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Don't be Afraid

Joshua is an interesting biblical character from the Old Testament. For nearly 40 years he served in the shadow of Moses in a very humble yet faithful manner. It was when Moses died that God chose Joshua to be the next leader of Israel.



Can you imagine being called as the successor of Moses? I am sure that as a human, Joshua was intimidated, but he really had little to fear. After all, he was chosen by God after 40 years of training. Joshua was being given a pep talk by God on how he was made for greatness and the Lord had his back (Joshua 1:5-9).

Here he was at age 80, and the Lord was giving him a new task and commands. Because Joshua had been faithful with lesser responsibilities, God was now giving him even greater tasks to be completed. And when God commanded, Joshua obeyed. He obediently followed God's instructions and moved in the direction that God led him. And God continually encouraged Joshua with the words, "Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." (Joshua 8:1) just as he encourages us.

Even as God wanted Joshua to trust Him with each new assignment, He wants you and me to trust and follow Him too, no matter what our age and situation. And God does not expect us to do it alone, but to depend on His support and unending strength (Philippians 4:13) rather than our limited abilities. When God says move, we need to move forward, expecting Him to provide everything that we need to be faithful to His commands.



When we depend on God, we depend on the faithful Protector, Provider, Defender, and Guide who will never leave or forsake us. Are you ready to come to Cambodia and see what God is doing there? Are you ready to work with us to support Pastor Samuel in what he needs done? Are you ready to serve rather than just volunteer?

Seven years ago, when we were asking God where He would have us serve, the lead Missionary for LCMS stated, "Before you leave Southeast Asia, you must come and see what God is doing in Cambodia." What the missionary meant was not just come and watch, but to get involved and return with God's blessings to experience His work.

Now, we would like to ask you to come and

experience God's calling. We would like to invite those of you who worship together to form a short term mission team to join us during the winter of 2019 to become part of God's mission to Cambodia. Winter is the dry but warm season in Cambodia. Usually God provides some cooling breezes while we serve in the villages.

If you are interested please e-mail us of your interest and start recruiting your team. You will be making your own choices and do most of the work required for a successful mission. Our task will be to work with Pastor Samuel and your team to come up with a mutually agreeable project(s) supporting Pastor and his preaching stations. You have nearly a year to raise your funding as a team, get your passports in order, obtain necessary vaccinations, conduct a bible study of God's mission and do a couple projects in your own home town to build and prepare yourselves as a team.



This will be a service project rather than a group of volunteers or worse yet tourism to see the Temples of Angkor Wat (Angkor Wat is a 1200 year old World Heritage Site near where we work.)

The purpose of a service project is to help you and others on your team to grow in your faith as well as bring God's word to the unchurched communities of Cambodia.



Before we left Cambodia in July 2017, we had the opportunity to meet with several of the government officers for primary education in Cambodia. These were men responsible for the 7100+ primary schools of Cambodia. We met them in Kok Kraul, a small village where we had been teaching English using the English in Action curriculum developed at Moody Bible Institute. As a result of our meeting, we were asked to return to three rural primary schools to teach English and expand our program by these government officials.

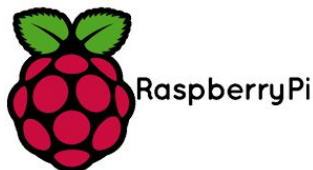
Because of this invitation, we are looking for 6 individuals to help us team teach English in Action. This is an ideal mission opportunity for either someone just out of college or someone who has just retired and willing to spend a minimum of 6 months experiencing what missionaries do and what we encounter. Ideally, we are praying for people who might consider several years in the mission field rather than individuals who come for just a couple of months.

The schools in question are certainly rural without electricity when we last toured them. Each has a lunch program so that the students remain all day, contrary to the common practice of Cambodia.

We are sorry, but this is not a paying position, but an opportunity to experience international missions on a local level. Each participant will raise their own support although Global Lutheran Outreach has offered their Student Mission Experience program to Lutheran students and graduates to help raise support.

Missionaries at the other end of the life line can also become full Global Lutheran Outreach Missionaries and will be supported in raising their own support in a very similar manner.

Because we would like to start this program in January 2019, while we are in country, please pray how you might be involved and contact George at the addresses and numbers listed at the end of this newsletter.



What do you think? For those of you who help support us in the field, you know that you are much more than donors to us. We know that you not only support us financially, but with encouragement and prayers. That is why we call you partners. But as partners, you have a say in what we do, and we are asking for your opinion and possibly even a share of your time.

About the time that we moved from Indonesia to Cambodia, a fellow in the UK by the name of Eben Upton made an observation. Eben noticed that while many young people could play games and type on the computer, basically they were users without a deep understanding of how computers operated and were programmed. He theorized with this that part of the problem was the high cost of computers and answered his theory by designing a small credit card computer with a low price. The computer that he designed is now in its third generation and sells for \$35 per computer. To this basic card, one must add a USB keyboard, mouse, and an old used television with an HDMI port. So for about \$125, a usable computer can be had.

George learned about this computer and actually purchased one and began playing with it. During his prayers, George came up with the observation that there were many organizations out there that were teaching Microsoft Office but his prayer was for God to show him how he might use this device to spread God's word and glorify Him.

God answers prayer, and certainly, there was an answer to George's prayers. The Raspberry Pi is programmable in a number of different computer languages which all come installed with the operating system. George is now looking for individuals willing to donate their time to develop and perfect programming classes using the Raspberry Pi computer, and also ask for your opinion if this can be used to witness for Christ.

More recently, a version of LibreCAD has been ported over to the Raspberry Pi opening up the possibility of teaching Computer Aided Drafting and database development rather than office software.

What would be required is for individuals interested in these projects to purchase and set up a Raspberry Pi computer and develop the teaching materials for programming. Once complete, individuals interested in serving would join us in Cambodia or another mission field to teach programming, CAD, and database development and referencing Christ and what He has done for us.

What do you think? Are you the individual to take on this challenge?

Knee Thoughts

1-Please pray for us and our involvement in God's ministry with Pastor Samuel in Cambodia.

2-Pray for yourselves, how to partner in effective ways such as being a prayer warrior, a financial partner, an advocate in your church community, or come yourself work in the field.

3-Tell others about the growing ministry platform you read and hear about thru us in Cambodia. We all have different networks and you are our best advocates.

4-Pray for clear direction as to our departure return to Cambodia in the not too distant future.



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