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**"The joy of the Lord is your strength."  
Nehemiah 8:10**

This newsletter is .....

Full of 'JOY'.... joy for the day, joy for the moment, joy for the journey. Embrace it, breathe it deeply, smell its freshness and newness, feel its strength. Let joy ring out...

Joy is:

The morning rays of the sun basking on our faces.

The sound of a baby cooing in delight, only a few steps away, when you least expect it.

New life.

Meeting for coffee, lunch, brunch, and everything else in between just to share the gift of fellowship, mentorship, and abiding in God's will rather than who we are as humans.

Sunday morning bible study or playing music for the church service.

Coming out of the ladies powder room with five new instant girl friends, just because. (sorry, I don't know the guy side).

Nurturing, mentoring, and embracing friends over the years and them doing it right back to you as well.

Joy is:

Traveling half way around the world, dependent totally on Jesus, rather than who we are or what is happening around us, sitting in the villages with the locals, doing games, songs, and Bible and Jesus lessons with them, maybe not realizing, that so many of those present were awed by your presence. 'Old' people didn't exist in their community, let alone anyone who comes from half way around the world to get there.

.....So many other joys, each one reading this newsletter could add here....memories of travels, holidays, life in general. Joy is a journey for each of us to write about...talk about...to embrace. We are each writing our own story.

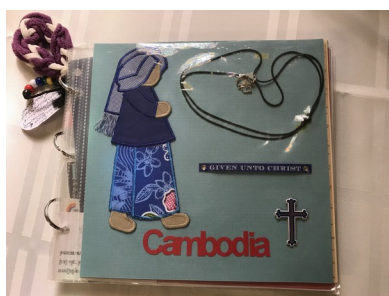
Joy is made totally for the journey of life ... real joy comes from God and is ours forever...wherever our journey takes us.



Years ago a vibrant servant and partner in God's ministry to Cambodia came into our

lives when our son and his bride lived in Memphis, TN. I have asked her to share a bit of her journey of life here as our paths crossed way back then. She is still very present and committed today to this ministry.

She came half way around the world to share Jesus. She was given the most unlikely opportunity to share time with two crazy people (us) just because a personal trainer was her coach, (and our son) and you know, there is always conversation when you exercise in between those deep knee bends. God in action! This is her story.....



## **God's Amazing Plan For Getting Us to Cambodia to meet George and Shary Frahm By Mrs. Pat Ellis**

One lovely day in the Spring, I was on my way to shop at Walmart in Collierville TN, when my good friend Kathy met me with a request. Would I please go with her to Peoria, IL to a women's conference of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)? 'Of course, I would love to go' – I said – especially since Kathy was driving.

While at this conference with 5000 other Lutheran women from all over the USA, Kathy put her name in a drawing for a trip to meet missionaries in the field. As drawing winners were announced, Kathy heard her name called as the winner of a trip to Cambodia.

Kathy and I weren't sure how this would

work. Kathy had been dealing with health issues and was sure she could not go on this trip, so she offered it to me. It was for two people and I could ask my husband to go too. But we did not know how to find out what mission team we should visit.

Also, I was not sure I could go on such a long trip due to my back trouble. I spent a lot of time in a wheelchair since walking was painful.

We did a lot of praying together to ask the LORD for guidance. We contacted the Lutheran Church MO Synod but did not get our answer there. They did not have a team for us to visit.

At that time I was working on issues with my back, lots of pain, and difficulty with walking. I did not know where I should go for help. I prayed for God's guidance and sat with the phone book in hand looking for help with my back. I found an ad for help with back pain. Dr. Frost became my doctor – a chiropractor who X-rayed my back and found the trouble was a bone spur holding up my vertebrae. He recommended I go to a trainer who also had medical training and would work with me on exercises to help with my back pain. His name was Serian Frahm.

As I trained with Serian several days a week to relieve my back pain, we talked together about our families. I learned that Serian's parents were missionaries to CAMBODIA. Wow! He put us in touch with them and we were able to find a time for us to visit them. What a miracle!

When our prayer partners learned about the trip, several wanted to come too. Again, we went to the LORD in prayer to determine who should be on our team and how we could pay for extra people to go.

The LORD was quick to answer. Kathy visited her neighbor next door to tell her about our trip and she gave Kathy a check for \$5000... another miracle in this miracle story. We were able to send 5 people altogether on the

trip, including our pastor Josh, a registered nurse Nita, my prayer partner Connie, my husband Nat and me. What a blessing!!

We studied about Cambodia and ways to present the Gospel. We worked with the Frahm's in Cambodia through the internet and with Serian here. We received help from the Synod with materials for the trip. We taught lessons in crafts and songs to share our faith. We stayed for a week with the church in Snor, Cambodia near Siem Reap, with the help of George and Shary, perfect hosts. We got to meet the local pastor Samuel and his lovely wife So Phana. Hundreds of local people came to see us – especially the children - as we shared God's love with the Gospel message. God knows the plans He has for His people – In Cambodia & America.

Thank you Pat for sharing your heart and passion of getting that gospel message out there for many to hear.



## Update Cambodia

Cambodia now has open borders with only a negative PCR test required to enter the country. If you test positive, you are allowed to self quarantine at your private residence. There have been some comments of a need for an extra cup of coffee or two being purchased along the way at immigration, but by and large things seem to be smooth at this time.

From photos that have lately been posted on various places, it is even more apparent that ever so slowly the countryside is beginning to spread its wings and is opening up to the influx of those who previously had provided local income to support a community. It has been a challenging

period, no doubt, over these last many months, with irregular weather patterns forcing food security to continue to be an upfront issue even longer.



Visitors from the Phnom Penh church came to visit to pray with So Phana and Pastor Samuel and discuss community needs.



## Looking Ahead

The tug and nudge to return to Cambodia is paramount, God willing of course. When we left the last time from Siem Reap, the ministry platform was growing by leaps and bounds. House by house, one by one, the loving message of Jesus was being shared again and again. Even outside of those areas, Samuel was going house by house, or person to person to share the gospel. I have seen more and more young adults stand up and accept the call of Christ in their lives thru the ongoing connections in the international community and thru updates. Remember these young adults are the largest percentage of Khmer out there these days. These kids have not known the ravages of war nor displacement, and have grown up with at least some food in their bellies. Now many are searching for, and many have found, is that Jesus yearns to be solidly set in each heart. Praise God for each and every soul who accepts the offer of salvation in that life journey.

Global Lutheran Outreach will remain intact as my base to return to Cambodia, just as they served as our sending agency from the beginning. The landscape of the world has changed so much, and as with most ministry couples, each have certain roles in the ministry. That being said, it has taken me a bit to grasp those particulars that George handled and I did not know much about. It is slowly coming together now, and with it affirmation of a very near departure time.

## Knee Thoughts

Please pray for the continued good health for the people of Cambodia, especially Pastor Samuel and his family and God's ministry there.

Give a prayer of thanks for the technology that God has provided to stay connected.

Prayer for favorable government rulings that would encourage the spread of Christianity in Cambodia.

Prayer for clarity of direction of what I will do, and what I need to take as I prepare my departure. There is a lot of work to do and a lot to think about. I dearly miss being in the villages with the local folk and loving on those kiddos I've watched grow up over the years. It will not be long now..

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