



The Smiths *serving in* Cambodia

April 16, 2021

Special Prayer Requests

Salvation:

*Sara's father
Bo-tee's father
Jantha's husband
Tho's parents
Srey Mia
Srey Tay*

Spiritual Growth:

*Srey Nij
Mao
Bo-tee
Sambat*



Joanna at 15 months

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from Phnom Penh! It is the week of Khmer New Year here in Cambodia, but there has been little celebration. Of course, this is due to the spread of COVID-19. Over the past months, the government has repeatedly loosened and tightened restrictions on everyone's travel and activities. Now, after nearly a year with very few infections and no reported deaths, things have suddenly changed.

As of April 14th, we have been under heavy lockdown, with travel being prohibited except for necessary trips to get food. We were already limited regarding church meetings, having to completely close our meetings again starting from the end of February. Our church is doing fine healthwise though. None of us have contracted the virus. Please pray for Cambodia that they can soon get this virus outbreak under control and that our church will be able to get back to meeting!

We are so grateful that we are in good health, and that God has provided our needs. Through a difficult time like this, as unpleasant and unproductive as it may be, God's word is still true – "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). Remember, God is still at work accomplishing good in our lives.

Our older children are doing well and making progress in their studies. Joanna has been growing so quickly. She has already been walking for a few months now, and she gets into everything! Joanna loves books, and with her indiscernible baby language, she pretends to read from them. Joshua's heart has not given him any trouble. Thank you for your prayers for him. We were able to get medical insurance again for everyone except him. We trust that the Lord will take care of his needs.

No doubt many of you have been adversely affected by COVID too. We are praying for you all. God bless you for praying for us and for your generous contributions to our ministry. Thank you for the birthday and anniversary cards you have sent us over the last couple of months. You are a real encouragement to us! May the Lord richly reward your love and service to Him, and to us, for the furtherance of the Gospel.

Yours in Christ,

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