

RODNEY & BECKY RUPPEL

CALLING CAMBODIANS TO CHRIST

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Dear Praying Friends,

Twenty-eight years ago, Rodney and I left for Cambodia. We were SO excited to start the next phase of our lives! I felt so bad as we said goodbye to family. Tears filled their eyes, but I just couldn't cry. We were finally heading to the country of our calling!

We were asked to attend a Wednesday night church service that evening in California on our way out of the country. The pastor told us to rent a car from the airport to get to church. There was just one problem. We were not old enough to rent a car! The pastor sent someone to pick us up, and as we sat in the service that evening, he said something like this: "You see these kids in the front row? They are not old enough to rent a car, but today they said goodbye to their moms and dads. They said goodbye to their brothers and sisters. They may never see their grandparents again. They may not meet their nieces and nephews until they are three or four years old. They are leaving their home church. They are leaving everything they know. They are doing all this to follow God's call to Cambodia."

By the time he was done talking, I was no longer excited! I was SCARED to death! Now the tears were flowing. I will never forget that day nor the weeks that followed. We moved to a whole new world. We couldn't speak the language, didn't like the food, didn't understand the culture... I could go on and on about those early days.

Fast forward to today... We are in the USA watching as our daughter and son-in-law prepare for their own departure to the mission field of Mindanao, Philippines. We were able to participate in their commissioning service in June and will be here for their send-off service on August 11. We see their excitement and understand it. If they don't cry as they say goodbye, I will totally understand! We also understand some of what they will be facing in their first weeks on the mission field.

Please pray for Rhadee and Austin as they embark on the adventure God has placed in front of them. We are SO thankful for the veteran missionary who is allowing them to be a part of his ministry as they learn the language. We know he and his family will ease much of the shock Rhadee and Austin will face. However, they will face challenges as they settle into a new country, learn a new language, and try to understand a whole new culture.

As parents, we are SO excited about everything God has for them in this new place. We are SO thankful they are following the Lord's leading and that they desire to serve Him with their lives.

We know that this new place will eventually become their "home" just as Cambodia has become ours. We know God will give them another family in this new home. We know they will learn to love this place just as we have learned to love Cambodia. There will come a time when there is no place else they would rather be, but in these early days they will need extra prayers.

Thank you for being prayer partners not just for us, but for our whole family! Your support is such a blessing!

Yours for Cambodia,


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