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January 10, 2019, its an important day for the khmer people. Actually, this day almost slipped thru our fingers. I (George) was up a little early because today was the day that Pastor and I were going to the airport to meet Ms. Carrie. Initially Pastor and I missed our meeting spot. Then my phone rang.

It was Shary saying that Pastor was sitting in front of her. Pastor asked me to quickly gather my bag because we needed to walk some distance to where he had parked. As we left, I saw the back end of a marching unit of young people parading up Sivatha, the main street. I had time to wheel around to take one picture of the next group of young people marching toward me as we walked to the tuk tuk.

When we got to the car Pastor had borrowed to pick up Carrie, I asked what the young people were celebrating. I had forgotten that on January 10, 1978, 40 years ago that the Vietnamese invaded Cambodia to depose Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge and end the great Cambodian Genocide. Forty years later, these young people are celebrating the liberation of their grandparents/family from one of the worst tragedies of the 20th century and setting the stage for the Cambodia of today.

Transformation

While our being in Cambodia is not a youtube video

nor a transformer, we have been given this unique opportunity to return and share time here with Pastor Samuel and his growing church community and to see the transformation that is going on, and be a part of it into 2019. It's like seeing something up front and personal, feeling the blessing and impact that God has woven into this community from the start, but it's more visual now. It's the first hand approach that He undoubtedly wanted to give us to pass on to you all everywhere who have watched, prayed, encouraged, and rallied around this community.

We have barely slid into the new year and already we are seeing the continuation of the beginnings of our 2018 arrival woven into the new year as we each grasp where we are headed going forward. Each one of us (now there are three) are being stretched and molded to serve, grow, and share in ways that we do not always have an agenda in line for. In other words, God loves surprises!

Backing up just a moment though, if you haven't had the opportunity to meet the ministry areas over the month of December, please jump back into our ELCC facebook page where the highlights of the joyous Christmas season have been shared both in video and in pictures. It was indeed a fast paced, active, busy month with deadlines that loomed with each of the chosen Christmas celebrations, and yet brought us all together to meet those dates. Honestly, I am certain that there were many more moments we were not aware of, behind the scenes organization and activities here and there in the mix as well, but we had many hours shoulder to shoulder meeting the list of things to do.

With the new year came Carrie, who has returned to share her wealth of experience and knowledge of teaching littles and will be focusing on the Snor school area. Interestingly, for those of you who may not realize it, the school is next to the church compound,

so it provides an easy open door to share Jesus during the week. Whether Carrie is at the school or at the church, her littles and upper grades will be easily motivated to come and share time with her. It's that simple, and yet God will use her so readily right there.

We look forward to her wonderful smiling, quick spirit over the next months as she shares her heart with these kids.

Moving Forward

Marching into 2019, Immanuel Lutheran Church of Snor now has a safe haven from which to continue to share the gospel message and become a more visual solid base in the community. Pastor Samuel is in the midst of learning about micro financing from another local pastor in order to share in the future a local option for honest fair banking in his areas as well.

The basic physical part of the church has been completed with a few extras that were added due to better end costs and creative but stable decisions along the way. We are now facing smaller needs of the church to do now, some will improve and sustain the church compound from this point, others will improve ministry in this 21st century.

George is in the midst of detailing as best possible each of the possible projects in numerical order of preference in Pastor Samuel's thoughts. Please pray how your organization, church, or family would be able to bring these to fruition. We can let you know when this detail is completed, but here is a list of those projects to pray about with us. Not all of the items listed have a cost factor at this time. In the detail there will be photos included to explain in greater detail.

1. 4 doors and 5 windows 1500\$
2. Water tank and washing station 550\$
3. Back wall and clean/dig out fish pond 1400\$
4. Front yard 600\$
5. Garden 780\$
6. Table and chairs 800\$
7. Tuk tuk engine change 450\$
8. Video projector system 800\$
9. Chicken Aviary
10. Altar Tables 2 meters
11. Storage cabinets
12. Dishware and Silverware

Knee Thoughts

1- You fill in the blank here as you pray. Each one of us has the single opportunity to take our requests to our Father in all needs. We've shared this one with you.

2- Our time here to be fruitful as He wants us to work and serve.

3- To remain healthy. (Shary was quite ill at the start of the year, so this comes with a special request that things continue to improve and not require evacuation to Bangkok). Right now there is no concern.

4. Carrie emersion in Snor teaching English thru the bible and English in action to be a blessing to the church and community. God has those details in order!



5. Preparation for the eyeglass clinic team, their travel, and their service to the local community to be shining Him.

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