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## Hello friends!

It's time to catch up again! Much has happened since December and we'll give some bullet points by way of summary.

• Short visit to the US: We wanted to let you know that we are returning to the US again for a short combined work/vacation visit. We'll be participating in Davisville Church's Difference Maker Weekend on March 22-23 next weekend! If you'd like to check out the activities for the weekend, click here. Brooks Buser from Radius International will be the keynote speaker and there will be some great breakout session options on both Saturday and Sunday – sign up is required for the break-out sessions on Saturday. Our session will be on partnering with nationals and we'll be sharing our experience with national partnerships in ministry.



- **Sponsors!!** All Plas Prai sponsors have letters written by your sponsored students to you personally they are so beautiful! We will bring them to the event above in case any of you will be there to receive them. If not, I will leave them at Davisville Church in a box at the welcome center in alphabetical order by the sponsor's last name. If you live far from Davisville or cannot pick them up for some reason, I can mail the letter to you.
- Plas Prai Thank you for those who were able to contribute to our increased food expenses! Plas Prai dorm is in a good place for this year. Also, please check out our <u>Plas Prai Center Organization Facebook page here.</u> (please excuse some of the

second language English mistakes 😊)

• **Baptisms** – This year, 11 Plas Prai students and one man in our area, who came to faith recently, will be baptized May 14. Please pray this week as our Khmer partners go to the homes of students who want to be baptized to help parents understand what the good news is and what baptism means. In this picture, Panhayet is sharing

why he has chosen to follow Jesus.

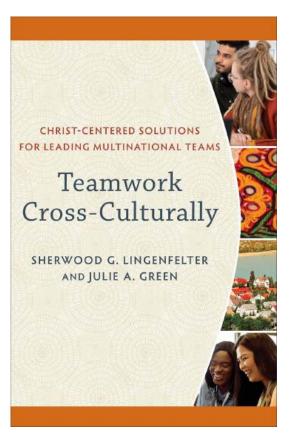


Land News – We continue to work on land development for a new training center to house our PVSAM, future DTS program and local outreach center, as well as housing for those students and the volunteer staff. In the attached picture, our first building has gone up – a prayer hut!!! As we talked as a team we decided the first thing we needed on this gift of land was a place to pray regularly. A big thanks to our teammates Joel Stewart, Sokhoeurn, SK and a number of Plas Prai boys who put this hut together. Also thanks to Jim, Joel and Sokhoeurn who are heading up the land ownership and development team. Pray with us as we seek His paths through roadblocks and trust his timing for when to start building.



New student recruitment - late May we'll begin praying and visiting middle schools

- that are far from a high school to recruit next year's new 10<sup>th</sup> grade Plas Prai dorm students. Please pray for us to follow the Spirit's direction in the process.
- Davisville Vision Trip in June Please pray as a team from Davisville comes to specifically explore if Cambodia might be where God is calling some to come serve longer term.
- **Senior Final Exams** Our 9 seniors are preparing for their final exams which take place in July and August. Please pray!
- Teamwork Cross-Culturally This is the title of a book by Sherwood Lingenfelter that has helped us recently as we delve into the challenges of working with a cross-cultural AND cross-organizational team. We love our team and love doing ministry this way so many benefits! But there are also challenges. This will be the topic of our seminar next week. Please pray that we function as one body (Ephesians 4:15-16). This quote, from the book speaks to our hope "... the power of a church, missions organization or multi-cultural team is directly related to its capacity to function as one body ...". May we function more and more as one body with Christ as the head!



Thank you for standing with us in prayer. We are well aware that this team is a BIG one – including so many of you who pray and/or give regularly. Thank you! And may God continue to meet your every need for His glory and your joy!

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