry, into Asia. Look at the website if you have a few spare moments. Some exciting things are forthcoming. It's called Global Lutheran Outreach and is actually a pan Christian organization serving the churches of the world.

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Lastly, we made a decision that we want to live near our adult children and their families as we mature and end our roles as missionaries (not quite yet though). It appears to be more and more challenging to move as aging occurs and the thought of 'letting go' of the usual and strike out on a new path so late in life. That being said, we purchased a small cabin sight unseen in August and got to meet and see it for the first time when we landed in October. Who could have ever imagined that such a cute place nestled in suburbia Chicago with roaming deer in the front yard and geese over the pond in the back would be possible. My dad would be so so envious of us if he were here to see it.

Now if we could just get the painting and such done so that we could actually move our things as well from Michigan. Welcome to winter in Illinois!



*****February is our rollout date with
Global Lutheran Outreach*****

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that your prayers, encouragement, and financial support are fully recognized and counted. We welcome your continued attention and love to God's work in Cambodia. Thank you so much !

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Praise for our Jesus and His love and salvation for each of us.

Prayers for the Cambodian church during this transition phase and that they can stand strong in the midst of this change and be able to come along side as the dorm takes shape.

Prayers for us and for each of you to discern God's will in all of this and respond accordingly.

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