

Baptism Candidates with CCH Church leaders

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Soksan with Ratana

" "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths,
ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls." — Jeremiah 6:16

Saturday, July 26th, 2025—Portland, Oregon

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest!

On July 13th I traveled to the Portland area to stop in to visit my former teammates Jeff and Courtney Hogue before heading out to Colorado, Illinois and Michigan to visit my brothers, sister and family. I celebrated my 68th birthday by taking a hike up the Obsidian Flow in the Newberry National Volcanic Monument, hiked to a waterfall and kayaked to the hot springs near our campsite. The past two months have been extremely busy, with our regular ministry at the Plas Prai and outreach trips to villages where new believers stay, Plas Prai recruiting trips, teams visiting and the new Ministry Training Center construction project going full tilt. Back in January I decided that I needed to let my soul catch up with my body, and I booked a trip to visit family in the US.

Cambodia/Thailand Border Conflict—Ceasefire Reached

On July 24th I watched with consternation as the border dispute which has been simmering along the Preah Vihear border with Thailand erupted into and active conflict zone. This conflict has actually been going on for over 100 years since colonial powers drew up the border between Cambodia and Thailand and the Thais never accepted the delineations. The fighting had escalated to the point of seeing scores of casualties and Thai F-16s bombing Cambodian military installations. As of Monday, July 28th at 1:00 p.m. EDT a cease fire agreement has been reached with the help of Malaysia, the USA and China. We thank God for this ceasefire and are relieved that the final exams for our 12th grade students were not affected. We invite you to ***pray for peace*** and stability to continue between Cambodia and Thailand. To learn more about the history of this conflict you can check out this article What Is The Thailand-Cambodia Border Dispute And Why Has It Escalated Again? | Explainers News - News18

Baptism

In May we saw 13 students and new believers obey the Lord in water baptism. We held the baptism at a beautiful natural pool beneath the shadow of Mount Tbeng. This is a huge step for a believer, as it publicly displays the commitment of trusting in Christ alone. The testimonies of these beautiful new believers were amazing reminders of God's transforming power as He rearranges a believer's life and priorities to align with His will.

Ministry Training Center

The construction on the new Training Center is going forward at record speed. This Training Center will help us get the various ministry activities using the Plas Prai dorm site into a new, dedicated facility. It will also help us expand ministry, training and community service through our PVSAM Bible School, YWAM equipping programs (in partnership with our YWAM team partners), vocational training and youth camp/seminar hosting. See the progression on page 2!

Check out more updates, prayer requests and photos on the following pages. Thank you for your prayers and support. Joel

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Activities May-July and Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests on website!

Please check out our **prayer requests** on our World Team Preah Vihear website! (click on link

- May 14th—The *baptism* at the mountain's foot was amazing. Please **pray** for the 13 students and adults who were baptized.
- May/June/July—*Village outreaches* continue every two weeks. **Pray** that these meetings with new believers will become simple churches!
- May 26th to June 3rd—Visiting *Titus team* held Inductive Bible studies and served our province. **Pray** for the students who graduated to continue serving.
- May 27th & 28th—Praise for the *PRAY Cambodia* workshop at Plas Prai dorm saw over 20 believers gather to learn how to pray effectively for spiritual blessing and evangelism.
- June 17-18th—Our *New Believers* gathering encouraged the new believers, parents of our Plas Prai students, as they live out their faith in their villages. Please **Pray**!
- June 23rd to 30th—The *Davisville Church team* visit from USA blessed us in many ways. **Pray** that God would continue to work in their hearts as they consider what steps are next in their journey to serve God cross-culturally.
- July 5-6—We held 50+ interviews for *new students* and 12 were selected for the 2025-26 school year at Plas Prai. Please **pray** for these young people as they enter into the Plas Prai community, to study and learn about God. Our new students will join in October.
- July 28th—**Pray** that the newly achieved ceasefire in the border conflict between Cambodia and Thailand will result in a long-lasting, peaceful resolution to this ongoing conflict. **Pray** for those displaced and the *relief efforts* by our Christian community along the affected border areas.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer! *Joel*

Special and Urgent Needs!

Please tune in to these two important news items. I don't share much about needs, but our team has sensed that some action must be taken to shore up our Plas Prai Center project. See below taken from the Gabriels' update:

1. Our Plas Prai dorm needs a financial boost! *Any one time gifts will help with needs coming up that are outside of our current budget (such as Child Safeguard Training $1,000+, new seniors' class trip in October $2500+, and we're still catching up with the increase in food costs). Please consider sending an extra gift by September to cover these needs and bolster our budget. Gifts can be given through World Team using the Plas Prai project #044016 at their donor page.*

* I might add that we experience a need of around $14,000 above what we receive through student sponsorships. So far God has been faithful. An investment into this ministry has tremendous dividends of training up young people for ministry in the harvest fields of Cambodia, which are certainly ripe for harvest!

2. Our current website *was built on an outdated platform that is no longer supported and will eventually stop functioning. We are seeking someone with the skills to redesign the site on a more stable, modern platform. If you have the expertise and feel called to support God's work in Preah Vihear through this project, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact us if you're interested in exploring this opportunity.*

Upcoming Ministry events:

July 29th—Joint YWAM Battambang, World Team and YWAM Preah Vihear (Church Planting Team) trip to the border to distribute aid and relief for those affected by the border conflict.
July 28th-30th—Final Exams for our vocational studies students
August 18th—Final exams for general studies 12th grade students
October/November—Possible completion of our Ministry Training Center! See progression of building below!

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MAY 2025



JULY 2025



Photos—A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words



Baptism for 13 new believers



Chunny Praying



Toho, grade 11



Saophoan grade 11



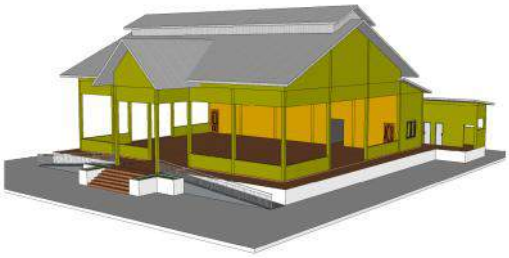
Dedicating the land for the new Training Center



The Training Center building underway



Plas Prai students working on the site



New Ministry Training Center plans



Sangvath and Panha editing



Puu Rith taking notes at PRAY Cambodia



Interviewing prospective students for the Plas Prai



Panhavon, grade 12



PRAY Cambodia group, June



Students and staff at 12th Grade graduation party



Students on outreach trip