

RODNEY & BECKY RUPPEL

CALLING CAMBODIANS TO CHRIST

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Colossians 4:17 “...Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.”

Becky and I arrived in Cambodia to begin calling Cambodians to Christ exactly thirty years ago to-day. Twenty-four years of age with a nine-month-old baby, we really had no clue what we were doing, but we were following the Lord’s leading and the calling we had received from Him. As we have followed Him, we have been so thankful for the promise that He will never leave us nor forsake us. His call on our lives is the same, but the ministry looks very different now than it did in 1996.

After twenty-seven years in Phnom Penh, New Hope Baptist Church has its own building (mostly paid for by the members of the church), and the church’s monthly expenses are being provided by the offerings of the church people, including the salary of their wonderful Cambodian pastor.

God showed me one thing that they still lacked: a way to train the next generation of leaders. An online Bible institute is now one of the ministries that we have received from the Lord. We believe that God would have us develop twenty-seven 3-month courses divided into three categories to teach and train church members to serve alongside the leadership of their local church. With God’s help, we endeavor to develop at least eighteen more 3-month courses to specifically train men who will lead these ministries. Four Khmer pastors and a few missionaries are assisting us in the creation of this material. We are so thankful for all of them. Fourteen 3-month courses have been completed, and we hope to create four more by the end of this year. Please pray that God would use this online Bible School to help local churches train the next generation of church leaders.

Leaving New Hope Baptist Church meant leaving Phnom Penh and giving them space to grow as they follow the Lord. God led Becky and me to live in Ta Keo, and from here, we assist two ministries that are both about thirty-five kilometers away. Both of these ministries were children’s ministries that both desire to become churches reaching whole families. As God uses Becky and me to reach adults in both of these ministries, God is also using both of these village works to teach and guide us through the different challenges that these rural churches face as opposed to the church in Phnom Penh. We believe we are making a difference in both villages, and both ministries are most definitely making an impact on Becky and me. Please pray for more adults to be added to these ministries and for them to become strong churches.

As Becky and I live in the small city of Doun Kaev in Takeo Province, we are getting acquainted with the people here. Though we are not actively trying to start a church here, we are actively giving the Gospel to those who live around us. Please pray for God to save souls in Doun Kaev through our evangelistic efforts.

After thirty years on the field, some have asked us if we plan to retire soon, but Becky and I continue to “take heed” to the ministry that we have received from our Lord that we may fulfill it. Thank you to all who continue to support the ministry God has given us here in Cambodia.

Endeavoring to Fulfill the Ministry God has Given Us,



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