

# Medical Team, Plas Prai Student Recruitment, Awesome Interns and a NEW Cambodian Internship Program!! - August 2022

Dear friends,

Thank you for your patience as we fell off the communication grid for a couple months! Once we returned from the US in May, we jumped quickly into a previously planned visit from our adult children. It was a couple months of roller-coaster emotions and God held us steady during that ride. So thankful for the ROCK of our salvation!



**Medical Team:** On the heels of that came an amazing team of medical workers and support personnel from our home church, Davisville. They came as true servants working under challenging conditions to serve the most medically needy in both Phnom Penh and our province of Preah Vihear. If you have Facebook please click [here](#) to check out Joel Stewart's photos and descriptions of the 3 days of clinics in Preah Vihear. They are worth the time!

Joel shares some highlights of the trip here:

- We saw over 300 patients at the Plas Prai, in Oh Kawk and Boh villages.
- The GO Med Team of 10 from Davisville Church was assisted by around 20 Cambodian volunteers who helped share the gospel, translate, dispense medicines and keep things running.
- We saw 10 people decide to step into a relationship of following Jesus.
- We discovered a new church in Boh which we hadn't known about with around 50 believers. God is expanding His Kingdom!!
- We built some great relationships with people, including officials in Oh Kawk and Boh villages.
- God provided health and safety to the team over some pretty rough roads and many miles.
- All the logistics seemed to work out seamlessly, despite the Enemy's attempts to thwart us.

- The gospel was shared clearly and powerfully by our Cambodian volunteer partners – praise God!



**Plas Prai Student Recruitment:** After the Medical Team visit, the trips out to remote villages began in search of truly needy students who cannot finish high school without some assistance. These are usually challenging trips but our team and Khmer partners find it to be a highlight of the year! We visited 5 remote middle schools in 4 days and spoke to more than 100 ninth grade students and handed out

90 applications. In the end 51 students applied and we spent 2 days interviewing these precious kids! We could only choose 12, which was painfully hard, but we are trusting that God has led us to choose those he wants to study at the Plas Prai for the next three years. Our website will be updated in the next month as we wait for these students to take, and hopefully pass, their 9<sup>th</sup> grade exams.

**Awesome Interns:** God answered a long requested prayer of ours by bringing two young men to serve in the area of English and Discipleship. Our son, Jake, and our pastor's son, Jack Wilson, have now spent a little more than a month living, serving and loving at the Plas Prai dorm. It has been our prayer to have a native English speaker who loves Jesus with all his heart spend time helping with English and living as an example of faith, particularly in close proximity to the young men on our campus. In answer to this prayer, God gave us TWO young men and blew away our expectations! They not only loved on the Khmer students, but fell in love with them and received so much joy from this past month of relationship building. They fly back to the US August 11 to continue to prepare for whatever the Lord has for them. Please keep these young men in prayer. Thank you Jack and Jake!



**A New Cambodian Internship Program:** The last couple of years, as we've seen God bringing significant and lasting fruit from the dorm ministry, we've been praying fervently as to what the next steps would be. How can we best continue to train, facilitate and even partner with these new believers and harvesters God has raised from the harvest itself? One answer to this prayer came before we realized she would be part of that answer. Chelsea Cooper joined our team (on the ground) this past January. As a skilled and experienced trainer of teachers who has been here in Cambodia for 11 years already, she brought a passion to pass the baton. She also brought a personal desire to work very closely with Cambodians, something that many foreigners cannot do effectively due to significant cultural differences. These two primary characteristics made Chelsea an ideal candidate to help our team launch a perfectly timed (by God, not us!) internship program for Cambodians who want to give their lives to His service. This will be a team effort, but we are excited that Chelsea caught the vision and is willing to spear-head the effort.



The other answer to prayer has come in that two students have applied for the internship! YWAM has provided excellent foundational training for students who have trusted Christ and desire to dig deeper into what it means to fully follow Jesus with their lives. If all goes according to plan, these two students will complete their studies with YWAM and will return to us in early October to start a year-long internship program including practical training, ministry requirements, and one-on-one mentoring. Most of the details are not yet in place and we invite you to join us as we embark on this adventure that we have been called to do by God's grace and in His power.

**PVSAM:** September 19-23 we will conduct Module 6 (of 8 modules) and study Romans through Ephesians with our 11 students (we've had almost half of our students drop out over the course of 2+ years due to Covid implications, having babies and other issues). In the evenings, we will also hear from local 'disciple-makers' to learn what important principles are involved in making disciples who make disciples. Please keep our volunteer teachers in prayer as they prepare the daytime Bible overview lessons:

Joel Stewart – Romans, Chea Samphas – 1&2 Corinthians and Tauch Sokhoeurn – Galatians and Ephesians. Also pray for our students to finish their assignments and that God would remove all road-blocks to attending Module 6 with us. Pray that all of us would be further transformed into Christ-likeness after being together at the feet of Jesus. Thank you!



**Sharing a Team Member:** Our teammate Sina has an amazing opportunity to serve with the Mennonite Central Committee's exchange program in the country of Kenya for one year. As part of a peace-making team, she will be sharing in local public schools. When she returns to us in PV, it will be with a broader view of the world, additional ministry experience and increased English skills among other gifts. We are grateful for her opportunity and send her with our blessing. Please pray for her as she leaves around August 23 and will return next year in July 2023. Also, let me know if you'd like to receive her updates. Praise God that she has already multiplied herself richly in our province, however, pray for our team as we all will keenly feel the gap she leaves.

Thankful for each of you,  
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*A picture is worth a thousand words, they say.*



The GO Med Team and PV Team in Siem Reap



Jake helping with Triage



The rain didn't stop us!



Dr. Marc and Thavy, who is in medical residency



A lady in Oh Kawk waits for her medicine



Registration and Spiritual Impact



Donna, Kim and Jack help at the eyeglass station



Anna Maria at the Boh Clinic entrance



An older gentleman gets treatment



Annissa dispensing medicine



The Junior High School at Trapeang Ktim



A student and her grandma



A Student's Home



The GO Med Team at Ta Prohm Temple in Siem Reap

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