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Wrapping it up

It really became reality in our minds last month when we had an opportunity to talk with our GLO director when he was in the U.S. Last year he departed to Chile where he continues God's ministry there in church planting. He wanted to share time with us and to encourage and pray with and for us. We greatly appreciate his leadership.

Yup, it's a fair assumption that we are indeed 'wrapping it up,' in that October and our departure is a mere three months away. We can turn around and see so very much how God has been in the details of our time here, but it's even more apparent of late that our time here, while huge for us, has been a period of reorganization for the local church there as well. We are only a mere spoke in the wheel that moves forward but each of us is going toward the same common goal but are focused to remain on the same God wheel.

The Evangelical Church of Cambodia is now officially legal, which will make so many targets and goals easier to achieve. The church has now purchased land for a training center complex. This will contain an additional Christian school, will be equipped to teach agricultural concepts and do experiments, and will also serve as a conference center. It is located out beyond the airport in Phnom Penh.

In addition, the local church has now transitioned all of the previously off shore

supervised local village projects (i.e. health clinics, animal gifts programs, etc.) into their governing board supervision. Pastoral and deaconess training will now begin or continue and prosper. In addition there are agricultural projects to grow the communities and Christian elementary schools are popping up with the local church as well. For such a young synod there is a lot going on now. Gratefully there are passionate men and women at the helm who are slowly figuring out God's direction going forward to build a strong foundation to last into eternity.

By the time we arrive the harvest will be forthcoming, the cooler and drier weather in place, and we will be able to transition with reasonable ease. As April is the hottest month of the year, that is probably one we would avoid if we could (temps and humidity are often near the three digit realm.)

As we are wrapping it up on this end, we've been asked to pray about and partner with another agency to serve as their in country coordinators for their projects as well. This stateside organization has already built and opened up other schools in the villages and are now engaging the local population in agricultural development. We will tell you more on this later when it becomes more defined.

For the moment we are figuring out health insurance overseas, airline tickets, transferring money for living expenses there, and also stateside home issues and probably a million other little things along the way.

While this is an exciting preparation time for us, it sometimes gets to be overwhelming as well. You'd think we'd have it all figured out by now, but unfortunately each deployment comes with a new set of things to consider as well as revising old plans that were in place.

Reminders of the Past



As we were creating this newsletter, we received a posting from a friend reminding us that Cambodia is still a dangerous place and the most land mined country in the world. The land mine shown above was unearthed along with about a dozen pieces of unexploded ordinance just last month. These pieces come from the period of one of the great genocides of the last century with the Vietnamese, the Khmer Rouge, Thai and others planting these devices to both keep people in Cambodia, and out of other countries.

While we go nowhere near these marked mine fields, we still see the effects of these wicked devices on the Cambodian people.

Knee Thoughts



Prayers for a smooth transition back to Cambodia in October as we bring closure to our lives stateside.

Prayers for others to be fired up for the ministry in Cambodia and become partners in many ways so that we can serve together in the local church.

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 faithful 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.'

Pray for the victims of all the world's great genocides.

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