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JOURNEY IN CAMBODIA

GREETINGS OF PEACE FROM CAMBODIA!

Harvest Season was a great time to end the year here in Cambodia because many farms harvested during this quarter. During our community visit, I learned that farmers in the rural areas have different ways to measure their harvest. They used a basket as their tradition. Each basket is equivalent to 10 kilos and they called this "thao", so farmers will not tell you how many kilos or how many sacks they harvested but, how many "thao".



Every harvest, a Khmer Buddhist family will faithfully separate and ready the portion of their harvest and wholeheartedly offer this to the monks that pass their homes to get their offering.



JOURNEY IN CHRONOLOGY

October: I got positive again



After the busyness of CHAD Study Tour, our teams ended up many positive in Covid-19 and I am one them. I thank God that symptoms for me was not like my first experience in the Philippines. I thank God that he strengthens me to recover fast and the rest of our team. We work from home for a week but the situation is not so stressful since our group was still chatting in the group and made jokes about our Covid situation so everyone was still laughing even we were sick. Covid is still challenge today, but it will never stop us.




1. Wisdom and good health as I do my last term here.
2. Activities of my Ministry as we are in last year of the programs we handle.
3. Joy in serving
4. Approval of my Integration Project for my Home Context

Pray! Jay



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JOURNEY WITH CHAD



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This quarter, I am grateful for growing relationship among the community we worked with during the 1st training. I saw improvements to them, renewed relationship to each other, and empowered women leading their groups. We were also blessed to facilitate our 2nd Training participated by 29 leaders. I learned more from them. Although not all resulted progress, we were still grateful that the training improved little by little. Our focus of rebuilding was indeed on its progress of growing this year.



JOURNEY IN CHRONOLOGY

November: Kenya- GMF Midterm Training



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Since pandemic was the major challenge before I arrived to my POA, the travel restriction was the reason that we don't expect that our whole class will have an opportunity to meet together during our term. God was so amazing that He made a way that we can gather at Kenya for our Midterm Training. It was a wonderful experience to learn, enjoy, and create friendship no matter what color of skin we have.





JOURNEY WITH CHURCH

One year is so fast! I am grateful to all the memories I shared with my kababayan (countrymen) here. The church brought me fellowship that helped me overcome loneliness in this foreign land. Biases that were been prevalent in many church systems in my country does not matter here. I learned that when you were in this kind of country, to find a person whose heart also believed God encouraged a lot. I saw the beauty being part of the of the Universal Church that does not control by denominational division.



JOURNEY WITH CHRIST



Since my ministry was not focus in church, I am really sad that I will not have opportunity to see people accepting Jesus in their lives, but I am wrong.

Before this year ended, God showed me His grace as I witnessed a Khmer women believed and accepted Him. During our 2nd training, she courageously stood up and gave her testimony how she was blessed by the fellowship of the Christians there, the messages of the Pastor, and the lessons in the training. Her heart declared that there was a God and she needed Him in her life. For a Buddhist, this was not an easy decision because for them, Buddha is the only way to their heaven.

JOURNEY IN CHRONOLOGY

December: Joy being part of a family



Celebrating Christmas and the end season of 2022 in this country was such a rewarding experience. The people, the places, and the experiences were worth to treasure. I grow more and learn many things. I thank God for my GBGM-UMC Cambodia family who loved and supported me through-out this journey. This month, I enjoyed our fellowship singing together during our Christmas Carol Choir.



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