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JOURNEY IN CAMBODIA

GREETINGS OF PEACE FROM CAMBODIA!



Wedding Experiences in Cambodia

This quarter, we were blessed to witness wonderful wedding celebrations from the families of our colleagues. Our dear Youlika got married last January 14. So grateful that I experienced attending Khmer Wedding before going home. So wonderful to see how their traditions were kept in the presentation of their clothes during the wedding celebration. So lovely to see how they recognized and show respect and gratitude to their parents during the marriage ceremony, a meaningful experience for me. We also joined our dear Bong Daneth sister's wedding. How families helped each other for this special moment of their family member also amazed me. We also joined Thanksgiving celebration of our dear Kuya Patrick's wedding that happened last December in US. I am happy for this new chapter of their lives. Indeed, these marriage celebrations were awesome, a celebration of friendship and family for us.



JOURNEY IN CHRONOLOGY

January: Moldulkiri Trip



I thank God that our supervisor gave us, GMFs, an opportunity to visit and teach in the community ministry at Moldulkiri Province. Aside from the beautiful place and weather, meeting and teaching the children from the minority group in Cambodia were really meaningful experiences for me. Hope School was the new village school there where we assisted to meet the community as we celebrated the start of their school ministry. I am excited to see how the Lord will use this ministry for the locals. This reminded me of my 8 years teaching in an indigenous school with so many memories and thanksgiving.



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Pray+Joy



1. Wisdom and good health as I do my turnover in my POA
2. Flight preparation and transition for June as I back to my country.
3. Joy in serving
4. My Integration Project for my Home Context

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JOURNEY WITH CHAD

This quarter, the hot season was so early to show changes in weather. As we visited our project areas especially those areas target for Clean Water Project, I saw the difficulties of having a lack of access to clean water. Water is a life and very important daily need of humans. Climate change added to the difficulty of this need. Land in most areas was dry and the far villages were mostly affected. I am amazed at how the Lord helped us as we started to identify the communities that we will help this year. Connections and sponsors were brought to us by God. Aside from that, the care of the families and concerns of the churches we worked with really amazed me. I learned that if every individual doesn't only think about their personal gain, we will have a better world.



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JOURNEY IN CHRONOLOGY

February: VHSG Smiles



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As we recognized the volunteer work of our Village Health Support Group in the province, I was encouraged by their smile when they received the gifts we prepared for them. I felt their happiness that they were recognized and valued for the work they gave to their community. I was reminded of the importance of appreciating others. We were surrounded by wonderful people. We just need to look around and appreciate them.





JOURNEY WITH CHURCH

This quarter, I am grateful for our new care group in the church. We have Single Bible Studies that meet up at least once a month. The fellowship and sharing that we have really encouraged me. I am a little sad that just a few months left and I will leave these awesome churchmates. But, I know that God has a purpose for everything and I am grateful to meet them all and be part of my spiritual journey. Also, I am grateful for the new opportunity to help the Khmer Youth Fellowship this quarter. I praise God for strength that even though I got sick in the past month because of changes in the weather, I was able to participate in this ministry.



JOURNEY WITH CHRIST

God's Word never fails me this quarter. He gave me His word and encouragement perfectly for the needs and struggles I am facing every day. His guidance is always sufficient and amazing. I want to share to you one poem that God gave me while we have our daily devotion. It is inspired by John 15:4, "Remain in me, as I also remain in you." Truly that God is with us as He helps us grow and bear fruits. We just need to trust and remain in Him.

*Abiding in the Lord is a journey,
Abiding in the Lord is a process of beauty,
Though pruning will give pain,
His grace will give you spiritual gain.*

JOURNEY IN CHRONOLOGY

March: Khmer Graduation Ceremony



Here in Cambodia, the graduation ceremony happened 3 to 4 years after you finished the course subjects and final exams. I am grateful that this month we were happy to support the graduation ceremony of one of the former scholars of GBGM. He took time to visit us to express his thanksgiving for the help he received. I am so blessed with his gratefulness and how he endured his life's difficulties as he shared his story. We also supported our dear Theary (our team Assistant Treasurer) as she also had her graduation ceremony. I am blessed to be part of her life and celebrated this awesome accomplishment she had. Such a wonderful March experience.



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