

The Shull Family

Missionaries serving the people of Cambodia



Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

December 12, 2018

"...how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?"

It is truly a privilege to be involved in the mission of helping others hear the Good News. It has been said that the Good News is only good if it reaches people in time. I would add that it is only good news if it can be understood! Since arriving in Cambodia, we have been diligently studying the Khmer language and culture. Both Naomi and I have seen measurable strides in our language ability these past two months. We are thankful that we have this time to prepare for the ministry that God has for us here. We want to be sharp instruments in the hand of our God. Dull knives often make a mess of things!

"I'm afraid of what they would do to me.."

In conjunction with our language learning, we also are purposefully trying to understand more of the Khmer culture. Though I have previously lived here for three years as a teen and young adult, I now have had more opportunities to dig deeper into the beliefs of Cambodians. It has been both enlightening and frightening to hear of the strong belief and worship of spirits and ancestors. A young Christian woman told me, "I lived in constant fear of what my spirits would do to me if I didn't honor and make offerings to them". Others spoke of how the spirits would come to them in their sleep and demand certain offerings. Like never before, I can say that Cambodia is a country wholly given to idolatry.

The Latest Happenings

We have enjoyed opportunities to serve while in language school. It has been a blessing to take part in a parenting conference, men's conference, and special outreach times. During a national holiday, our whole family took part in a large distribution of tracts with the church. Several thousand Gospels booklets went out to people who had come to the city from all over the country. I am excited to be teaching the children's Sunday School class on a weekly basis. This is a great opportunity to minister as well as practice and improve my language abilities. **Please pray for:** 1. Opportunities to witness to a young man named Sokphee 2. The evangelistic Christmas service on the 23rd 3. Our continued progress in learning the Khmer language and culture.

Thank you for your prayers and support!



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