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WAY MAKER Return To The Kingdom of Wonders! By: Julia Iles

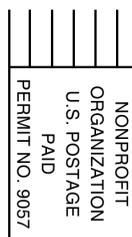
Thank you for all the prayers and support that enabled me to visit my father last December 2019 and support him through 2 months of hospitalization until his home-going to Glory on February 2, 2020. Having

that time with my Dad enabled me to love him well as his youngest daughter, minister to his needs as a sister in the Lord, and comfort his heart by caring for Mum. Then proceeded 7 months at home with Mum, heavily extended due to serious Covid restrictions in the UK and Cambodia, and cancellation of flights. This time was precious and purposeful and a great reminder of God's faithfulness in all circumstances; He knows our needs. My return date to Phnom Penh finally came September 16th. I then had 2 nights in a hotel, followed by 12 days of isolation in my apartment and 2 tests for Covid (both negative).

The quarantine time was not so easy for me, an extrovert who had missed her Cambodian family so much! However God remained faithful as always and I regained strength through Romans 8. Praise the Lord that His Word has the power to give us a sound mind, even when we are isolated from others!

I have had an incredible welcome back to Phnom Penh by my team mates, Pastor James and Agape Bermejo, and by my wonderful Cambodian family from church. I was compelled when I read Philippians 1:25-27, knowing Christ desires my return to Cambodia in order that those who I serve will progress and have joy in the faith! What great confidence we can have in all that we do! God is so good to give us the motivation and conviction to live our lives in a way that will encourage others to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. I am so thankful to reconnect with the church family here and many friends. I have already enjoyed supporting a couple of our young women to teach a Bible lesson, and I myself will start teaching towards the end of this month.

God gives us the energy and strength to do all things (Philippians 4:13), He alone sustains us! I'm excited for the rest of this year and looking forward to 2021! Life is not without its challenges, and for sure this past year we have faced many... but none made me doubt God's goodness and mercy. Nothing has made me question the Lord's love and faithfulness. He is our Father, our rock and fortress, a very present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1). The Lord is mighty to save and He will continue the great work He has begun in us until the day of Jesus Christ! (Philippians 1:6). Trust in His sovereignty and guidance—you will not be disappointed. I'm thankful for your support and prayers as I re-adjust to life here, the heat, the monsoons and floods. May the Lord bless His mighty work through me as I get back into the rhythm of life in Cambodia!



Galatians 6:9 (NKJV)

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”

One of the most important things that we must do during this new normal time due to COVID:

“DO NOT LOSE HEART”

WORKING TOGETHER WITH OUR KHMER LEADERS

When the government started to implement restrictions for social gatherings and religious fellowships around mid-March due to COVID, we immediately worked together with our Khmer (Cambodian) leaders to pray, plan and prepare for some big adjustments in the ministry.

The first Sunday of April, we started preaching and teaching the Word of God online. We also gave opportunity for the Khmer church members to participate in sharing personal testimonies, rendering special songs and even preaching/teaching God’s word every week.

OUT-REACH MINISTRY

We praise the Lord that in the midst of COVID, He gave us the wisdom and way to start a new Out-Reach Ministry online! In July, we launched the **Khmer Connect** online ministry, where we publish a video of our Khmer church members sharing words of encouragement and Bible verses to unreached, unsaved and unchurched Cambodians.



Another opportunity of reaching other Khmer is through sports! Our Men’s Group played football/soccer every Wednesday evening since July. We were able to become good friends with other Khmer men who played with us.



IN-REACH MINISTRY

While we intentionally spend time outside reaching out to others, we also spend quality time inside with our church family. We teach guitar and piano classes to our Khmer church members to make sure we will have the next generation ready for Church Music Ministry.

One vital ministry we are focusing on is our one-on-one mentoring sessions or Discipleship Ministry of our church. James is

teaching Simon and Chetra separately, every Friday, about the subject of *The Bible and Dispensations*.



LOCAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP

After 2 years and 6 months since we started our local congregation of Cambodia Grace Gospel Church (City Central, Phnom Penh), we now have our Khmer local church leaders! We will be working together with them in achieving our VISION STATEMENT which is: “To see the Cambodians KNOW Jesus as their Savior and Lord, GROW in their faith and PLANT Grace churches all over Cambodia and beyond.”



PARTNERSHIP IN MISSION

Thank you once again for your faithful participation in God’s mission here in Cambodia through your prayers and support. As we co-equally do our part in declaring God’s glory and proclaiming God’s gospel to the regions beyond, your part is wholeheartedly appreciated!

**For His Purpose,
James and Agape Bermejo**