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“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” [Hebrews 12:1](#)

Each day that we wake up here in Siem Reap, we are running the race for Christ. Each sunrise gives us new challenges as we hurry along this path in our lives. We realize that God has provided the path we’re supposed to take. I suspect that for those of you who are reading this you probably feel the same way where you are standing. We are all running in a marathon of sorts for Him.

Some days the race seems more than I want to be challenged with. That’s life in the ‘real world’ as it is here. Gratefully and thankfully, I also know that I am not left jogging in the dark, so to speak.

I love the Old Testament dialogue. Not only is it filled with wonderful chunks of history, but it is also jammed packed with some really solid wisdom. After a bit of research and asking my other half, we can say that we have many whom we could call ‘models’ of faith to hang out with. This cloud of witnesses paved the way for us today in their examples thru and thru. I almost imagine the ‘cloud’ of those include all of the believers everywhere who are wrapped up into one huge bunch linking arms (and picking up more on the way.) It would be the biggest gathering ever! Sounds so amazing to me!

George loves Peter. I love Noah and all the

animals. Let’s not forget Jesus as the supreme ‘model’ here too. There are so many examples to choose from. Perhaps some that we’ve/you’ve actually personally known in your/our lifetime.

We are surrounded by the saints of the past in a unique way. I don’t consider them to be spectators in the race that we are running, but rather that they are in sight and cheering us all forward. Reading the word confirms that.

That brings me back to the here and now though. I love knowing that when I’m in church on Sunday in the countryside, when I’m rubbing elbows with my local cell group friends at home, hugging my grandkids, or talking with other believers, that I’m not doing this journey alone. We are all doing it together and when we do, we’re much stronger in this faith walk. Seeing the powerful examples of faithfulness around me can give me the courage I need to charge ahead. Be blessed today everyone. God’s got it all figured out for us.

Thanks be to God our Father!



## In the Jungle

For the next two newsletters we will be bringing you up to speed on what ministry looks like with us here. We've been on site for three months now.

While the church at large slowly reorganizes with meetings and waiting on governmental approvals and licensure, we are camping out here in Siem Reap full time with Pastor Samuel. So to speak, business is as usual. Jesus continues to turn on more lights each and every day all around us.

If you recall in a previous note, we've had wonderful visitors of recent, the first being the arrival of the Hedemann's the first week in March, followed by six Immanuel IL folk who shared ministry time here too. All but one left for home after mid March. Carrie stayed, who hailed from the Lockwood MO area. She stayed for a total of seven weeks with us. She's already left a week ago.

In a moment's notice she literally dug right into this new way of life, embracing many unknowns, many we couldn't have ever put onto a list. Was it always predictable? Nope. Was it challenging? Yup! Was it worth every moment she was here? Absolutely.

She was the very first person to hang out with us for that long. She will always have a viewpoint of 'how it is' that is different. She now understands how many hours it can take to do a simple task, only to have to regenerate another one the next day, or the next week. She learned, I'm sure, how to use the resources available to her, and to put the 'extras' out for another time (and thinking how to use them as they are inventoried).

Oh my yes, the word 'inventory' quickly became a part of our vocabulary as we realized how much had accumulated in five years here and shouted to us that it was time

to not only get a workable list of it all, but also to add into our preparation to look at it and how to use it. Thanks to Carrie that is now current. She added in some treasures with what we brought as well to give a collective supply of choices for the whole year.

She learned how the internet plays tricks on all of us. It says it's working when it isn't, or it switches routers and gets really slow to none. She also learned how gracious the workers and manager at the guest house are to us to do ministry. They truly smooth the daily path we walk. Prayerfully, rubbing elbows with each of them will spark for deep relationships to be realized into eternity.

So as we bid farewell to this gracious lady, she left behind for us a plethora of remembrances of her time here. The English program that started continues to move along, with vocabulary well over 250 words learned last count. There is still a class of over 50 in regular attendance. Projects to do, things to incorporate into them, and a celebration tag of the 500th Reformation to name a few. The list could go on and on.

The fact remains that each person here, all of us, who are internationals in His church, can find a place, a home here, even for a bit. God gives that to each of us as a part of His plan. We just need to get out of the boat to do it.

Thanks Carrie for getting out of the boat ~ even when it had a wave or two in the way, or seemed a little rocky on the shore.





### A Quick Note!

A note on the TV yesterday morning that made our day:

["Welcome to Cambodia. Kingdom of Wonder. Feel the warmth"](#)

(In Fahrenheit numbers most days the temp and humidity match up). It was 99 today mid day with a 'feel' of 118. Yikes!

As the rainy season comes upon us, the mosquitoes and vegetation are both becoming thicker as we walk through the jungle going and coming from church. We haven't met Tarzan yet, but we have had a monkey meet us at the snack shop, and another one came to English class in Kok Kraul. The butterflies are emerging from their cocoons and the geckos are heard frequently singing for their mates.

### Photos:

- 1- lotus flower field blooming
2. Carrie with Kok Kraul teachers, principal, and George
3. Carrie with Samuel and her Luther Rose presentation to him.

## Knee Thoughts



### Prayers:

- 1 Work in the villages that continues to grow to show God's glory.
- 2 For guest house relationships (where we live) to lead to life changing opportunities to share Jesus.
- 3 New English program to shine Jesus to all.

### Praises:

1. A guest house staff that cares for us and encourages us in this ministry.
2. Our prayer warriors and financial partners.



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