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# TEAM CAMBODIA

## NEWSLETTER



*"He made everything appropriate in its time. He also placed eternity within them, yet, no person can fully comprehend what God is doing from beginning to end." Ecclesiastes 3:11 (ISV)*

## HE MAKES ALL THINGS BEAUTIFUL IN HIS TIME!

We believe God's delay was for our protection, our shaping moments, and our preparation as we waited to be sent to the mission field. PATIENCE and FLEXIBILITY really helped us in our waiting process. And we always believe that His time is the best time of all. Let us always see in all things what's "EXCEEDINGLY GOOD " in it.

Due to the COVID-19 situation that caused on and off lockdowns in the Philippines, we were stranded in several places for several months! Experiencing new things made us excited and nervous at the same time. But God is rich in love and mercy, and He prepared people to help us with unfamiliar things and situations (Acts 18:10). We praise the Lord for providing us with people who became instrumental to help us comply with all the requirements for our visa, plane tickets, COVID-19 tests and other supporting documents needed for our travel. We also thank the Lord for giving us extra strength and wisdom in facing the immigration authorities, in travelling by plane for long hours and in listening to unfamiliar languages for the first time! We finally arrived here in Cambodia on the 15th of July.

We complied with the Cambodian government's 14-day mandatory quarantine at a designated hotel. We thought being in quarantine would be easy because we experienced it already in the Philippines. Our first three days, we enjoyed the food they provided because it was new to us. But later on, Pastor Jude felt a little culture shock and homesickness sank in. But, praise the Lord, our missionary teammates and the church gave us back-to-back virtual welcomes. That really helped us adjust our emotions and refocus on our goal in the mission field.

After completing our quarantine, we stayed for several weeks at Pastor James & Agape Bermejo's rented apartment while looking for our own place for a long-term stay. TCM Team Cambodia Missionaries and the Cambodia Grace Gospel Church (CGGC) Board of Trustees held a face-to-face welcome for us. Then we also had our orientation, in-person team devotions, team council meeting and CGGC Board of Trustees meeting. We were also able to witness the Mentoring and Discipleship graduation of our local leaders. We're blessed to have a team that respects and understands our differences. We had a team building retreat for four days at Kep City, one of Cambodia's coastal cities, and it was a one-of-a-kind experience that helped us prepare for future ministry as a team.

One of the Khmer church members helped us find our new place to settle. It was a blessing that we could transfer to our new place before we started our language study which will be done online. It was one of our answered prayers for our language study needs. Another answered prayer is the provision of a new laptop, printer and WIFI installation in our rented house which is needed for our language study. Our priority for now is to focus on our language study but we are also expected to participate in the different ministries of our Grace Churches here in Cambodia.

Thank you again for being with us through prayers and support despite of the Covid-19 situation. We are excited for what God has prepared for us in the field. Through our partnership, let's bring the Gospel of Grace to the unreached and unsaved Cambodians!

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## **JULIA'S NEWS! ENGAGED!**



*Not only am I engaged with the ministry here and the future development of the church in Cambodia and sharing the Good News of God's Grace Rightly Divided; BUT, I am also now engaged (Western style!) to Chetra (Sokney) Hong! We are so thrilled and excited to be in each other's lives as well as in service together for the Lord's ministry! How good God is to draw together so many amazing details in order to bring about His purposes! The support from so many, including our families, TCM, friends, and our church here, has been incredible. As individuals we are very much involved with the ministry here, and when married, we anticipate even more productivity in the ministry and mission/ theology training for Chetra which he is very enthusiastic to start!*

*We plan to have a very special traditional Cambodian engagement at his family home on October 9th, 2021. This will be a profound and loving witness to Chetra's family of our faith and the purpose of marriage to glorify God. Our Khmer Pastor Rathy and his wife Channtha will lead this important ceremony with all missionaries present and some church members also.*

*Please pray for this important event and that hearts will be open to God's love; and onward plans for our 2022 wedding in the UK and all the official processes to go smoothly.*

*God is keeping us busy as we are helping our new missionaries settle in. Women Of Worth meetings continue online and home visits have been a good way to keep connected with our members and reach out to their neighbours also! Despite the Pandemic, the work continues with heart!*

**Philippians 1:6**

*Dear Mission Partners,*

*The first half of 2021 seemed like a setback for us here in Cambodia. We experienced a nationwide lockdown and gathering restrictions due to the rapid local transmission of Covid-19. But the situation has brought us several opportunities through online fellowships. We were able to establish a Joint Virtual Fellowship every Tuesday night for our City Central and Chom Chao local congregations!*

*We mentioned in our previous Newsletter about the need of a better laptop that we can use for the ministry. We praise the LORD for HIS provision! For those who prayed with us and extended their generosity, THANK YOU VERY MUCH! The new laptop is now being used for video editing for our Khmer Connect outreach ministry, hosting the Zoom/Online fellowships 3 times a week, lesson preparations and other computer-related activities.*

*Thank you once again for your faithful participation for 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! Let's keep on shining our lights - whatever it takes!*

*For His Purpose,  
James and Agape*

