

# Gabriels News August 2023

## Hello friends!

We find that the more praises we have, the more prayer needs this generates. What's that all about?! Please read below about how God is working and pray for those areas that we still need him to work:

**Team from Davisville Church** – we are so excited to have a group of youth, young adults and leaders from our sending church come NEXT WEEK (August 8-17). They will help put a roof over the Plas Prai high school dorm laundry area and build a path through the campus to help keep feet out of the mud! They will also participate all week in sharing who they are and learning who our students and staff are. We will be swapping cultural games, food, crafts and music throughout the week and worshipping and looking at the Word together each night. Please pray for safety, growth and a deeper look at Jesus through different cultural eyes during this week. There are still significant financial needs for this team, so please consider giving by using this link <https://www.davisville.org/give-online/> and noting your donation to go to the Cambodia 2023 Mission Trip.



Davisville 2023 Cambodia Team

**Plas Prai 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Students** are understanding more of who God is from our weekly foundational Bible studies. Our three interns, being coached by Chelsea Cooper, are doing a wonderful job as the primary teachers on these nights. We are all enjoying learning together and getting to know this bunch of 'newbies'! Please pray that the Holy Spirit would draw each one toward salvation during their time at the dorm.



Family Night Worship

**Family Night Outreach:** Family night is an outreach to the classmates of our dorm students and neighbors around the dorm. The interns and Plas Prai staff are all taking turns sharing biblical lessons such as who we are in Christ, what is forgiveness and what does God say about relationships. Please pray that those visitors will taste and see that the Lord is good and worth pursuing.

**New Believers and Baptism!** The Plas Prai students, along with a growing number of their family members are coming to Christ. This week 9 adult family members of our Plas Prai students from 4 different remote villages came together to learn more clearly what the gospel is. They have been hearing the good news from their Plas Prai students and their interest is growing. After about 24 hours together and hearing the gospel spelled out through an overview of biblical history, all 9 confirmed their faith in Christ

and desire to keep learning and following after Jesus. At the same time, 7 more Plas Prai students are planning to be baptized next week! Please pray as we seek to stand with and disciple these new believers. We continue to raise up gospel workers for the harvest but we also need help. Would any of you like to join us here?? Please pray about it!

**Three Cambodian Interns** – Please pray for our three interns as they continue to build relationships and introduce Christ to two local villages through English classes. The English classes have been attracting up to 60 kids at a time, introducing many challenges as well as opportunities. Chelsea works hard to help them prepare lessons, train in life skills and disciple deeply through the personal challenges each one faces in their lives. Please pray for endurance for these amazing young ladies and Chelsea as she works with them. And pray for their futures as the internship ends in October.



New Believers Meet to Pray

**New Leadership at Plas Prai** – Sokhoeurn and his family will be changing gears at the end of the year. He will turn his attention toward the many new believers resulting from the Plas Prai ministry in the remote areas of our province. He will likely spearhead the the New Believers initiative above (#3). Our faithful Sina, who is back from Kenya and rejoined us this past week, will now take over the manager position at Plas Prai. She is well-gifted and suited for this work and we are thankful that she has joyfully agreed to take on this role. Please pray for this transition over the next 5 months. Pray also for Sokhoeurn and his family as he changes roles.

**Male Staffing Need** – PRAISE GOD for SK who will return to help serve at Plas Prai with our young men on campus! He served with us previously for two years. SK is gifted in making

disciples of young men. Please continue to pray for God to raise up more male staff. SK (with a little help from Sokhoeurn) will oversee 18 young men. We can still use additional male staff at the dorm—do you know someone who could fill this role?

**Joel Stewart** is back from home assignment and ready to jump back into the ministry here! And we need him!! Pray as he transitions into the hot weather and the comparatively disorganized but happy Cambodia. Here is a [video](#) he created – take a look!

**The 3C Conference** was so encouraging and helpful as we Celebrated, Collaborated in Community! Thank you to those who were able to pray and give to that event. We were especially touched by the emphasis of talking together in small groups about moving forward with the gospel. How does God want us to take his good news to the ends of the earth? How can we do that well together? How do we capitalize on the areas of the world that were previously unreached who are now sending workers into new harvest fields? We are thankful for the World Team leadership calling us together to seek the Lord regarding these important questions. Our application is to focus on bringing national workers onto our 96.7% *American* missionary members on the Cambodia field.

Among other things, we need their Cambodian voice and cultural expertise. They could benefit from our missions experience and World Team’s missional training. We’re excited about the future! Please pray that God would bring much fruit out of this event throughout World Team for his glory.

**Field Leadership Transitions.** Please pray for Jim and the field leadership as Jim moves to focus his full-time attention on the ministry in PV and leave the field director role as of the end of January 2024. Please pray for a smooth transition of leadership and God to provide what is needed to help the field move forward to bring many Cambodians to His Glory! Pray also for our registration with the Cambodian government. It is fully submitted and waiting for approval. It is essential for our continued presence as a mission in Cambodia.

**Family:** Well, the big news is that Meghan and Silas got engaged!!! We are excited for them and this new chapter of life together. We will be planning a home assignment next year around the wedding date – when we get one. We’ll keep you posted. Please pray for them as they walk with the Lord toward this union. Jake continues at Cairn University this year as a Junior and Computer Science major. And Sam is working at Cairn in the marketing department focused on video and photography. Thank you for your prayers for our family!

**Staying Connected to the Vine:** Please continue to pray that we would live in the power of Christ each moment and keep our eyes fixed on Him. We have seen that this is the only way God will bear fruit in our lives. Thank you for holding us in prayer in this way.



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SK Helps with Outreach



Silas and Meghan

Thank you so much for reading, caring and praying. May God continue to work in your area of the world through you by His grace.

Jim and Carolyn