

Cambodian Chronicle

Dear Praying Friends,

It is hard to believe that Rodney and I are now empty-nesters. Ryan will be graduating from college in May, Blake will be finishing up his first year of Bible college, and Rhadee will be graduating from high school in June. Rhadee left Cambodia the end of March and will be at our home church and school in Michigan for the exciting year-end events such as Junior Senior Banquet, Senior Trip, and Graduation. We are SO thankful for the wonderful people at our home church who have helped each of our children with their transitions to life in America. Their love and care for our children has made this mother's heart survive a new phase of life. Please pray for Rodney and I as we adjust to life with no children in our home. We miss them, but we are so glad they all have a desire to follow God's will wherever He may lead. Rodney tells me not to worry... he will keep me plenty busy even without home schooling! :)

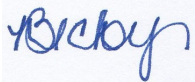
Over the past few years, God has given me the opportunity to use my elementary education degree by teaching part-time at an elementary school. All of my first graders are Cambodian. I am so thankful for the opportunities I have to tell them about Jesus Christ. We are given more opportunity to talk about Christ during the Christmas season, so I take advantage of that. I also have opportunities to share the Gospel with the other teachers in the school.

Teacher Pauly is one of the first grade Khmer teachers. Over the years, I have tried to share the news of salvation with her, but she has never been interested. She would just sweetly smile and walk away. Several months ago, I posted some pictures of Rodney and I ministering to children in a Cambodian village. Pauly asked me about those pictures and expressed interest in learning more about Jesus Christ! We immediately started a Bible study each day before I leave school. She accepted Christ in October and was baptized on Christmas day! We continue to do Bible study four days a week, and her faith has grown so much. She has learned to stand up to persecution and to love those who oppose her for becoming a Christian. Her family eventually accepted the fact that she no longer worships Buddha, but they have not yet come to the point of accepting her new beliefs. Please pray for her husband and her daughter to see the change in Pauly's life and to become receptive to the Gospel. Although, Pauly has grown so much in her faith, she has not yet become a faithful church member. She does tutoring on Sundays and is afraid to give up that important source of income that pays for her daughter's college education. (I understand that worry! :)) We have talked about seeking God first and trusting Him to provide, but she has not yet surrendered this to the Lord. Please pray for her to trust God completely to take care of her needs. She has seen God answer so many prayers already, and now she needs to give this to Him as well.

Also, continue to pray for new Christians in Cambodia. Srey Nait, Minea, and Sooy are all experiencing their first Khmer New Year as Christians. Pray for them to stay faithful to Jesus Christ and not give into the peer pressure of participating in ceremonies that would betray their faith in Christ.

Thank you SO much for your prayers and support over the years! We have been blessed!

Serving in Cambodia,



Becky Ruppel

Phally
Getting
Baptized

Please pray for
These people to
accept Christ!

Song (witchdoctor)

Nate
Srey Nee
Thavy
Chanee
Monee
Tiin
San
Pheak
Rotenak
Pisey

Please pray for
these new
Christians!

Sooy
Mao
Srey Nait
Minia
Da
Phally
Ya

