

*For I know the plans I have for you. Plans to prosper you, not to harm you.  
To give you hope and a future.  
Isaiah 29:11*

God used these words to encourage the Israelites during their captivity. The phrase that has comforted us the most lately is: "For I know the plans I have ...". Though we are not those Israelites of old and are not in captivity, the truth that God is completely in control and has a plan marked out already, regardless of the circumstances, gives incredible peace to our 'prone to wander' thoughts and worries. Our team has been seeking God's plan in a couple areas. Thank you for joining us in that quest through your prayers for the ministry in Preah Vihear (PV). We still need them! Here are the areas where we are seeking God specifically, how you can keep praying with us and the latest updates in those areas:



Is God calling you to serve in Cambodia?

**MOBILIZATION:** On this home assignment we've visited with several churches and groups of believers to ask for prayer for more workers in Cambodia and to ask church leaders to pray and consider who in their church might be a good fit for the work there. We have contacted a few people who have expressed interest. *Sunday September 22, 10:45 am* at Davisville, room 305, we'll be meeting with anyone interested in exploring if God might be calling them to Cambodia for service. We'll share the specific needs and take questions. Would you pray that God uses this time to move some to serve in Cambodia, whether short, mid or long-term? And please join us if you have questions or would like to hear more.



Former Plas Prai students return to help share the Good News!

**PREPARING NATIONALS FOR MINISTRY:** God is very much answering the need for more workers by stirring the hearts of Cambodians to volunteer their time at the Plas Prai dorm and to serve in follow-up among the growing numbers of believers in Preah Vihear. We are asking God to provide more training opportunities in PV for these young believers and the new believers in the outlying districts. He is opening doors, and we are trusting Him to continue to show us his specific plans. Will you join us in prayer regarding those plans:

1. That we'd have hearts and ears to hear him as He leads.
2. That He would provide the people, funding, detailed plans, wisdom and unity among the believers for all that He wants to do in Preah Vihear and beyond.
3. That we, and others whom God is calling, would stay connected to the Vine.

In other news, the Plas Prai dorm is **looking for sponsors** for our incoming 10<sup>th</sup> grade class. Twelve new 10<sup>th</sup> graders and one new 11<sup>th</sup> grader will join us on campus at the end of October. Would you like to sponsor a student through high school? Find out more about this unique educational ministry at our website and email us if you'd like to sponsor one of these underserved students. You can also check out photos of the senior class and see their tentative plans. Half of these seniors take their finals this month and the rest in October. Here's the World Team Cambodia Preah Vihear team website: <https://www.worldteampreahvihearcambodia.org/>



Our 12<sup>th</sup> grade young women who are graduating this month.  
(No, it's not anyone's birthday – they're just using a bright celebrative decoration for graduation 😊.)

And of course, while we've been here in the US, much has happened in Cambodia! Here are prayer needs from the ministry there.

- Pray for 4 students from last year's graduating class and 3 volunteer staff who have gone to another city for Bible, discipleship and church planting training.
- Pray for the Church Planting team who are continuing to work and prepare for a new season of outreach.
- Pray for 12 Plas Prai students who will be graduating. Some are hoping to get further training at YWAM discipleship training school starting this January.

- Praise God! The Plas Prai team interviewed 45 ninth grade students from remote areas. Thirteen were accepted for the new school year. Pray for sponsors for each one.
- Joel Stewart who just returned from a prayer pilgrimage in Scotland, returns to Cambodia this week. Sina will soon take a break from work before the new year begins again at Plas Prai at the end of October. Pray for both of them and our Khmer YWAM partners (also taking their breaks) to be refreshed in the Lord during this time.
- Pray for our upcoming Annual Field Conference from September 29th to October 4th. Pray for the team working with the children and the training team who are coming to facilitate several church-planting and leadership development workshops.



June 2024 – Sam, Carolyn, Jim, Jake, Meghan and Silas.

On October 1, we will head back to Cambodia with full hearts. It's been an encouraging home assignment, and we are refreshed. We've been able to fully participate in our daughter's wedding, spent quality time with family, connected with so many of you, traveled more than any other home assignment, met so many new friends, had a family vacation and celebrated 35 years of marriage in Germany! Our tanks are full!



Jim and Carolyn 2024 celebrating 35 years of marriage.

Many have asked us how long we will continue to serve in Cambodia. We are thankful and happy to be there, and if Cambodia is willing to have us and there are no needs pressing us to return to the US, we'd love to continue until 2031 (more or less). We still see needs to help put Cambodian gospel workers in a good place to continue reaching where there is no gospel witness, and one day, launch into foreign missions themselves. But our presence is, and has always been, fragile. Not from God's perspective, but from ours. Only HE knows the plans and

we trust he will reveal all of that to us in his time. We would appreciate your prayers for this, as well.

Thank you for reading and for your continued interest in what God is doing in Cambodia. And PLEASE REACH OUT to us if you would like to discuss service in Cambodia. We would love to talk to you!

With appreciation,

Jim and Carolyn