

From Dave:

Our Area Director is here for a visit and that is always an encouragement to us and our team. Pray that God will continue to give our team direction for the future in helping the six house churches in Chhlong to multiply as well as continue to grow in strength and faith towards God.

You have prayed for Krew Moy in the past. He is a 50 years old policeman who came to Jesus nearly one year ago. He recently was promoted to the job of head investigative police of all reports of the poor who accuse the police of injustice in our province of over 300,000 people. In Cambodia, injustice is the norm and the police constantly extract money from the poor or only find perpetrators when the victim gives them money under the table. Thus Krew Moy's job is a bit overwhelming. The other problem is that Krew Moy himself has been in the police force for 30 years, and is close friends with most of the policemen that he is now suppose to investigate. This job is greatly needed and now that Krew Moy is a Christian, he wants to do it according to God's justice system. We have prayed often with him over this issue. Even in this new position, he is expected by the police to lie and be unjust in his investigations. Knowing well that others have been hurt or killed for such a stance, so far Krew Moy is standing strong. Pray for his safety and for his faith to stand strong and bring justice to all he is responsible for. Krew Moy has led his brother and another policeman to the Lord in the past 2 months. God is using him to reach other men. Pray for His witness and leadership in the Chhlong churches as well.

You have also prayed for Lok Krew Jon and his wife, Narun. They are in their late 50's to early 60's and have recently become believers through a Bible study that our team is holding in their home. Narun's story is slowly coming out and it is a testimony to God's power over the demonic world. Narun has been a sought after "Krew Ahreht"(witch doctor) in her area. Her testimony is that the demons who helped her to tell other's futures and manipulated the spirit world were keeping her sick and depressed, and she could not leave. When we began the Bible study in her home, she was seeking for a way out of her life long problem under demonic control. At first, she said that demonic visions were telling her to stay away from our teaching and not to believe. One night she woke up in a sweat with a dream of Jesus standing in the room. The demons inside of her were swarming around and crawled under the bed. Jesus commanded them to leave her and her home. She testifies that that was the day of her healing as well as salvation. She and her husband have thrown out all their demonic shelves and trinkets. She is begging us to pray that she will be strong in her faith and that she will never turn back. Her daughter and son are also now following Jesus and she leads her grandchildren often in reading the bible and singing the songs they are learning. There is much verbal persecution in their village, so pray for strength to stand strong. Because of this endless persecution, half of the seekers that originally came to this Bible study and seemed to be believing have stopped coming and refuse to be named with those who are following Jesus. Pray for Lok Krew Jon and his wife to have an amazing effect on their village of Preak Go and bring many others to salvation.

From Sonya:

Pray that we will be holy and pure in our own personal lives. Pray for team unity, vision and courage as we start considering how to take another step out of Chhlong leadership and start leading those churches into the surrounding areas. Pray for favor with government officials and for clear direction.

Rhattanah continues to do well after his surgery and we are thrilled. He is thriving for the first time in his life. God is so good to watch over this little one. Pray for Loe and her family as she cares for him and for the upcoming surgeries he will need on his spine. Our team continues to help many people in Chhlong get to the city for good medical care at Mercy Medical Center. Pray that this center will be wise and discerning in knowing who to help and how. Pray too for the resources that are needed to continue to help people medically.

Pray for us also as our team heads into yet another transition. The other married couple on our team, Gil and Ruth Appleby and their two girls are preparing to leave for a one year furlough to Australia. They are due for a much needed rest and visit with their home churches and supporters. Pray for us though as this significantly decreases our team size. Pray for them as they pack up and get ready to leave on the 19th of December.

ZECH is coming home for Christmas, Yay!!!! He will fly out of LA airport on Sunday morning so pray for no glitches in his travel and for safety. He will be here for a little over two weeks. Nate and Mark are really looking forward to "hanging with their big bro." Continue to pray for Mark and Nate that they will be diligent in their school work and that I will be a good Mom in helping them to prioritize their time. Mark will be 14 in January and Nate will be 16 in March so we are looking at a few more precious years with these guys and want to make the most of them.

We so much appreciate all the love, care and prayers from you guys.

Christmas blessings to you all,

Dave, Sonya, and boys