

DREBES CAMBODIA NEWSLETTER



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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

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Last month our newsletter verse was, "stay alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." This month we realized there is a third important factor in the spiritual battle between good and evil. Staying alert and praying is effective, but without HOPE we can fade quickly. With a dear brother of ours recently taking his own life and various fellow workers facing difficult issues, we realize that we need something more to uphold us. The word HOPE is inspiring in itself. As Christians we must be careful to understand the importance of HOPE in relation to faith. We can have a strong belief in who God is, but without HOPE of him helping us in our time of need and our future in heaven, our faith can be short-sighted.

We need a great HOPE right now in God for the Center of Peace Orphanage. Thank you to many of you who gave gifts and some who are supporting the orphanage regularly. As we looked at their budget/income, we realized that only crying out to God can fill the immense need of this place. We are praying for a church or body who would sponsor the orphanage. There is another organization here that does this and it is effective. **Please pray for God to hear and answer our prayers to help these children.**



It seems that just as the Lord allowed us to finish up our 2-year language program and, at the same time, our women's bible study in our home dispersed into 3 Khmer homes, He took our attention to some team business this past month that has been quite consuming. Some of that business took us near the famous temples in Siem Riep for World Team's annual Southeast Asia Leaders meetings (LEAD). There we were refreshed to hear stories of what God is doing and given encouragement through the Word. We met a

couple there, the Martins, serving in Indonesia who you would think were a typical young American husband and wife. We went to dinner with them and learned that they were ministering in the middle of the jungle to a tribe who has no written language. They told us of how they begin to write a language for these people... they hold a drinking cup up while asking the tribesmen what they call it and then write down the sound of the word. Although one of them is schooled in languages, we were reminded of Acts 4:13, "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus." So, this time for us encouraged our faith greatly.

We will leave you with some sights and sounds of Cambodia to allow you to experience Cambodia from afar and feel a part of our ministry. Many of you have encouraged us here through emails, sending packages, mail and helping to meet support needs and needs of the Khmer people... Please know when we see these sights and hear the sounds of Cambodia, we never forget to thank God for all you are doing for us here...

Sights and Sounds:



Picture #1...Greg hasn't tried this barber yet, but it's right down the street Picture #2...We were stuck behind him for awhile...traffic is usually heavy in Phnom Penh for various reasons



Picture #3... all the shacks near our home flood during rainy season and we have been able to help four families raise their floors up... as you can see, it's quite necessary for their daily living that there not be any water on the floor☺ The woman in the back is holding her hands up in prayer and thanking God. Her husband next to her told people once he wanted to come shoot us with a gun. His teen daughter next to Greg had told her father she needed money to go to a church function, but she had lied. He was angry then, but we believe this family has been greatly impacted by the gospel. His daughter was baptized on Christmas day.

Picture #4... One of the three Khmer homes our home Bible study dispersed into. **Please pray that these ladies would bond in love and God would fill their hearts with the knowledge of Him.**

May you overflow with hope,

Greg and Jane