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Turning around ~ And looking ahead

December is here. It shouts from every sensory point of my very being, day after day. And then today I see on Facebook a very familiar photo of a year ago, back in Cambodia, and memories swirl in my head of that December.

It was unlike any Christmas I've ever experienced. That time dove into my memory bank a bit more intently at that point. The beginning of the month we traveled to churches in different areas of the country to share time with each community and church family the joyous message of the Christ child. In each location the community came together to offer up a service combined program in celebration. In the sprinkle of time in each place out came the community cast iron pot, cooking a batch of curry to serve up a wonderful Christmas meal to the multitude of many who attended.

In each location the program/service was different and so was the curry. Splendid indeed.

These people were happy, content, blessed ~ for knowing who they were and whom they knew. Even though the flocks were small in comparison to our Christmas services, their enthusiasm and passion met the mark. Sons and daughters of Him had come to worship the birth of their Jesus.

Absent there was the norm here of the fanfare of Christmas music at every turn outside the church, the lights on the outside of homes with decorated Christmas trees for all to see, and/or

the bustle of buying gifts, stacked high in homes and of course Santa Claus. Actually we've never seen any gift exchange locally in Cambodia. In my mind the gift of those Operation Christmas Child boxes are even more impacting with the love message of Jesus attached to them for that one reason as well.

Then we were scooped up to travel with the troop of Lutheran Hour Ministries for three days. The bus troop spun out gorgeous Christmas music as we traveled down the road. It was a very long trip to Pailin but so worth the time on that bus for all of us. More of the same. (LHM pastoral staff photo below)



So this Christmas we are on home turf for family time here. It's 50 days till we are deployed again. Precious time once more to build memories on this side of the pond. Yeah! It's in the works!

Yet, while we are here, LHM will travel to the province of Siem Reap to those church communities nestled around the bustling Angkor Wat Buddhist complex. It's like, in many instances, that these communities are a world away from the mainstream 21st century

as if they actually are in a different time and place. That is where God has planted us now and we like that. I'm reckoning Pastor Samuel does too since he's prayed for our time with him for a very long time.

As our time of departure creeps closer, Samuel has shared forward some photos to us. Two are attached here. Understandably, we aren't able to list for you all of the upcoming events of 2017 there, nor into the times after that. Just as before, we are trusting God's detailed agenda to pour out as He wants it. This is church 101. Samuel has accomplished so much thus far, but now we get to help him grow even more. When asked what our 'job' would be, his response was simple ~ evangelism and cell groups to everyone is his desire. Got it Samuel!

We are going to be happily busy we're thinking. Please pray for us and Pastor Samuel and the church God has sent us to serve. Also include his wife Susophana and little guys (3) and Samreach (Pho Ratana) and wife Koteia. Samreach is brother in law to Pastor Samuel, a newbie Christian, and an English teacher. What an amazing team !



Knee Thoughts



Prayers:

- 1 The Cambodian Christian church to shine Jesus to everyone.
- 2 Joyous Christ of Christmas for everyone
- 3 Safe travels during the Christmas season for all needing to do so, here and there.
- 4 Sanity and peaceful departure / return to Cambodia.
- 5 Funding to continue serving in Cambodia in the future.

Praises:

- 1 Baptisms of our youngest two granddaughters.
- 2 The established young church of Siem Reap we will share life with.
- 3 Our prayer warriors and financial partners.



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