

From Cambodia

January 2011

Mission: To connect people to Jesus through ministries of theological education, church planting and human care. *The following are brief descriptions of how the Lord used us on your behalf to carry out His mission during the month of January 2011.*

The Lord is so gracious to us that He showered us with much blessings in January. He sent five different teams of volunteers to help us to do His work. This month's newsletter will be dedicated to highlight our volunteers.

Group #1: Mr. Cherzong Lee and his wife Maichia Lee:



Cherzong and Maichia arrived in Cambodia on January 1, 2011. They are Fungchatou's sister and brother-in-law. They came to visit and see how our family lives and serves the Lord. They were very much worried about our safety after we left them three years ago. We took them to visit and serve the Khmer people as part of our mission team. After they served and saw the Lord's work in Cambodia Maichia said to us, "During my visit, I witnessed that your faith in God is real. Your God is real. You have been with God. You have been blessed by God." Maichai and her husband Cherzong are not yet Christians. Maichai continued to say, "I will not worry about you all any more. I know you all are safe now for God is with you".

Fungchatou's mother also added her blessings to our family by saying, "I think the Lord for calling you to serve him in Cambodia. You can serve the Lord as long as He wants". Only God could change Fungchatou's mother's heart this way. For the past 3-½ years, we prayed that God would change her heart and support our service to the Lord. We expected God to change her heart instantly; but the Lord did not want to do that. He wanted to take her to His mission field and show her that she too is His missionary. May visited, prayed, and distributed many needed items to the Khmer people during her visit with us from December 14 to January 10, 2011. She went home joyful and thankful. Thanks be to God for changing May's heart, and now we can serve the Lord with peace and joy.

Group #2: The Sending Place from California:

Pastor Dan Deuel led a volunteer team of five people from Stockton, California through the Sending Place to serve the Lord with us. We took them to Battambang and worked with Trinity Lutheran Church's members. Pastor Deuel also taught our Khmer Pastors some of our Lutheran doctrine and teachings. They also visited and prayed for/with the people. We thank the Lord for sending the Sending Place's team to serve Him with us. We look forward to hosting them again.



Group #3: Philip and Carrie Hedemann



Philip and Carrie came to serve the Lord with us for one week. They also went to Battambang and worked at Trinity Lutheran Church. Carrie taught the ladies to do quilting. Similar to the story of Joseph's coat of many colors, three groups of ladies were able to make their own version of colorful baby quilts that will be share with the poorest of the Khmer children in Cambodia. Carrie worked with these ladies to cut, sew, and tack baby quilts. There were seven ladies from Battambang, four ladies from Phnom Penh, and 21 ladies from Siem Reap that participated in this training. We give thanks to our supporters for funding this project.

Philip assisted our nurse KanhChana by doing health screening with over

300 elementary students. The results from the health screening will assist CWF to determine its course of work in the future. We thank the Lord for sending us Philip and Carrie to serve Him during their trip to other parts of Southeast Asia.

Group 4: Aurora Sandell

We thank the Lord for sending Aurora to serve Him with us. Aurora is our GEO missionary and so she will be serving the Lord with us for two years. (*GEO missionaries serve in locations around the world for terms of one to two years.*) She will be the Service Coordinator for CWF. Aurora has been serving the Lord in China as a volunteer English teacher for a year and a half. Please keep Aurora in your prayers.



Group 5: PLI pastors: Pastoral Leadership Institute:

The PLI group that served with us through LCMS World Mission was led by Rev. John Moore. The group consisted of: Rev. John and Karen Moore; Rev. George and Donna Lippitt; Rev. Paul and Carrie Appold; and Rev. Paul and LoriRene Koehn. We took them to Sihanoukville and taught at four different churches on four different topics dealing with Christian faith and life. They bought and gave water filters to the people at the different churches they visited and taught. They also donated the needed fund to put up walls for one of the churches at which they taught. It was a joy to host the PLI pastors and their wives. They did not just come to see what the Lord is doing, but they came to serve and help the Lord's people to grow stronger in faith and deeper in service.



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