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“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21



How Firm a Foundation Update

As of the writing of this paragraph, we have only \$1530 to go to meet our goal with ‘We Raise,’ the crowd funding platform of Wheat Ridge Ministries. The money is going to be used to stabilize the future building site of the Lutheran Church in Snor, Siem Reap Province, Cambodia. We have to have pledges for the amount of \$9650 by June 30th, 2017 in order to receive any money. Even if we are one dollar short, we will not receive anything.

But, there is another thing that we have not mentioned before that you might want to consider. The Wheat Ridge Foundation puts organizations that achieve their goals in the running for Wheat Ridge Ministries Grants.

Wouldn't it be great to receive one of these grants? But, we can only do it if we raise an

additional \$1530 by June 30th. Your donation can be as little as one dollar, or as much as God moves you to give.

We are praying for you! If you wish to become part of this team, please go to: "<https://weraise.wheatridge.org/en/projects/36323-How-Firm-a-Foundation>" with either your credit card or debit card in hand and make a pledge.

As I said, it can be as little as one dollar. If we have \$9650 in pledges by June 30th, your card will be charged on the 30th. If we do not have that amount in pledges, nothing will be charged. Wheat Ridge insists on this policy to avoid underfunded projects, and it is a great policy when you think about it. So, please pray with us how you might be involved.



Does Ministry Change When You Get on An Airplane?

We return to the US in 51 days for our 50th high school class reunions and to spend time with our school age grandchildren before

they return to the classroom, plus.....

Re-culturing back to one's starting point, one's passport base, gets harder for us every time we cross the ocean ~ not on all or many points actually, but each time we do this back and forth thing, it oft times feels like it's not a good fit for a while. Going home is perfect. There's no doubt about that. Family and friends are top notch comfort to enjoy. So is 'our' bed.

But a question I've had on my mind of late is about ministry in general. There's a good number of relating articles to inhale, that's for sure. We aren't the first, nor will we be the last, to deal in this area.

Does our ministry change when we get on an airplane?

We've been in Asia a good chunk of nine years now, not withstanding on the ground training that spanned many years beforehand in MI. I can remember the excitement and the terror all wrapped into one pack and parcel that first time we got on that plane and headed west. I even had to look up our first destination location to realize how much of my comfort zone I was being thrown out of. That's what the old translation said, I'm told, about going out ~ the translation was 'throw out' and that is about how I felt.

“Then He said to his disciples “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Matthew 9:37-38.

It is now much better from that point and I don't feel so 'thrown' out anymore. We are one country over from our starting point in Asia, with a few 360 learning circles added in to our lives. That's ok.

So this question still grips me ~ has our gospel platform for sharing changed since we got on that first airplane?

Without any hesitation, the answer is absolutely not. We still stand on scripture, the word of God, as our source in God's ministry here.

We've learned how to live well here, but it's taken time to get to this point. We've had our fair share of boulders in the road too. This teaching ground has taught us genuine points that will work anywhere.

Here in Cambodia there are such a huge percentage of locals who have never seen a foreigner in their village on a regular base or at all for that matter, let alone hear about our Jesus. Here and now we have learned to think creatively and energetically about how we might present the message of Jesus in ways that people could actually hear it and understand it. Sweating hours to simplify conversations to age appropriate knowledge means boiling down the Good News to its sweet and redeeming truth. It's meant that we've had to have an honest and open faith journey. The Holy Spirit kind.

Interestingly, we've grown exponentially in our faith because of that, and God has blessed us time and time again in big and little ways.

In the Bible the word retirement is never mentioned. This job, our job, is of eternal standing and significance. Actually all of our jobs are the holy arena God has placed us in for divine Kingdom purposes. It's sort of like having a job, and also having 'the' job. Cool point!

We've decided that going home isn't going to be so hard anymore. We get what our primary motivation and mission is love. "For God so LOVED the world.....

We are called to love. It's as simple (and as horrendously difficult) as that! Love our neighbor, love our post man, love our barista, love the noisy kids on our street—, love the

person we meet who is so incredibly different than we are, love our spouses, love the filthy kids who need more than a bath, ...love. Love becomes the goal but it's also the means to the goal.

So when someone asks you why do do what you do, it's Jesus love. Wherever he plants you. It's that simple. Go for it.

As for us, well, we're going to pretend we are in Asia when we are in our passport country and keep love moving out. In Cambodia, we are good to go.

How about you?

Knee Thoughts



Prayers:

- 1 Work in the villages to continue to grow to show God's glory.
- 2 Pastor Samuel and his 'full plate' juggling agenda to remain in line with what God desires.
- 3 Successful closure to the project "How Firm a Foundation."
- 4 Well rested bodies and clear minds to carry on in this work for all of us.

Praises:

1. Our wonderful stateside Sunday night cell group and their church who were able to raise funds for a urgently needed ministry tuk tuk.
2. Our prayer warriors and financial partners, including those who have stepped forward with the new stabilizing land project.
3. God opportunities each day we wake up to serve Him/here.



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Attention:

If you would like us to speak at your church, Sunday School, or small group, please shout us an email with that request and we will get back to you. We won't be in the US very long on this furlough. Our contact number is 847-207-7974 if you'd like to leave a message as well. Thank you very much for pouring out your precious prayers, encouragement, friendship, and love to God's ministry in Cambodia, to Pastor Samuel and Siem Reap.