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A very grateful thank you to Pastor Samuel for a most prosperous and adventuresome week using the talents and energies of the Immanuel teams to share Jesus.

The Immanuel Teams (from two churches in two different states) have all left Cambodia (except for one gracious lady who will be with us another five weeks.) One team member is in the sky as this is written on his way to Missouri. The other six are slowly meandering toward their home Illinois base as well.

For the three of us still here, we are sorting thru the remnants of a very complex week and how to use it all, and discovering how much our email list has grown in our absence and giving that its due attention. We are also getting some much needed catch up sleep. Pastor Samuel is at a conference for the week that even extends into the late evening while we do our list above. Hopefully he can catch some sleep along the way somewhere in here.

To say that the week was a marathon week of firsts and stretching each one of us during that time could be viewed by many as an understatement. God and the local community blessed us many times over during those six days. Samuel was a fabulous planner in his design of our visits. We traveled to five different areas, one each day. Three of them we were already acquainted with, those being Svey Chet, Kok Krue, and Snor. Each of these has its own personality ~ Snor

being a wonderful ministry mainly to a huge regular attending group of children. Kok Krue was the church in the jungle, literally. No amenities here. One lady down a path offered up her home for lunch preparation and eating and the essential toilet needs of the day. Svey Chet is a mix of adults and children of about 25 at best, although the biggest draw were children at certain points this past week.

The last two areas were a fair distance from our guest house and took over one hour each way for travel each day. Stray Noey was our one day wonder and the church was bursting at the seams already as we arrived. George had been to Stray Noey and so knew the layout. The rest of us were surprised.

Our last day was to a church in Tuok Kruo, which had been built by the Koreans back in 2011 and was now independently surviving on its own. The pastor raised chickens and ducks to maintain some income to cover his own needs to live there. His makeshift home was next to the church so he could be near his community. He also mentioned that he has about 60 adults each Sunday that come to share fellowship in church services, and after that 'wow' I forgot to ask how many kiddos he has as well.

The title of this week was 'See More Clearly' and in that the team shared various segments of the Easter story to the community in song and skits, provided games and projects that often reflected the same theme, and then there was the eyeglass clinic that brought us over 400 precious souls to share time with, handing out something like 842 pair of glasses at best count over those five clinic days. (not counting over 500 pair of sunglasses).

While there are many stories to tell of that week by each of us, I will share a couple short ones here.

One lady came for reading glasses to the area where readers were being given out. She had already had her exam. As I recall she tried on three pair of glasses, with the third one being the winner. One thing the team had assembled was a salvation sheet that was given to each client. Well, that was not quite the 'thing' she wanted to read, so she turned around and picked up the 'good book' and opened it just to be sure she could read all of the words there. The sparkle in her eyes said it all. Her smile was perfect!



The other enduring scene I will not soon forget. You see, it was late in the day when we were just about done doing the clinic, hot and tired, when I was asked if we could see seven more people who had traveled six hours, mostly on foot thru the jungle terrain, to get to the clinic. One was an older woman wearing a sarong, a blouse, and a khmer scarf. She looked dirty and exhausted after all of that travel, and I am thinking the same group still had to walk home that same distance that they had traveled earlier that day. Need I say it was really hot out there in the sun. We were able to see them all, and yes, the older lady proudly went on her way with two very sturdy pair of glasses cradled in her scarf for protection. George prayed with her and she gave him the khmer double hand sign of gratefulness. It was all good for her that day.

Thank you to all the team members for sharing time in five villages in the Siem Reap area.

As a Seed Becomes a Vision

God has planted a precious seed deep within our hearts

The seed of a future vision that He wants to impart
As we are quietly being prepared to fulfill what He's given

We must gently nurture the seed until the full grown

vision

God then begins to open doors little by little as we are led

So each opportunity we have in Him is leading to what lies ahead

Then just at that time God chooses we walk into what He has called

So we can be a blessing to others
Sharing the love of the world.

M.S. Lowndes

Knee Thoughts



Prayers:

- 1 Work in the villages that continues to grow to show God's glory.
- 2 Funding to continue serving in Cambodia in the future.
- 3 The established young church of Siem Reap we share life with.

Praises:

1. An impressive week working in the villages doing ministry with the teams from two Immanuel churches.
2. Our prayer warriors and financial partners.
3. Safe travels for teams from Lockwood, MO and Palatine, IL.



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