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It has been 3 ½ years since we stood on this hallowed ground as you see it here above. At that moment it held no distinct relevance, but today as the world turns around us, this very ‘rock’ has become a symbol of what has come from that point forward.

Just a few days ago marked the beginning of what is now known as ‘Immanuel Lutheran Church’ of Snor Village, Siem Reap Province, Cambodia.

This rock is a stalwart symbol of what God wanted us to see that day ~ into this day and this moment into eternity in His kingdom. It hasn’t always been an easy path to travel, but it has been so worth it to be in the midst of what came forth. At times our hearts are gripped in sorrow being so far away from it, wanting to be a physical part of it, then remembering that we will always be a part of it because God made the path for us to go there in the start. We could have never gone on our own. Period.

Just like Simon Peter, who, as so many of us, have many ‘sides’ and yet we are used in our weaknesses to do as we always should. Christ

commanded Peter to go out and be a disciple into all the world. He certainly had his faults, but then so do we and yet He sent us half way around the world to share life and share God’s love in the same stead.

Matthew 16:18-19 “And I tell you, you are Peter, and ‘on the rock’ I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and “whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed’ in heaven.”

When we were sent to Snor Village to be with the local Immanuel team already there (Samuel and his family), we held Sunday services under a canopy next to the local school where the tables and outdoor oven were. Each Sunday we would arrive early to sweep the grounds clean (with a tree twig tied broom), wipe down the student tables, and arrange them for service. Sometimes we used a green tarp on the ground under the canopy. The children would come. Sometimes an adult or a few. A children’s church service was done followed by treats to send home with them (candy snacks). Confirmation classes and studies were done after that service. Sometimes baptisms



also took place after service.

Just a few days ago marked three years that a church 'building' project was started. The local church will forever be indebted to the partners around the world who came together to accomplish this as it stands today, a beacon of eternal light into the local community to share the gospel and love of Jesus.

Let's take a 'picture' walk thru the building construction and see how this came to be today. Some of the 'construction' methods may surprise you. The end product of many hands and hearts will prayerfully amaze you.





And so today, to the Glory of God the Father who loves each of us, this is His Immanuel Lutheran Church of Snor.

Of course the road to Snor is sometimes flooded during the June-November monsoon season. Yup, this is it ! And so, in the dry season, it makes for a very rough ride, and a chance for a free massage in the process. Those ruts stay there!



Yes these two photos are the same road into Snor.



And one reason houses are on stilts!



Song book (above) and Baptism



And the latest are grated glass windows and doors so we can now enjoy a breeze inside during church



glass windows replaced metal covered tar paper as



barred glass doors in front opened up the church to the community even more! They can hear the beautiful singing and the sermon!!!

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. There are so many and as His family of sons and daughters we have the greatest opportunity to pray without ceasing.

2- Our time here to be fruitful in the midst of unexpected challenges involving us and yet it still be a time to share Jesus here as well.

3. Praise for the ability to connect electronically when we can't be there in person, wherever that place would normally be for a time together.

4. Prayers for our family in Cambodia during this time of separation to continue to shine for Him as they all do so well.

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