



Lonely fisherman hauling in his nets, Kep—November '23

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The Light Shines in the Darkness

The Secret Place, Koak Rumdeng, Preah Vihear — “For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. ...” Isaiah 60:2

Dear Praying Friends of the Living Fields,

Sometimes I wonder what kind of impact our seemingly small endeavors avail in a world whose foundations seem to be shaking... global terror and war, troubling headlines, and cultural decay, a world seemingly gone crazy. Sometimes it feels like the darkness really is covering the earth and its people, as Isaiah reflected 2,700 years ago. Here in Cambodia we hear very little of the rumblings around the world. If I didn't check the news, I would know very little of what is happening outside of Cambodia. It seems like time just ticks away quietly, with people getting married, funerals, holidays and the day-in and day-out of getting the crops in, starting a new year in school and carrying on with the business of the day. It is easy to feel small and insignificant in the light of the wars and rumors of war in the world.

And yet we know that our Lord is still sovereign, and although “...the nations rage, and the people plot...” (Psalm 2:1), the Truth still stands — Psalm 47:8 – 9 ~ “*God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.*” Psalm 103:9 ~ “*The LORD has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.*” The world was



New 10th Grade students at Plas Prai

immersed in darkness during the first Advent of our Savior, but His light has penetrated even the darkest shadows. When I see that light of understanding enkindled in one of our new 10th graders, or watch an older student whose life has already been transformed give testimony or explain spiritual truths to the new students, or see the excitement of our Plas Prai staff when visiting unreached areas to plant new communities of believers, I realize that His Kingdom of Light advances one transformed life at a time.

Each year I relish this season – a hot cup of coffee on a cool, crisp morning overlooking Mount Tbeng; candles and Christmas music on my [Advent Music](#) playlist; advent readings and preparations for celebrations with the Christian community. I realize that we cannot change everything in the world by legislating or activism, but we can work while we still have the light, sow the seed of the gospel generously, make disciples, train and release leaders and pray that the Lord of the Harvest will multiply and bless our endeavors—all the while awaiting His soon coming second Advent. We see this unfolding in little glimpses here in Cambodia. We thank you for your participation and support!

During this blessed time of expectation, I thank God for the many lives we see being “transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” (2 Corinthians 3:18 NKJV). In this world where the storm clouds threaten to break into a storm, we rest on an abiding truth—
“In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.”

More news and prayer requests from the Living Fields on the next page, as well as some photos, so grab a cup of your preferred beverage and sink into your favorite chair for a short “cold season” **Adventure** to Northern Cambodia.



An early morning bike ride with Reach and Dan

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Ministry Update & Prayer Requests, December, 2023

- **Praise God** for our new totally reworked website! Check it out here—[World Team Preah Vihear](#).
*Thanks to Chesed Web Design for an amazing website!



New Believers Meeting at Ministry Learning Center

- **Praise God** For 100% passing rate for Plas Prai 12th grade at least 4 years in a row
- **Pray for Sokhoeurn's** family as they transition to church planting and Sina as she takes on the responsibilities at the *Plas Prai Center* dorm
- **Praise God** for 12 graduating students and 12 incoming 10th grade students!
- **Pray for new believers**, both students and parents, as they grow in their knowledge of God and in His grace, and learn new ways of living according to the gospel to which they have embraced. *18 new believers, mostly parents/relatives of our students
- **Pray** for the graduates from *12th grade at the Plas Prai* high school dorm. They all passed their final exams in late October. Pray for their future steps— 5 are going to DTS (Discipleship Training School) in Battambang and they hope to go on to serve the Lord. The rest are continuing their studies in university.
- **Pray** for baby **Manith**, the newborn son of **Timothee and Maly**, members of *Community of Changed Hearts Church*. Manith was born oxygen deprived and struggles to breathe without an auxiliary oxygen pump. He is in Siem Reap at a free children's hospital. Timothee is our Karuna CrossWorks worker and has not been able to work for 1 month.
- **Pray** for the incoming **10th grade students** from several remote areas in Preah Vihear. They arrived November 24th and are assimilating to community life at the Plas Prai Center. They look like a great bunch, and they are already hearing the gospel and many are genuinely interested. They will be with us for 3 years. Check out their bios on our [Plas Prai](#) page.

Photos from Cambodia—November/December



Sokhoeurn's Family transitions



Sina will be the new manager at Plas Prai



At the beach at Kep with Plas Prai students



Sokhoeurn praying with Sern



Graduating Seniors—Plas Prai Nov 2023



Chelsea w/ Plas Prai Staff



Joel & Mentees Kosal & Vanrong



Plas Prai Community Life



Ry playing guitar



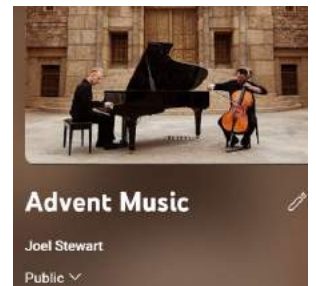
The incoming seniors enjoyed the beach



4 Aunties at New Believers' Meeting



Our Preah Vihear Team 2023



Advent Music

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Light a candle and enjoy some peaceful Advent Music on my YouTube playlist

[Joel's Advent Music](#) Playlist

Click on the link and enjoy.

