

The Kongs' December-January Ministry Update

Dear Praying Friends and Family Members,

We want to thank God for each of you who have been praying for us for our ministry here in Cambodia. Through your fervent prayer, we have been so richly blessed in our ministry here in the months of December and January. We have seen the power of God working in the lives of people who have heard and received the gospel of Christ. Although our schedule was very full during the month of December with preaching of the Christmas message at several churches and other events in conjunction with the Cambodian short-term mission teams from the U.S. coming in January, we have been so uplifted with the outcome of ministries in the past four-and-a-half months.

Below please find our "Praises" and "Prayer Requests" for the months of December, 2009 and January 2010 so that you can continue to thank God for what He is doing here in Cambodia through our ministries.

Praises:

- Good health and God's protection from injury and accident while driving on crowded Phnom Penh streets and on highways to the provinces.
- God has given us a Christian man and friend from Singapore who can purchase insulin and insulin pump supplies from Singapore for Joe when he needs them since this man travels to Phnom Penh frequently for his businesses. Besides, we have recently met a Cambodian medical doctor who was trained in the U.S. and used to work in the US hospitals in Stockton, CA. He has assured Joe that he can help him with diabetic treatment as needed. Currently he is working at the Sen Sok International University hospital in Phnom Penh with international standard. Therefore Joe would not need to go to Bangkok, Thailand for his regular medical check-up.
- Kay's language study has been progressing extremely well to the point that she will end one class at the end of January and continue on only with her tutor in conversation at the CAMA office with 6 hours a week in the next 3 months. Besides traveling with Joe for the ministry of preaching and teaching to pastors and church leaders, Kay has her own ministry as well with pastors' wives, women and young adult couples through teaching and mentoring.
- God has brought approximately 50 more new believers to His Kingdom and 50 believers recommitting their lives to the lordship of Christ through Joe's preaching at 3 churches in Phnom Penh and 2 churches in the provinces during the Christmas celebration.
- Joe had opportunity to preach the gospel at a Christian funeral and Christian wedding where several Buddhist high ranking government officials and a score of non-believers attended.
- We just came back from Monduliri, the northeast province near the border with Vietnam two days ago where Joe was the keynote speaker at the C&MA Men Retreat where 465 men coming from several provinces attended. Approximately 15 men prayed to receive Christ on the first night and on the second night over two hundred men came forward to repent from their sins and experienced a new life in Christ.

Prayer Requests:

- After 4 months of observation and study as related to the C&MA National Church ministry, Joe has recently submitted his report, by using the SWOT Analysis tool (Strengths, Weaknesses, Threats, Opportunities) to the C&MA Field Leadership Team (FLT) with his recommendations on several critical issues that need immediate attention from the Mission so that the latter can be more effective in assisting the C&MA National Church in the areas of leadership development, discipleship, evangelism and church planting. Please pray that the FLT will take his recommendations seriously and to assist Joe and Kay to be part of the new strategy to strengthen the C&MA National Church.
- Pray for Kay as she also will begin to work with Mrs. Mary Westergren, women's ministry coordinator and Mrs. Dith Savy, Women National Church president, ministering to the women besides coming alongside Joe to travel with him to the provinces to train pastors and wives at each region in Cambodia.
- Pray for the additional funds that we desperately need to purchase a good used vehicle for our ministry and our Work Specials Fund for doing the ministry. The work special fund is much needed for our own personal ministry's expenses on internet, computer, printer and office supplies, literature, Bible and hymnal books given to new believers, etc... For the Vehicle Fund, please pray that the Lord will prompt the hearts of 100 Alliance people who would give \$100.00 each for one time gift only so that we would be able to buy a good used vehicle. At the moment we have received only 1/3 of the total amount we need. For the Work Special Fund, please pray that 10 people who would be willing to give us regularly at \$50.00 a month for our day-to-day ministry. More importantly, please continue to give to the Great Commission Fund, a vehicle by which we can stay and minister in Cambodia.
- Pray for wisdom to find the right house for rent for the ministry since the current house where we temporary live will be re-occupied by our fellow missionaries who will return soon from their Home Assignment.

Thanks so much for your prayer and financial support and may God's richest blessings upon each one of you!

Joe and Kay Kong