Susanna Wesley House in Phnom Penh



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Pandemic or not, daily devotions are still on at SWH!

From the parable of the sower, what kind of seed are you at this moment?



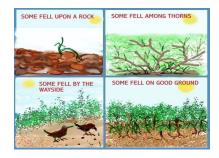
Rady:

For me, I feel like I am the seed that fell among thorns because when I hear God's words, I will start to follow His words at first. But when some people say or do bad things to me or my family, I just forget all His words or lessons that He taught me. However, I don't want to stay as a seed that is in the thorn. Every day, I will change the seed in me to become the good seed that fell on the good ground by asking God to guide my way.



Senet:

I feel that I am a seed that fell on the good ground, because I believe that my life has been changed. I have more patience and I listen to what God has told me. In the past, I didn't really have patience. But after hearing and learning about God's words, He calms my anger when I get mad, and He always guides my ways.



Do you think Jesus is sleeping or is He doing something in your life right now?



Sreyhong:

Jesus is staying awake all the time. He always listens to all the words that I speak and knows even my thoughts. And I believe that if He was sleeping, I will not be here in this dorm, and I also couldn't go to university and have a job. So Jesus never sleeps and never turns away from me, but I think sometimes I'm the one who turns away from Him.

Everything Still Under Lockdown!

Cambodia has been quite vigilant about keeping the country under a lockdown. The greatly feared Cambodian New Year passed uneventfully under lockdown. However, there are worries about asymptomatic carriers who may still be spreading the virus.

Schools and churches are still under a lockdown. At SWH, we are allowing students to return only when their school is officially opened, either physically or virtually. The leadership at SWH believe that less people at the dorm is safer for everyone. Thus far, not many schools have been able to offer online classes.

Every Sunday, we are very lucky to have Rev. Hongly Mean visit the dorm for Sunday worship. We are grateful for her dedication and love for our students. Please pray for the spirituality of all of our students. Most of the parents of our students are not Christians. As majority of the students have gone back home, we've been praying that they shine the light of God to their unbelieving family members. We pray that this pandemic is a great opportunity for our students to share the Good News with a prayerful heart.

Please continue to pray for the safety of the students in Cambodia. We have been keeping in touch with all of the students regulary, and thus far, the virus has stayed away from them and their family. We are concerned about their school as the pandemic hit when their second semester had just started. We are not sure if all of the students will be pulled back a semester, which will mean everyone graduates a semester later. No matter what the case, we place our trust in God whom we know is in full control, even in this pandemic.

Other news:

- Hye In Lee (Global Mission Fellow, Co-leader of SHW) is currently in Korea. She will return to Cambodia in May.
- Janice Lee (Coordinator of SWH) is currently in Hawaii. She will return to Cambodia in July after she completes her home leave.

How to Support: An annual tuition for most of the universities in Phnom Penh is about \$500. Online support: <u>https://advance.umcmission.org/p-393-children-and-youth-scholarships.aspx</u> Children and Youth Scholarships; Advance # 3020791

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