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News from Around the Corner ~ Half a World Away

Two weeks ago Kanhchana was on Skype and wanted to talk. When she came on her greeting was "Good evening teacher." She has yet to ever call me by my given name (Shary) and though this has been going on since we first met, I still am taken back by this greeting for just a second every time. Kanhchana is a dear sister in Christ who is also a nurse working in designated areas outside of Phnom Penh with the church. She is the last person who has been in flux during this transition period since we left. Now changes coming forth will include her and that part of God's ministry. Things are happening in a positive way for her as well.

As a point of reference, Kanhchana is the wife of Pastor Naro. He is the head of Lutheran Hour ministries in Cambodia. While there is not a transmitter at this time, he is very busy with village programs tailored to local needs to grow the churches and youth ministries. Pastor Naro is also on the board for the Cambodian Lutheran Church (ELCC). He and Kanhchana are vibrant prayer warriors for our return.

Backing up just a bit though, while many of you know this tidbit of information, we want to include the fact that the local church became legally registered with the government in January of this year, thus allowing open communication going forth with the communities with confidence and validity. It will also give us an easier transition visa document wise as we apply for that when we return.

That being said, Kanhchana now has told us that going forth she will be transitioning to ELCC along with Danay and Buntha (helpers.) Programs previously done may be continued and even expanded now as 'locals' will be working from within country. This is exciting as it broadens God's ministry and meets the needs of the village churches, which is something we have spoken about time and time again.

So as we concluded our conversation together, catching up on her family as well, Kanhchana also spoke about the Concordia theological training center and part time English school. Apparently that is a strong part of the church growth going forth. Land has been purchased west of the airport to make that a permanent location in the future, thus eliminating the need to rent in Phnom Penh.

So as I close this exciting 'tidbit' of information / news I found myself looking back to an April 2013 newsletter and found the article below which I am including here once again. You see the title of the article ~ "Let the Angels Rejoice."

God is so good. We are often breathless a bit to hear what is going on to future the local church. Thru his faithful followers and servants the church is making progress, growing, and more solid each and every day. This article is a mirror to what we have shared here today. Yes, God is so good.

Reminisce a bit here with us. Then pray how God is working thru you in your life today ~ and carry on as is His command in Matthew 28:18-20.

Let the Angels Rejoice

It was the 1990's when we first began helping international students with their English. Hard to believe that it has been that long that we have been doing ministry as husband and wife, but it has been one of the most rewarding experiences of our marriage.

Today, we still appreciate being able to share our faith while teaching the English language. It really meets our personal mission statement of forming relationships with people so that we can invite them to a solid personal relationship with Christ as their Savior. This is not preaching, but teaching.

Many times, we get a chance to witness without even saying a word, or saying it in very faulty Khmer. Our attempting to communicate in another language sometimes ends up hilarious with both us and the person we are talking with in laughter. But what really signals communication and success is the smile, or a little extra tip of a scale in our favor. These are the people that we meet everyday in the market place.

But there are also times when we get to meet other foreigners, but not necessarily English speakers. These may be friends, travelers, or other people from neighboring countries. As you look at a map of Cambodia, you see

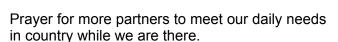
many closed or near closed countries around us. That is when we get to witness to people who will never hear the good news within their own country.

We are not pastors or theologians. We teach English only because we love

the people. But, what a joy it is when you watch people with a sincere desire to know more about God and Christ. The gentleman in the picture that accompanies this article asked that we not reveal his face for fear of

persecution, but the board says it all. On the white board is a discussion of the cross as our salvation because of the love of a triune God.

Knee Thoughts



Praise for the continued growth of the church in Cambodia as they march forward to share the gospel message in the rural villages.

Praise with a sacrificial heart of our partners, here and in Asia, for Cambodia.

Pray for more churches to broaden their missional platforms ~ and include this platform as 'the end of the earth part thereof.'

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