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Are You a Prepper?

Many years ago, longer than I'd like to remember, I participated in Boy Scouts. Though today I cannot remember the pledge and rules, I still remember the motto, "Be prepared!" Lord Baden Powell, the founder, said that this meant being ready to do your duty.

This, the need to be prepared, was further reinforced with the parable of the ten virgins found in the first thirteen verses of Matthew 25. The five wise virgins carried extra oil to keep their lamps glowing while five foolish virgins had to go purchase oil for their lamps and missed the coming of the bridegroom and were left out of the feast and celebration. Not being prepared certainly has consequences and we need to be prepared for the important things in life.

Today, we seem to always be preparing for the next event in our lives. Children are currently preparing to return to school. Parents are preparing for the change of seasons. In our family, we are preparing for several birthdays and anniversaries. Shary and I are also preparing for our next deployment to Cambodia. There is always so much to do and so much to prepare for.

Our preparations have taken us to a number of web sites to learn more about Cambodia, the needs of that country, and some of the solutions. In the course of our study, we have come across a group of people that are also preparing for a very important event. These people have become known as preppers, and they are preparing for the end of civilization as we know it. Preppers are people who are stockpiling food, water, and other staples in anticipation of the last days as described in Revelation. They are moving to remote locations in anticipation that they will not experience the end of the earth.

Shary and I are also preparing for the last days but in a

different manner. First, we are praying and saying thanks that God has privileged us to share in His mission to Cambodia. We believe that we are following the last command of Christ in Matthew 28:18-20. This is not a command given to just the apostles, the clergy or a select few, but to every Christian. As Christians, we have salvation, and we praise God for that, but we still need to follow His command. Like the virgins, not being prepared will have consequences and these are listed in Mark 16:15-16. We want to take as many people as possible with us because it is the will of God that "all would be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth" of salvation in Jesus Christ as stated in 1 Timothy 2:3-10.

It is not too late for you, your friends, and your church to join us! While our deployment is rapidly approaching and we have a lot of things to accomplish before we deploy, we are praying for you and asking for your partnership in the Gospel. We will be praying for you to become preppers with us, preparing for the last days and spreading the Gospel, both locally and "to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8).

We have asked before, and continue to ask for five things.

First, pray for us as we will be moving to a third world country for an extended period of time. Pray for our safety and health. Cambodia is a country with extreme poverty, problems with sanitation, and human rights. The health systems are nothing like what we have in the United States. Human trafficking still exists. Three years ago, there were no Christian schools in the country. Now there are four and a fifth one is in the planning stage.

Second, pray for yourselves and how you might be involved in Cambodia and other international and local missions. We will be praying for you because God's command was given to all Christians and we desire to have your partnership in spreading the

Gospel. This will take many forms and may be physical, fiscal, or another prayerfully considered gift of time and/or money. Shary and I know that God will supply our needs in Cambodia, and we feel strongly that it will come from His people, the people He has already saved like yourselves

Third, tell others what God is doing in Cambodia. We provide a monthly newsletter and a blog, <http://www.globallutheranoutreach.com/blog/frahm>, and a facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/EmpoweringLCC>. ELCC is the acronym for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cambodia which is our host and our co-workers. We all have networks, and we want you to witness to your network, inviting them to come to church with you and follow what God is doing in the fastest growing mission field in the world today.

Fourth, if you are physically and financially able, we ask those who support us to come and see for themselves what God is doing in Cambodia. We try in our newsletters to give you as accurate a picture of what is going on in God's mission as possible, but there is nothing as moving as seeing and experiencing it for yourself. This is not a simple vacation trip to observe the temples at Angkor Wat, but a trip into the Khmer Rouge Genocide of 1975 to 1979 which killed 2 million people, 25% of the Cambodian population at that time, and the persecution of the Christian Church.

Finally, stay in touch! It gets lonely living in a third world country with only your spouse to share your culture. There is nothing more encouraging than a friendly e-mail from home to encourage us, especially if the day has gone badly. Yes, not everything goes the way that we think it should. To hear an encouraging word, can really lift our spirits.

You are important to this ministry, and what you do will make a big difference in the lives of people that you may never get a chance to know here on earth. Participate with us and be part of God's mission to Cambodia. It is not too late to participate, but it is important to prepare. May God bless you as you pray about ministering with us in Cambodia; your life will never be the same again.

Knee Thoughts



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

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.'

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