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April Showers bring May flowersor Monsoon rains.

April is an exciting month of the calendar this year. For some it means the end of a bitter cold winter and the blessings of warm days of sunshine and flowers and green....For others it is the end of the hot, dry, humid days, now interspaced with progressively increasing rain outburst, and the return of greenery on dry parched lands to plant rice.

Obviously in both channels, life giving water to the lands and people are strategic to survival. Every single year.

This year April was also Easter and the celebration of the Khmer New Year. and the completion of our long awaited kitchen project.

For myself, it meant a return to my passport country for a while to do medical follow up and interact with the activities of grandchildren here reaching their own milestones and year end activities, see family and friends, and visit churches. and to bask in the greatness of a Father who continues to bless this ministry beyond our human abilities. Quiet time is so relevant here with Him.

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church family gives

glory and honor to the Father who has kept this ministry afloat in the year gone by.

Overwhelmingly, the local community is not only welcoming us more and more as they get to know about us, but they are settling in next to us.

The end of April brought us a new inside kitchen, which was lost when the church building was done.

A critical piece of this ministry has finally come to fruition. We have clean, safe water to share now, and a kitchen as well for the community.

For the last 14 months cooking for the family and the church community has struggled to keep a safe, reasonable handle on cooking and meal presentation. We have been washing dishes in a pan on the outside table near a water spigot, and then they are left to dry there.

Food was prepared either on an outdoor clay pot receptacle, or over a single burner propane burner at the back end of the classroom

The photos here share it all. No, it is not a western or European style kitchen by any means. We have a kitchen with palatable drinking water, a cooking and preparation area, and space to eat during the monsoon season forthcoming. We are so richly

blessed.

Thank you so very much to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Gilberts, IL for your most generous partnership in this project.







Not only do we have a kitchen under cover from the elements, but we also now have a bathroom that we can call our own for the family. With a shower!



Knee Thoughts

Praise and prayers for sharing His love message to everyone sent our way.

Praise for healing from a sudden hospital stay I had a month ago in Siem Reap.

Praise for the completion of the church kitchen project.

Prayers for Pastor Ravy as he returns to finish his Master's degree in Theology this month. Three classes to the finish line.

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