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“See More Clearly”

Today we will have a visit from another short term team. This team is comprised of members of three different churches, all named.... “Immanuel”. While small, each of the team members has been here before with a similar eye glass clinic. They are mission veterans and we are praying for great things to be accomplished.



This eyeglass team is going to Banteay Meanchey Province, to the town of Sisaphon. This is So Phanna, Pastor’s wife’s home town, and the place where Pastor began his ministry. While we were planning this trip, Shary and I had a chance to talk with Pastor about his start in ministry, and he simply stated that he started preaching because he had lost his job with a mission organization that had underestimated the cost of ministry.

But rather than losing faith, he placed his faith and trust in God, and was rewarded with a place to stay or a chicken to eat. Today, he is not rich, but continues to be generous to the village people who need to hear about Christ. But as part of his generosity, he wanted to share the gift of sight and us with churches that had encouraged him and his wife.

Now, while the team is just about here, you can still

share in this mission. Pray for us for a successful mission! If you wish to be a financial supporter, you can still send donations to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Palatine, IL, or Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lockwood, MO.

Mark your donations for the Immanuel Eyeglass Team. If you belong to another church and wish to support this mission directly, send your donation to Global Lutheran Outreach, and put Cambodia – Frahm – Eyeglass in the comment line or send us an e-mail with the amount and it will be given to Pastor Samuel and Immanuel Lutheran Church of Siem Reap.

One to One Cambodia/Singapore

One of the very pleasant, but tiring events that took place while we have been here is the visit of a medical mission team from Singapore. The team was a group of young volunteers both male and female that were partnered with a group of pharmacy, and medical professionals from Phnom Penh. The volunteers from Singapore called themselves Mission Xplorers and they were partnered with One to One Cambodia.

None of the volunteers for either group were paid, but their expenses were picked up by a foundation out of Singapore and stated their purpose as to “open the doors” for local pastors like Samuel. They were well organized with a reception table, waiting area, four doctor’s stations, and a pharmacy. But the great part is that there were also four evangelization stations where the young people could witness their faith.

Pastor Samuel had worked with the local commune chiefs and the Pouk District Police to invite all twelve of the “local” villages to come to Snor to see the doctors and the team. And they did come from all

twelve of the villages, mostly by motorbike.

The patients came and registered at the registration table where they were given a queue number and then took a seat under a large tent canopy where over 100 chairs had been placed. While they waited, they had access to drinking water provided by the team and heard members of the team give a very animated account of Christ and his miracles.



From the waiting area, they were escorted one by one to a doctor's station where they were examined. Each of the doctors was also volunteering their time and spent whatever it took to diagnose the patient before they prescribed therapeutic exercise, pain killers and antibiotics as necessary. But before they could go to the pharmacy, there was another waiting period while the pharmacist prepared their medications.

But, the patients were not left alone. Two and even three of the young people took the client to the side and waited with them. The waits were not boring as the volunteers told the patients about their love of Christ because He first loved them. Some of the volunteers spoke fluent Khmer, but others were much more like me with very broken Khmer. These volunteers worked through interpreters.



Now, if you are not aware, Singapore is a small nation south of Cambodia where there are four official

languages, English, Malay, Hindi, and Mandarin. And the second most spoken language in Cambodia is English, but much of it is broken like my Khmer. But this meant that I had the chance to "listen in." Each of the witnesses spoke very excitedly about their relationship with Christ and as the pharmacist became available, ended the conversation with each patient by praying for them and their family, neighbors, and village.

But, probably, the most amazing person there in my opinion was the pharmacist. She was a young woman just out of pharmacy school in Phnom Penh and looking for her first position. She told me in fantastic English that she had attended three years of school on a scholarship and at the beginning of that portion of her life, she did not know Christ as her Savior, but was here thanking him for her salvation and serving the local Christian church.



The table which was in front of her was lined with boxes and more boxes of medications which she knew where each had been placed. There was very little looking for a particular medication, but even more amazing was the cache of meds that were under her table. It was huge and she knew what each box contained.

The pharmacy was the last stop, and there were huge smiles on many of the patients as they left.

However, the greatest thing was that she was short handed and because of God's preparation of Shary as a veteran nurse, Shary was able to fill the seat next to this young lady and help with the counting of the pills and other preparatory actions. And while there were no patients directly in front of the pharmacist, I could hear Shary encouraging this young lady, new in the faith.

But, I had the best job of all. I was the Go-Fer. I got to take the team members water and help move the patients from one station to the other. I saw one patient wearing glasses that I recognized from a previous eye glass clinic. It was so good to see her again that as I walked her out, I had another opportunity to pray for her. I also got a chance to talk to the volunteers as they asked if Immanuel Lutheran Church of Siem Reap met regularly and I was proud to say "Every Sunday at 9:30." When I asked why they wanted to know, I was told because one of the patients had identified that they wished to know more of the Christian faith. Praise God, this is what we had prayed for!

One bit of God's humor was learned on the second day of the medical clinic. During the first day of the clinic, the team from Mission Xplorer's and One to One served 120 people or so. But on our way to the clinic site, Shary, Carrie, and I with Pastor Samuel and So Phanna passed a line of 10 large passenger buses that had stopped at the high school just outside Pouk. Early the next day, Pastor and I were visiting the police station when we found out it was another medical clinic in those buses that was funded out of the government. The surprise was that while we had 120 people we served and witnessed from 9 until roughly 4, the government medical mission had worked from 8 to 8 and only had 40 patients served. Praise be to God sending everyone to us and for the opportunity to witness.

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 and close out our last days here for now. We are only 27 days out from departure. It will go so fast~
3. Preparation for the Immanuel eyeglass clinic team, their travel, and their service to the local community to be shining Him.

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