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Building for the Future



The Harvest is Great. Pray!

"For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants." – Isaiah 44:3

Thursday, May 7th, 2026— The Secret Place, Preah Vihear, Cambodia — Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from Northern Cambodia! Khmer New Year here has just finished here in Cambodia. Things are slowly getting back to normal. We've been living through an intensely scorching hot season here; there were times I thought it could melt iron. The grass has long since surrendered—each step sends a brittle crunch beneath my feet as I head out the back gate toward the new construction site just ten yards from my house. The air shimmers in the heat. For months, the sun has baked the earth into a hardened crust. Not a drop of rain has fallen since November. The soil is cracked and hard, and even the trees seem to stand in quiet endurance, their leaves drooping to preserve whatever moisture their deep roots can find under the baked surface.



Then, in the Southeast, beyond Mount Tbeng, a low rumble breaks the stillness. Thunder—distant, faint, but unmistakable. The rains are coming.

At the hottest and driest time of the hot season, incredibly, the orange amaryllis flowers are the first live plants to resurrect. They push through the dry, broken earth, their bright blooms standing in bold contrast to the dust-covered ground. It feels like a miracle every time I see this happen every year. After months of heat and drought, these fragile yet determined flowers break through as if the hardened soil were more than a thin sheet of paper.

Hidden beneath the surface, their bulbs have been waiting, holding a quiet strength, perfectly timed to awaken—rising with a sense of expectation, as if they already know the rains are near. During this past "bright, sad season" of Lent, we took time to reflect on Christ's suffering as He moved resolutely toward fulfilling the mission for which He was sent to earth. Each step drew Him closer to the cross, where love, suffering, and sacrifice would meet. Then, on the quiet Saturday after His death, the world seemed to pause—held in a solemn, mournful silence, waiting in the shadow of what had been and the mystery of what was yet to come. And on Sunday Christ arose triumphant, exhorting His followers to take this good news to the entire world. Transformation!

We are also seeing a transformation taking place. In the midst of the chaotic news in the world, God is quietly, yet steadily moving here in Northern Cambodia. Our Plas Prai students are learning about God's plan for their lives. A church planting school held their graduation ceremony last week at our new Training Center (see photos), and we are building a new staff quarters to accommodate our increasing number of gospel workers. Like the Amaryllis, the dry, fallow spiritual ground of Cambodia is ready to drink in the lifegiving rains which are on the horizon. We believe an awakening is coming. We want to position our team to be ready to bring in the harvest that follows abundant sowing, multiplying discipleship and God's outpouring of His Spirit. We want to Reach the lost, Invest in Disciples, Equip believers to Release them as workers into the harvest. Thank you for partnering with us!

"*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds…*" - Hebrews 10:24

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

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Reach, Invest in, Equip, Release

Last month I co-facilitated a module for our World Team University titled "Starting With Multiplication in Mind". As we explored the activities the Church Planting (CP) process—Evangelism, Discipleship, Nurturing the believers, and Multiplication, we pictured multiplication (2 Timothy 2:2) like the base of a road and the activities of evangelism, discipleship and nurturing as the surface. Multiplication is not the thing we do after the other 3, but is the foundation of all we do. We start with multiplication in mind. Everything we do is done with this mindset.

As we labor to multiply ourselves, our disciples and the communities of believers we establish, we work to *reach* the unreached, *Invest in* those who respond to the gospel, *disciple* deeply and *release* them into ministry. This is what we are doing in our **Plas Prai Center** ministry, during our **New Believers** meetings, in our **church planting outreaches**, and in our **PVSAM Bible School** The process is a constantly changing mix of these activities, with multiplication as the underlying mindset from the beginning.

New Beginnings

With the completion of the new **Community Training Center** in December, we have seen this facility already used to reach out to the unreached and equip leaders in our province. We have now broke ground for the new staff housing and education complex (see below). We praise God for His gracious provision through His people. We hope to see it finished by July.

Why is this important?

To equip and train Cambodian workers for the great harvest we are praying for, we need housing for them. Our Ministry Center will be a hub for training, community outreach and Youth Camps. The PVSAM Bible School will start using this facility, as well as our New Believers meetings. Our YWAM CP team are planning to start a Discipleship Training School as well as a Youth Development Center. The onsite staff will be needing housing. God is moving here and we are following as best we can. *We are building for the future*, with 16 workers on our combined teams and 4 more coming as soon as they finish their training.

Ministry Happenings

- ◊ The CP (Church Planting) Team just held a **Youth Camp** at the *CTC Ministry Center*. Around 130 young people from all around the province attended. Several made decisions to follow Christ, including one of our new Plas Prai students.
- ◊ Our **Plas Prai students** are back from their *Khmer New Year* break. We look forward to hearing their testimonies about spending time in their home villages, many as new believers. They are back at the Plas Prai now, focusing on their studies.
- ◊ The **Church Planting Institure** which has been meeting at our *CTC facility* finished their two-year school a last month. 40 Christian leaders from all around the province graduated and received their certificates.

Pray about this Opportunity

Pray with us that God continues to provide for the equipping of the Ministry Center. There is still so much more to do as we Reach, Invest in, Equip, and Release national workers into the harvest! *Attached I am sending a list of needs for the equipping of the Training Center.* We need fans, lights, sound equipment, beds, a computer, A/V equipment for producing resources in Khmer, kitchen appliances, and much more. This is an opportunity for those God nudges to invest in the training and equipping of national workers in Cambodia. We are building for the future, and are excited about what God will do. Thank you for praying and partnering with us in the Living Fields. We pray for a great harvest!

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." — Galatians 6:9



New Staff Housing—Phase II



Groundbreaking Phase II



Proposed Staff Housing



Plas Prai Students Studying the Word



Church Planting Workshop graduation ceremony



Silat emcee at Youth Camp



Youth Camp, April 4th



Tum on kitchen duty

Photos—A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words



The Staff housing building underway



130 youth attended Youth Camp



A time of repentance



Chenda at youth camp



Two year course in Church Planting graduation



22 New Believers from 4 districts come for discipleship every 6 weeks



The youth from Chey Sen district at Youth Camp April 4th



Delivering Operation Christmas Child boxes



Parents of our students at NB meeting



Youth Camp leaders



Our Plas Prai students heading to school!!



Thank You!!!!



Weekly Children's outreach at 6 village sites



Youth Camp April 2026 at the CTC



New Believers



Church plant in Kulen



Discovering Truth