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“See More Clearly”

Two days have passed since the last Immanuel Palatine team member departed back to the US. They arrived late on March 20th, joining 4 others already here. This team comprised of members of three different churches, all named.... “Immanuel”. While small, each of the team members had been here before with similar eye glass clinics. They are mission veterans and this time was even better than the previous ones.

That was good in itself, as we were working more remotely for the whole week...and it was peaking over 100F every day out there. Knowing the basics sure helped...and if you didn't have a handle on something, you learned quickly!

God blessed the team in so many ways!



This eyeglass team visited Banteay Meanchey Province, near the Thai border. It wasn't as far as our jaunt to Srey Noi on a previous clinic, but the area still had the quality of a 'cowboy' town atmosphere.

In all of the locations we were very warmly welcomed. Each site rolled out the 'red carpet' in the best way they could. Tables arrived on the back of

motos to use for fitting stations. Chairs came out of wherever they could be found in the village. So did the people. Day four at Sophana's home church was overwhelmingly engaging and people were so patient, all rolled into the same sequence. By 11:00am that day we had already rounded our first 100 clients that were evaluated and fitted. A second set of sheets were requested from Shary, much to her surprise, for signing up and the forms to be filled out. By the end of that day, over 217 had been seen, with many heading home with two sets of glasses. Yup, we were tired that day ~

The last day we popped into a tiny village on the way home. We were told that there were about 25 regular church members in this faithful congregation. About 50 came to see us that day for the short time we were there. Many really needed glasses for their bible reading. Amen!



All in all, I'm suspecting we saw around 1,200 souls during the week and probably sent out 750-850 glasses

in all. In each location, the local church stepped forward and shared one on one time with each person who came those days, prayed with them and encouraged them in their relationship with Jesus.

Our heartfelt love and thank you to each and every team member for stepping out and being the hands and feet of our Father during those days.

(Each day is summarized on our facebook page too.)



Prayer and Pedestals

It is very hard for me to remember to “Not to put my pastor on a pedestal where he can be knocked off, but to keep him on my prayer list where he can be uplifted.” Pastor Samuel is my pastor while we are here in Cambodia, and he accomplishes great things with the Lord’s help. But, he is also a human being and like all of us are not perfect. But, the Lord is always in control, and that has been very evident during our current stay.

Teaching English

We are very thankful to Carrie Hedemann for being part of the last two eyeglass teams and also teaching English as a second language to the young people here. As I mentioned earlier, English is the second language of Cambodia, and even a reasonable command of the English language can help lift many of these students out of poverty as they find jobs in the

number one travel destination in the world, Siem Reap and Angkor Wat.

The young people learning English also makes it easier for us to communicate with them and to tell them about Christ’s love with our words and actions. Our language needs to be simplified and told in the form of stories and experiences, but with even a partial understanding of what is said, they can sing more Christian songs and understand the words and know the stories even more.

Having attended an English class helps them to recognize Christ’s love for them through us, as demonstrated in a recent trip to Kok Kraul. While traveling off of the Ring Road, we had just turned off the pavement and on to a little two track, we were traveling back to one of the local widow’s who had helped us by providing a meeting place and many times a Sunday luncheon. Either way, as we left the highway, we passed two boys on bicycles and heard them call out, “Opa and Oma (the names we use with young people)”. It said thank you better than anything else.

But thanks to Carrie, because teaching English here is not easy. Classes get suddenly canceled, and classes are never in town, requiring travel to and from the city. Teachers must make many of their teaching tools and analyze how they can best help the students. But, it is also an opportunity for telling young adults how Christ has died for you and your sins. If you know a young person just getting out of college, it is an opportunity to enter the mission field for a year or two. Here in Cambodia, we are fortunate because we have the blessing of the Ministry of Education from our first year, where we identified our use of English in Action as Christian Material and still received their request to expand out teaching.

Church Upgrades

This has been a very unusual deployment and we wish to say thank you to everyone who has helped support us in the ministry here in Cambodia. While there is still more to do, we are very thankful for gifts both large and small that have permitted us to stay here and to physically share your gifts with the local church.

But, this year has been especially fruitful with a couple of one time gifts from individuals who were brought to us for a special purpose. When we received notification of their gifts, we decided that we must use that money plus some of your gifts to provide a better worship experience. This has also created a couple of humorous moments such as the night I was asked by Shary about my purchase of a \$334 shirt.

“What! I don’t like to shop at all, let alone spend money on clothing, especially expensive clothing.” Well, I asked where she received her information and she showed me our credit card statement, and sure enough there was a charge for a \$334 shirt from a company we did not recognize. It was only with some searching that I remembered we had made a large purchase on our credit card for part of the church upgrade. The charge fell under a clothing entity manufacturer.

There are a number of improvements to the building and grounds in the last 6 months thanks to your generosity and the children are singing about God grace, and salvation. And as I showed a picture of Jesus sleeping in the boat during the storm last Sunday, I asked one young man if he could find Jesus in the picture and he immediately pointed out the correct figure as the man who was sleeping. What a praise, he wasn’t just imitating what he had heard, but honestly knew the story and had put his trust in Christ.

Improvements that have been made have always been evaluated against how they will enhance Samuel’s ministry and have included audio and visual enhancements as well as teaching aids. The storage for those items has also been improved that they can be used well into the future in this damp and hot climate.

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 17 days out from departure. It will go so fast~

3. Praise for a successful eyeglass clinic week and Sunday children’s messages by the Immanuel Palatine team the last two Sundays.

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***** So much is happening on a weekly basis that it isn’t easy to pick and choose what to put here at months end. Please visit our facebook page listed to see the happenings in this life.**

Thank you! ***