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Faithfulness in Action ~ George

Oft times the ministry platform in another country is different from what we would be accustomed it to be. On this side of the pond so many churches are already built and leadership, while at times may changes hands, is already established in the church. If there is an apparent new area of need seen in a community, the church may initiate a satellite area and send folks there to get it up and going.

In Cambodia the platform is a bit different since there are so few churches as yet and usually only a few trained staff to mentor that area. Also, while in the US, we may travel a number of miles to attend the church of our choice, Cambodian churches are centered within the community and many times will be a single extended family.

During our last deployment in Cambodia, while a Singaporean medical clinic was taking place, George accompanied Pastor Samuel to run some errands. On the way back, Samuel took a slight detour into a village of LaVeer to show George a vacant house, in some need of repair, but still very useable. Samuel explained that he has been asked to start a church in LaVeer and the owner of the house has offered it as a meeting place.

This is going to require some sincere prayer from all of us about the challenges Samuel will face with another church. There will be even greater demands on his Pastoral time and severe financial

challenges to support his family since pastors in Cambodia are generally not well paid by the church parishioners. And while it will present challenges, it is still an opportunity to fulfill the Great Commission.

As you pray, please plead to the Lord of the Harvest to throw out more laborers into the field so that opportunities such as LaVeer, Svay Chek, and Kok Kraul will not be missed and that the Lord of the Harvest will be glorified.

A Journey of Time ~ Shary

One day in April when we were out in Snor, I sat in the corner of the church building during the peak hot part of the day and while everyone rested, I took the time to write this as I looked around to take in all the sights, sounds, and smells. I entitled it 'A Journey in Time.'

Visiting a country where I have grown into an intimate relationship with a local or locals there has had a deepening impact on all the senses of my being. It has built common ground where there was none, and even more importantly brought about a deep sense of love that cannot be knitted elsewhere.

I can clearly see why my God has formed His world in this way. It makes us get up out of our chairs and open our front doors. As I've mentioned so many times before, our grandson in

his younger days said it best to when he asked why Opa and I had to travel half way around the world when all we had to do was open our front door.

Well, basically we did open our front door M. and we both learned much more than I'm sure was planned as we stepped outside.

You see, this time in Cambodia I learned a new lesson, and it is this:

I'm the one who has changed. My 'usual' has a new twist in it that has become my norm. My Cambodian side came out clearly as I traversed Bangkok seeing extended family previous SVSU international students. I'm an American responding with Khmer words, I'm a girl who understands the respect and sompaou of greeting that naturally flows out now. Thai language isn't any easier than Khmer in my mind, but there are rules of the road here too.

Love has no boundaries, and I for one can look back and with heartfelt tears realize how great my God is, and how blessed I am to have begun a walk with Him and all the international students He sent our way. It's been a journey of great and unintended events we couldn't have imagined or done on our own to get to now!

"Those He predestined, He also called; and those He called, He also justified; and those He justified, He also glorified."

Romans 8:30

I truly believe that all of us who are believers in Christ have a calling. I am convinced God assigns our callings for a host of reasons, many of which serve a purpose in us, not just in those we will serve. God is the master of so much multitasking.

I also don't think He would be upset if I said that He, on purpose, picks on something until He can

get it to the surface. For example, God knew what He called me to do would force me to deal with some deep thorns of my past and from that my calling would be at stake if I was not willing to allow Him to deal with my insecurities.

I have loved God's word for a long time, but my approach and expectations have changed as I felt more confident in Him. In the old days, I used to expect a little direction and a little increase of my knowledge from daily Bible reading. But then that idea changed, ever so slowly. I will say that Pastor Samuel is a walking Bible. He knows where things are ~ in the Khmer way that is.

Seriously, as I write this, we are in the US two months, facing some challenges that were not on our furlough list. But now it's simple because as I go through my day, meeting inevitable challenges and self doubts, I depend on and expect Him to be strong in me. And He is.

Living through something we were sure we couldn't endure gives us a small glimpse of our immortality and is clear evidence that the "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" promise works. None of us particularly like the face it until you get over it approach to banish fear, but it certainly can be effective.

God: "Yes, you can make it."

Its obvious that I can be devoted to the Lord without distraction, I can call upon Him and He will answer me, and that He will continually tell me great and wondrous things that I do not yet know.

I am a work in progress ~ We are all a work in progress ~ Amen!



A bit of 'loose change' was able to update the very worn and well used family tuk tuk for Pastor Samuel, which will allow him to safely transport his family locally for ministry and personal needs. We love the chosen colors!

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.
- 2- Our time here to be fruitful and yet be a time of rest and refreshment.
3. Prayers for George for strength and healing, Pastor Samuel for guidance and answers to daily struggles in ministry, his health and life, and So Phana for good health as she delivers in October.
4. Pray for a new church in LaVeer, that they can be mentored by Immanuel Lutheran Church in Snor.

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