

Luke 1:37 "For with God nothing shall be impossible"

Many missionaries and national pastors have had the privilege of investing in Pastor Tho, his family, and his ministry. The Ruppels are just a small part of what God is doing in their lives. Pastor Tho was saved in Phnom Penh and soon became burdened for his relatives in his home village about 100 kms away. Tho and his wife, Chan, were supporting themselves with jobs in the city but still made time to go to their village every weekend to have services with people in their village. While a teenager, Tho spent time as a monk, so many of his relatives were against him coming back as a Christian pastor. Though he had much opposition from family, God has blessed his ministry there. The villagers and his family can not deny the great change that God has made in his life. Neither can they deny that the young men attending church faithfully with Pastor Tho live much more righteous lives than other young men in their village. Nothing is impossible with God!

About four years ago, I began praying with Pastor Tho that God would provide means for his family to live in this village so they could minister to the people all week long instead of just a couple days a week. God has worked in many wondrous ways to prepare the way for them, and at the end of March 2021 they stepped out by faith and moved. With very little money, Pastor Tho dug a new holding pond, leveled off an old pond, excavated his property to prepare for planting fruit trees, built a wall around the property, and built a new house. I have been keeping close tabs on him because I was afraid that he was building up a large amount of debt...but not at all. God has been working through many different means to provide for it all. Nothing is impossible with God!

Tho had put a \$500 deposit on a cow before moving to the village. The owner promised to keep the cow for him until he paid the other \$500. Beef has gone way up in price, so the owner called Tho and asked him if he would like to sell the cow. Tho needed his \$500 back to pay for his many expenses, so he agreed. However, the owner gave him almost \$1000 after selling the cow. Tho never spent a penny nor a minute in raising the cow, but God nearly doubled his money. Nothing is impossible with God!

Pastor Tho's brother-in-law sold property that had an old house on it. He gave Pastor Tho a great deal on the house, and Pastor Tho hired some men to move the house and reconstruct it on Tho's land. Because the house was old, they were missing some of the wood they needed to finish the walls of the house. It would be \$500 for the extra wood. I knew about this need, but I only had \$250 to help. As I was leaving from the airport in Phnom Penh, I made a phone call to have my financial secretary in Cambodia send him \$250. She forgot to send it the next day, so Pastor Tho had to tell the carpenter that he was out of materials. About four days later, my financial secretary remembered to send the money, and just about the same time, a relative of Pastor Tho's called to tell him he had some extra wood (exactly the amount that Tho needed, but half the price!) If Pastor Tho had received the money in a timely fashion he would have purchased only half of what he needed, but because the it was "late" he was able to purchase all of what he needed to finish his house! His son, Dara, said, "Dad, this house came from God!" Nothing is impossible with God!

Ben is another brother-in-law to Tho, but he is almost 20 years older than Pastor Tho. Ben was one of the relatives that persecuted Tho through the years, but since April Ben has been coming to Tho's house every week to listen to the preaching of God's Word. Just recently, Pastor Tho contacted me to ask advice. Ben left the service weeping. He told Pastor Tho that he could not accept Christ because he has two wives living under the same roof. I inquired and found out that Pastor Tho has always known about this situation but has never mentioned it to his brother-in-law. He has been preaching the Gospel to him. Pastor Tho asked me what he should do. My advice was to agree with Ben that having two wives is sin. Ben must agree with God about his sin, but he does not have to correct his sin to get saved. Ben must trust God for the salvation of his soul, and he must trust God to teach and guide him in correcting the mess that sin has made in his life. In simple terms, Ben doesn't have to change anything to get saved, but he should want God's help to change. **PRAY FOR BEN'S SALVATION AND FOR GOD TO TRANSFORM HIS LIFE TO THE GLORY OF GOD.** For Nothing is impossible with God!

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Pastor Tho's Family and new house



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