



The Smiths *servicing in* Cambodia

March 31, 2020

Dear Praying Friends,

We hope and pray that you are well. You may be wondering how things are here in Cambodia. Well, Khmer New Year will begin April 14, and Cambodians always get a few days off. Families often go to visit relatives, much like we Americans do at Christmas. This year however, days which should be filled with excitement have quietened. The traffic is much reduced, and everyone wears masks as they are out stocking up on essentials.

Phnom Penh has a population of 1.5 million. As of today, the official number of COVID-19 cases nationwide reached 109. Hopefully, there will not be many sick here. Sara and I are still going out to the market every few days, but we are careful to protect ourselves.

Please pray for Chba Ampo Baptist Church. Due to the coronavirus, the Cambodian prime minister has not only closed schools, but also ordered all religious meetings to cease temporarily. Our church has not been able to meet for the last couple of weeks, so we have been in touch with them and given them encouragement and messages by way of social media. Please pray for their health. Because of poor living conditions, many children who attend our church have a higher risk of infection. As for the adults, everyone who has a job is still working as much as possible, simply out of necessity. During this unusually quiet yet troubling time, pray with us for God to work in hearts, and that the people around us would become more receptive to the gospel.

Joanna, born January 22, is getting along just fine. Sara is doing well too. If you do not get email updates from us, then you probably do not know that Joanna was born with a condition called microtia. Her left ear did not develop normally. This can be partly corrected through surgery, but it will be several years before she is old enough to be tested for possible surgery. But Joanna is doing great! She is already trying her best to talk to everyone, and she has got an incredibly cute smile! Our other children are all doing well and are so happy to have a new baby sister!

We truly appreciate your support. We know that these are difficult days for you there in the US, more so than in many other countries around the world. We are praying for you. God will take care of us all and will supply our needs! Again, thank you so much for your generosity and especially your prayers! May the Lord richly bless you all!

In Christ,

Ron + Sara Smith

- To all who sent us an extra gift for Christmas, thank you!
- You can sign up for email updates at smithmissions.org/email.html



*Joanna was
born January 22!*

Special Prayer Requests

Salvation:

*Sara's father
Bo-tee's father
Srey Tuit's mother
Tho's parents*

Spiritual Growth:

*Bo-tee
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