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Dear Prayer Partners,

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**Thy and I are humbled for the opportunity to share our latest update with you.** I know it sounds cliché but believe me when I say we sincerely appreciate your love, prayers, and support for our family, team, and ministry in Cambodia.

**I appreciate your prayers for Rithy Pol and his dear family.** This past year it's been a delight to see them grow spiritually; especially as they have made themselves a part of our church family. In just the past few months some of Rithy's family members have come to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ: His brother Brathana, and Brathana's wife, Chantrea; his mom, Somally; his sister, Ya, and his two nephews, David and Piseth. Piseth believed on Jesus this past Sunday. Glory to God! **As the Lord continues to do a work in their hearts, please join me in prayer for their continued spiritual growth.** Currently, they are in a time of transition; may they continue to be sensitive towards God, His word, and His will. Also, pray for Rithy's sisters, Vita and Vichiny, to be saved. Thank you!

**In our last update, I promised to fill you in on the testimonies of Jep and his wife, Phoahs.** Jep was a well-known witch doctor within the Khmer and Cham communities in Cambodia and he would often be scheduled to perform at various ceremonies for both Muslims and Buddhists alike. He would be considered one of the least likely candidates to become a Christian. **Over 45 years ago, Jep saw the love and compassion of Christians at a refugee camp that left a lasting impression on him.** In his travels, he would eventually reunite with some of our older believers that have turned from Islam to Christ which for the most part is unheard of in this part of the world. Curious, he began to ask questions and over a period of time heard the gospel preached about the compassion of Christ. Approximately a year ago, He believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; his wife, Phoahs, would also turn to Christ in the month following. Through the wonderful testimonies of our persecuted brothers and sisters who responded in love toward hate, Jep saw that same compassion. This past year, Jep and Phoahs have been growing spiritually and they strongly desire to bring the gospel to their lost loved ones. With his former reputation, this has opened up some doors for us to witness to people and communities that we had no access to before. I mentioned in our last update that his daughter, Mohm, and granddaughter, Minas, decided to follow Jesus. Also, just a couple of weeks ago, Minas's friend, Thas (15 y/o), believed on the Lord Jesus. Praise the Lord!

**Please let me end this update by saying, "God is Faithful"!** We look forward to what the Lord will continue to do in Cambodia. We praise God for your friendship and fellowship in the gospel. May the Lord richly bless you!

With Grateful Hearts,

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