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From the Ends of the Earth

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What a quarter this has been. Sometimes it felt like time stood still and then before we knew it another month had passed. We can only imagine what it has been like for those of you who are not in Cambodia. We have been praying for you dear friends and family, as it seems you are more at risk. There has been a spike in cases in this kingdom, but all have come in from abroad and have been cloistered away in the quarantine hostels. Praise the Lord Cambodia is still holding on to the title of zero deaths.

Some of you have asked about the Student Residence & Discipling Centre (SR&DC). Many of the students returned home to their villages when the universities shut their doors. There, they continued their studies online, but with great difficulty as data is expensive and not many places have strong Wi-Fi. A few students returned to the SR&DC so they could be closer to internet cafes. Lately many of the students have returned to the city to write final exams. Pray they will have good recall of what they have studied. A few of the residents are worried that they will not be able to continue their studies as their families are short of funds due to lack of work. We will try to help where possible. The dorm leader, Lai, went home for a bit, but returned to watch the place and work with



a partner organization that has a campus ministry. He brought back news of his father (mentioned in our last letter). It turns out he fell out of a tree and damaged some ribs. His faith is strong even though several from the village said he was being punished for converting. Please remember him in your prayers. David continues to meet regularly with Lai for lunch and mentoring using a leadership book called “Jesus Driven Ministry” by Ajith Fernando.

The Khmer Evangelical Church (KEC) has a media branch that produces high quality sermons each week. A couple other churches also use Facebook Live to stay connected with their congregation. We started inviting a few people to our house each Sunday to sing, pray, listen to a message, and discuss before eating. Our numbers have always been small, but the Spirit is present, and we are drawn closer to Jesus, our

anchor. The open prayer time is fascinating as you can hear Kui, Khmer, English and sometimes French. We are not interested in numerical growth, but spiritual depth. Please pray that we will see lasting fruit.

At the end of July, our colleagues came down from Siem Reap. We had not seen Kevin & Carol Lim or David & Joyce Nguyen in quite a while. It was nice to have a “Team Meeting” (apparently the M is silent) with them to get caught up. They work with the Vietnamese diaspora and came to the graduation ceremony at a Bible School where one of their leaders is in attendance. Please lift them up as they have young children, and that has added a whole new list of duties in these days of school closures. Luckily, we are able to travel and there is much to see in this beautiful land. We even got down to Kep beach ourselves for some sun and relaxation.



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