



**OUR STUDENTS ARE AT HOME IN THEIR VILLAGES:** Due to Coronavirus visiting Cambodia, schools closed last week and students are back in their villages. This seems to be the safest place for them as our town here has a number of cases of the virus. The distant villages don't seem to be affected at this point. Our staff and our World Team team here in Preah Vihear will be staying and available should the students and their families need anything. We're also ready for their return once the government deems it safe. Like you, we are waiting to see when the 'curve will flatten'!! We hope you are all staying safe and shining your lights where you are.



Our local high school girls volleyball team took the championship! All but 3 girls are Plas Prai students!! Way to go girls!!

**THE NEW DORM BUILDING IS PROGRESSING!!** Thank you for continuing to keep our building project in your prayers.



Side view of the new building—classrooms, library and counseling room.

We have finalized the project expenses now that we and the builder have a better feel for the costs at this time. It appears we have 75% of the needed funds. An additional \$27,000 will bring the building to completion. We are super excited to get the students in and give some elbow room to the various activities on site, lay out our library and put donated books into place, as well as have a dedicated counseling/one-on-meeting room that staff can use with our students. We hope to be finished by October. If God is leading, we welcome you to contribute to our remaining financial needs using our **NEW**

**BUILDING PROJECT FUND** through World Team which is specific to the needs of the building only. You can donate to World Team for this building specifically here:

<https://us.worldteam.org/give> To give online, choose either of the two green "Give" buttons. Once you are on the donation page, **fill in project number 044021** in the 'designation' section. Scroll down on the "Give" page to find other ways to donate toward the building, if you prefer. Thank you for considering this need.



Front view—classrooms out front will be covered, but largely open air spaces.



The Plas Prai Center is a joint ministry of Davisville Church and World Team.



To sponsor a Cambodian student through high school contact **Carolyn Gabriels**: [carolyn.gabriels@worldteam.org](mailto:carolyn.gabriels@worldteam.org)

For more information or to give a gift, visit our Preah Vihear team website at: [www.worldteampreahvihearcambodia.org/](http://www.worldteampreahvihearcambodia.org/)



# PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAISE & PRAYER

1. **Pray for our students while they are home:** There was a sound of great rejoicing on the campus the morning when the students all returned from school having been told school was suddenly closed all over Cambodia due to Covid-19. They were all very happy to be getting an unexpected early break and visit with their families. Pray for them and their families' safety during this time. We shared a good bit of information from reliable sources so that the students can help those back in their villages who are somewhat cut off from accurate information about the virus and thus more given to fear. Also, those most at-risk have less opportunities for good health care. Pray especially for the elderly, that God would protect them during this time.



A reminder of what the finished product will look like.



A very solid and deep foundation!

2. **Pray for our building project:** Please pray for the workers for this project, that they would be safe as they work and stay healthy. May the light of Jesus shine from our campus and into these workers hearts! And pray for Joel who is tirelessly engaging with them and meeting needs as they arise. Pray that God would also protect his health and keep Corona far from him!

3. **Pray for our staff:** We are grateful to partner with a fantastic group of leaders at the Plas Prai. They really love the students and go above and beyond the call of duty often. Our staff are really volunteers who live by faith. We provide a small stipend from our budget to help out, but they are here because of the greater cause of the gospel. If anyone would like to send a gift or begin supporting them regularly, please be in touch with Carolyn and she can give you information on how to do that.

4. **Pray for student recruitment:** Normally in May we finalize our prayers and make decisions about what districts to visit to recruit new students. Please pray that the schools will re-open in May so that we can go and invite students to join us for next year's new incoming 10th grade class. Thank you!

Last week, I shared with our staff from Isaiah 55:1-3 which God has used to really minister to me lately. We all spent time pondering what God is inviting us to in those verses and considering the times when we substitute his free life-giving gifts for costly imitations that provide nothing of value. If you haven't looked at that scripture lately, I encourage you to do so.



All Plas Prai students 2019 –2020

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;  
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.  
Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.  
Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.  
I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. “

*Thank you for caring about God's work at the Plas Prai and holding us up in prayer!*

*From the Plas Prai team: Sokhuen, Saroth, Sina, Silat, SK, Joel, Jim and Carolyn*

