

PRAY for WEC Cambodia – November 2009



WEC Cambodia team & friends

At the back, from left: Michelle, Tim, Luis, Mike Dwight (Regional Director), Martin (behind Mike), Christine, Jichul, Claudine (blue shirt), Bokkeun, Manil.

Middle, from left: Diana Freeman (special visitor), Wilma Dwight (Regional Director), Maggie, Jean-Marié, Valeria, Myunghee with You Eun.

At the front, from left: Anne, Maira, Sharon, Mija with Hannah, Clélia with Gaby, Juho ("eating" the flag), Hwee Ping (red shirt).

Not in this photo: Rosalind, Kimberly and Amy Santos.

Question: Who can tell me what word or letters we are 'spelling out'?

Hope Church, Preah Vihear Province

(Luis & Ros)

Dani is a student who attends the Bible studies in Pal Hal. Her father has been in a coma for 2 weeks after a bad motorbike accident. Dani came with him to Phnom Penh, and has been nursing him constantly (the hospital has no nurses). Please pray for healing and for rest for Dani.

Ratana and Misseah's second planting of rice was also flooded. They are now planting a third time: pray this crop survives! Also keep praying for Sunday worship, the Bible studies twice a week, and the outreach to K'pon village.

Pray for the Santos family as they prepare to return to Australia. Pray for a good transition time, especially for their two girls, Kimberly and Amy. Pray also that the handing-over of spiritual oversight for Hope Church goes well.

Office Support Team

(Narom, Nen, Chenda, Buntheourn, Vireak, Vuthy, Maggie, Michelle, Hwee Ping)

The fund for Admin will be running out by the end this year. We are looking into ways to stretch our financial resources. Pray for good stewardship, and partnership from supporters in this ministry.

Bridge of Hope

(Valeria, Christine, Anne, Charya, Kompeak)

After much prayer and reflection, we believe that it is the right move to change the project's location to the provincial town of Siem Reap - about 6 hours' drive from Phnom Penh.

We thank God for His provision: most of the children in the Bridge sponsorship program will be taken care of by other organizations when we phase out of Phnom Penh, and we are just waiting for one or two more replies for the 2 remaining children.

In mid-November we will have a big party at the Bridge for the families and children we've been working with over the past few years.

Please pray that this would be a good time of closure for all of us. May the seeds that have been sown in people's lives grow and bear fruit.

Please pray with us for all the challenges involved in relocating the project (and ourselves!) to the province.

May God make the families hungry for Jesus and open to the Gospel that will change their lives.

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Vocational Training Programme

(Martin, Sok, Maggie; Root IT: Choeun, Bokkeun; DSD: Chhaya, Jichul, Michelle; Glory: Kongkea, Myunghee; Ironworks: Sokhom, Martin).

All 3 DSD (metal trade) trainees showed good commitment and did well in their final practical exam— each producing a customized piece of furniture for a customer. However, the economic downturn is affecting DSD's self-sustainability in business.

The Glory trainees have a final first year project to sew a variety of clothes (for friends or relatives) by the end of this month. Please pray that they will have self-discipline and wisdom in managing time and resources and taking care of their health.

Choeun is doing much better (despite continuing family challenges) and has recommitted to the VTP vision. We look forward to the coming of Christoph Luthy, a Swiss I.T. engineer who will train and support Root I.T. staff. Please continue to ask God to intervene in Choeun's church.

Applications for the first trainees for Ironworks and Root are due in 2 months. Pray that the right people will apply and be accepted – people who need our help the most, and have potential to develop. Despite the challenges of managing their businesses and teams, Choeun and Sokhom are willing to also prepare syllabuses for their trainees. They need your prayer!

Toul Tamok Village ministries

Sharon Lim, our senior worker, will be leaving the field on November 23. The various ministries are now fully entrusted to Khmer leaders and pastors.

- River of Life School is led by a school committee chaired by Prom Vichet. Please pray for the group of Khmer teachers to continue in their commitment towards the vision of the school and their love for these children.
- Life with Hope Church, led by pastor Srieng, would appreciate your prayer and support. Pray for this group of brothers and sisters to love the Lord, one another and the 'lost sheep'.
- Pastor Lay took over the management of Mustard Seed from Sharon. He will continue to lead a group of youth from the village in this income generation ministry.

Missions Mobilization (Tim)

The tour of meetings in England and Wales is going very well. From the first meeting at the University of Southampton where 450 students showed up, dozens of Christians have already responded publicly to the call of mission. Pray God's blessing and anointing on the second half of the tour in Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Good Neighbours (New Ministry Team)

(Team members: Jichul & Mija, Hwee Ping, Jean-Marié)

We thank the Lord for giving us the vision to start this new project. We would like to focus on the rice farmers' community around Phnom Penh.

Currently we are involved in intensive research. Please pray that the Lord will guide us in this - that we will find the right location by mid-December, and for His wisdom as we consider the most suitable church planting strategy.

Field Leadership Team

(Christine, Claudine, Maggie, Martin, Valeria)

Valeria and Christine will move to Siem Reap by the end of 2009 in preparation for the Bridge of Hope's relocation. Pray for them to find suitable housing, good contacts with the locals, and good rapport with local authorities.

Pray that the FLT will be able to work out a way to meet regularly in spite of the physical distance.

Orientation and Language

Tutors: Keriya, Karano, Sothea, Vutha, Khema, Sophanny(language teacher supervisor).

Language learners: Maira, Gaby, Anne, Jichul, Mija, Myunghee, Bokkeun, Michelle, Maggie, Hwee Ping.

Thanks for praying for the trip to Vietnam with the language teachers. For most of them it was their first time out of their country, so almost every move was an exciting adventure.

It also brought us closer, and made the teachers more aware of some of the challenges their students go through.