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Dear praying friends,

What a privilege! We were talking with our team (expat and Khmer) recently about the honor we feel when we get to share some aspect of the gospel with those who've never heard. In the attached picture, Jim and I accompanied 4 of our young Cambodian partners (all graduates of Plas Prai within the last 4 years) on village visits. We visited 20 new believers in two different locations. Some of the relatives we were visiting were those noted in our last email which featured "Sophoeurt's

Story". All had come to faith within the last year and a half.

Our Cambodian partners suggested we study the Christmas story with these groups. As we began, we asked the new believers if they knew what Christmas meant. No one knew. None had ever heard the story of Jesus' birth. They had no concept of the virgin birth or the prophecies of a Savior. And they were very curious and ready to learn! Each one was amazed by the idea of the Son of God, the promised Savior, being born in such humble circumstances. They were so touched by the humility of the creator God.

Our team has decided to focus primary attention on discipling these new brothers and sisters in Christ. We are hopeful that a number of these folks will study PVSAM (Preah Vihear School of Applied Ministry) in 2025 when we restart a new class.

In the mean-time ... we will be taking our Home Assignment starting February 17, 2024. Our team here will continue this work without us for about 7 months. Here are prayer requests for you to join with us:

1. Pray for Joel and the rest of the team as they continue to strengthen the new believers by both remote villages visits and provincial city gatherings for teaching and encouragement.
2. Pray for MANY of our Plas Prai graduates who are planning to take Discipleship Training and School of Biblical Studies this year. We hope to have a number of them (especially young men) return to us to continue partnering together.
3. Pray for recruitment opportunities while we are in the US. We would like to expand our work in a way that will still require some expat workers.
4. Pray for the new group of 10 grade students at Plas Prai. They are settling in well!
5. Pray for Sina who has begun her role as Plas Prai manager and doing very well! She is feeling the heaviness of this leadership position. Pray she will always depend on her Father in heaven who called her and will supply what she needs to fulfill that calling. Pray for the team on campus to continue to strengthen and support one another.
6. Pray for the new Church Planting (CP) Team led by Sokhoeurn. There are a lot of 'moving parts' between all of our various roles on all teams (Plas Prai, CP, YWAM, World Team and more!). Please pray that we can work together well in these new roles, practice good communication, value and love each other and stay connected

to the Vine through it all.

7. Please pray for our medical fund as we have many opportunities to help with medical needs (especially with our Cambodian ministry partners). This project has been steadily used and is diminishing. If you'd like to share a financial gift of any size to strengthen that fund, please go to the World Team website ([us.worldteam.org](http://us.worldteam.org)) and donate to project number 044013.
8. Would you also pray for our daughter Meghan's wedding May 4? We are excited to be able to help with and celebrate this momentous event with her and Silas Parschauer!
9. Jim has transitioned out of his role as Field Director and is taking focused time before we leave for Home Assignment to seek the Lord for clear direction for his role on our Preah Vihear team and the future of our ministry. Please join him in prayer for this.
10. Please pray for transportation for us while we are in the US. We'd like to borrow/rent a car from someone in the PA area if possible.

We would love to connect with each of you personally while we are in the US, if at all possible. Please reach out to us if you'd like to set up a time to get together. We'll be based in the Southampton, Pennsylvania area for the majority of our time with likely trips to Florida and California in the summer. If you are in the PA area, March through June would be the best time for us to see you with some options in the summer, as well.

And finally, please see our teammate Joel's Christmas newsletter to get a broader picture of what the team has been up to.

Thankful for each of you at this Christmas season!  
Jim and Carolyn

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