



"The Light shines in the darkness ..."

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Christmas Outreach!



Pray for Cambodia

"The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world." — John 1:9

Thursday, December 19, 2024—The Secret Place, Preah Vihear, Cambodia

Dear Praying Friends,

Blessed Advent from The Secret Place,

I wanted to write and briefly tell you about our Christmas programs here during the month of December. Typically the entire time leading up to the Christmas program at our CCH Church was a bustling time of almost frantic activity. I was usually our every night for drama practice, planning the stage and setting up all the lights and A/V plans. The day after I was able to slow down and enjoy the rest of the Christmas season. *What was I doing??* Now things look totally different. I just offer a suggestion or two when asked, and lend a hand if needed.



Sokhoeurn and Panha

Last week we finished two Christmas programs in the remote villages where we have new church plants. All I did was drive the students and staff. First we traveled 60 miles and traversed bone jarring roads and precarious bridges (Pray your way over bridges) to Choam Srae, a village with just a few new believers. This group of believers came about because of Malai, our Plas Prai student, who witnessed to and prayed for her family. Over 100 children and probably 50 adults came out and heard the gospel. Our CP team travels there by motos every week, seeing 50 to 70 children attend the children's meeting after church.

On the 14th we traveled to a Christmas celebration in Sanlong Chey village. I am at a loss for words to describe how God showed up quietly and faithfully. We did not have thousands attend or fireworks, but upon an unreached village which previously had been languishing in darkness the Light of Christ has dawned (Isaiah 9:2). The celebration was held in the village of our Plas Prai graduate Sophoeurt, who is now studying in YWAM's one year Bible study program. After much resistance and denial, Sophoeurt's mother finally became a believer two years ago. Now a thriving house church meets near their house in this small village. Four small churches joined together to hold this first ever Christmas program. 200 people showed up including the village chief and elders. Through the many songs, dramas and action songs and with an evangelistic message and challenge, the gospel was clearly proclaimed. "The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5). Our Plas Prai students had a front row seat to see God's faithfulness, grace and glory. So did we, and all I did was transport people and supplies. Praise God for these young folks.



Two More Christmas Programs to Go !!

This Sunday we travel to Kulen village, to the home of our Plas Prai staff Silat where a small house church meets. Then on the 29th we hold our joint CCH Church and Plas Prai Christmas Celebration at the Plas Prai property. We believe God is going to continue blessing! We hope you will pray that many souls lost in

darkness will hear the message of the light of the gospel. And pray for these Khmer believers, our staff and co-workers, who are passionate to proclaim His message at Christmas and all through the year. And for all who will believe through them.

Have a wonderful week before Christmas! *Joel*

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The Welcome Team



Lekhana (grade 11) shares the meaning of Christmas with the guests



Silat and Panhavon cooking up some Khmer for 170 people



Village boys from Choam Srae



S.K. leading worship in Choam Srae This was the 2nd Christmas program in the church plant in the village



Village Girls



Plas Prai students perform a traditional Cambodian dance



Dan & Holy check out the Christmas story books



Puu Rith talks with a visiting church leader

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A Joyous time of celebrating Jesus in Choam Srae village Pray for the fledgling church in this remote outpost



Jim and Joel with local church leaders Travel to this entire area 20 years ago was unthinkable, and there we no believers



At Sanlong Chey village, children from the new church 20 miles away came to support this new outpost with some action songs



The first Christmas Program ever in Sanlong Chey village Held near our Plas Prai graduate Sophoeurt's home Please pray for Chey Sen district



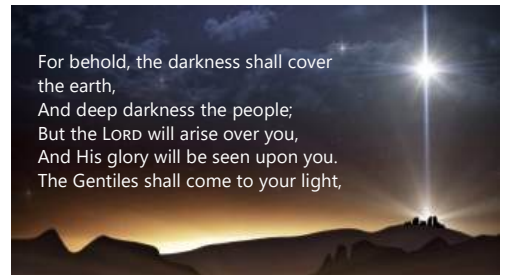
Sokhoeurn brings the Christmas message packed with gospel truth about the need for salvation



The Youth group from Krang Dong, a small church 20 miles away came to support this remote outpost with some songs

Resource for Advent:

Lectio 365 app
Morning and Night
Message and Prayers
For Advent
(Look for the app)



For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,
And deep darkness the people;
But the LORD will arise over you,
And His glory will be seen upon you.
The Gentiles shall come to your light,