

The Smiths

servicing in

Cambodia



"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. - 1 Corinthians 3:6-8

August 21, 2023

Special Prayer Requests

We've been aware of Joshua's heart condition since 2018. This past April, his doctor in Thailand said he needs a pacemaker soon if he's to enjoy a normal life. Pray for him as we seek further advice to get him the help he needs.

Joanna has been doing very well with hearing and learning considering she has microtia, but she does have significant problems in her speech. She needs special help in this area. Pray for her!

Ron & Sara Smith
P.O. Box 754
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
www.smithmissions.org

Woodland Baptist Church
1175 Bethania Rural Hall
Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Baptist International
Outreach
P.O. Box 587
Jefferson City, TN 37760



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your prayers. We're back in the States now, having returned in June from our third term in Cambodia. After weeks of searching, we finally located an agreeable apartment and signed our lease this past Monday. Soon Jessica will begin sixth grade, and Joshua, eleventh. Jasmine, our oldest, is looking for a job.

It has been a tremendous privilege to have served the Lord in Cambodia for almost 20 years. Now, after much prayer and careful consideration, Sara and I believe it is best for our family to stay here in the U.S. We will stay at least for the next couple of years, especially as our children have needs that we must tend to (noted in special requests). Please pray for our older children to easily adjust to life here and to make wise decisions concerning their futures. Also, pray for Sara and me to know exactly what the Lord would have us do while we're here.

We are deeply grateful that the Lord granted us the opportunity to minister to Chba Ampov Baptist Church. Please remember them in your prayers. Pray for Tho and Srey Tuit who helped in the children's church with all the kids that came to sing, play games together, and listen to Bible stories. Pray that these two ladies can continue serving the Lord with their abilities and for the many children to follow Him. Remember others in the church, like Jan Tha, who were always there and just by that were truly encouraging. These fellow believers love God's Word and love one another, giving from their hearts even though their hands have little to offer. As you know, a lot of the church family have endured miserable home situations, ranging from those who lost alcoholic parents at an early age to others with drug-addicted family members. But they have not allowed circumstances to stop them from coming to worship the Lord. They have true, eternal hope in their hearts from knowing Jesus Christ as their Savior! They now meet with the nearby Tumnap Tek church, a church of like faith made up of both Cambodians and Vietnamese. We are confident that God's Word will continue to bring forth fruit in and through our Christian brothers and sisters in the Chba Ampo area.

Sara and I have not provided an update on her father recently. Miraculously, and no doubt in answer to our prayers, he survived what the doctor thought was cancer and is doing much better on medication. Thanks be to God that Song is still with us. There is still hope for his salvation! Continue to pray for him.

In closing, we want to thank you again for your loving prayers and generous contributions over the years. It's hard to imagine any missionary family having churches and individuals backing them more faithfully than you have us. From our home church and pastor, to our mission board's leadership and staff, to each of you who have labored together to help us, we have been so honored by your service. Even though we will not be in Cambodia and needing your financial support, we still need your prayers. We wish you and your church God's best in the days ahead and will be praying for you all!

Love in Christ,

Ron + Sara Smith
Ron and Sara Smith