

Calling Cambodians to Christ

***1st Corinthians 4:18b "...for the things which are seen are temporal;
but the things which are not seen are eternal."***

Dear Praying Friends,

For Cambodia, 2021 was the year COVID hit hard. The government shut down the country to protect the people from the pandemic, but eventually the restrictions were hurting the country more than the pandemic was. During this time New Hope Baptist Church was meeting online and working hard to stay connected. In the spring of 2021, I had asked you all to pray that we would be able to get the new building finished by the time the restrictions lessened. We wanted to be ready to go back to "church" as soon as we were allowed. Though the building was/is way behind schedule, we were able to have our first meeting in our new building on the third weekend of November. We are still working on things and not everything was perfect for that first service, but we were back together! Being together in our new building is such a blessing!

On our second Sunday in the new building, the Lord allowed Pastor Wang to baptize six converts. What a wonderful blessing that was for everyone! It was a great way to get started in the new building.

The young man, Phiarun, (pictured below) is from a home where the mom is a drunk. His father may or may not come home to check on them once a month, and his siblings treat him like their servant. He has found love and family at New Hope Baptist Church. We are blessed to have him and thankful for the opportunity to influence him for Christ.

Tevy is a young lady that Pastor Wang and I met while out soul-winning. Wang's wife, Srey Oun, led her to Christ. Her parents are struggling in their marriage, and we are praying that they will turn to Christ for salvation and have their marriage saved as well.

The other four that were baptized are sisters; Leena, Srey Noch, Netra, and Srey Wat. These girls have a couple of older sisters that have been so faithful in coming to church, witnessing to their sisters, and praying for their family members. As these four were baptized, the older sisters shed tears of joy for the work God is doing in their hearts.

About the time of these baptisms, the brother of one of our men got terrible news that he was terminally ill with cancer. For many years we have been praying for Swill to get saved. God used this dreadful prognosis to wake him up and bring him to salvation. A couple weeks later, Pastor Wang led his wife to Christ also. Swill's health is declining quickly, but he now has the hope of eternal life in Heaven. His wife is now facing a future of being a single mom with two small children, but now that she has Christ, she will not be alone. We are praying for God to be greatly glorified through all that is happening. We know that Swill will be healed whether he dies of this cancer or not. Please pray that God will give these new Christians, Swill and his wife, the grace to be faithful to our Lord and glorify Him no matter what the circumstance.

There is still much to be done on the building; re-paint the walls, tile the roof, build a platform, finish the property wall, level off the car parking area, make a church kitchen, etc. However, all of these things will be left here some day to rot and decay. We are so thankful to be a part of something that will last forever: souls saved from an eternity in Hell and instead enjoying everlasting life with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your prayers,



Rodney Ruppel

Pastor Wang Baptising Phiarun

