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For The Glory of GOD!

ជំរាបស្វាគមន៍ Greetings from Phnom Pehn, Cambodia,

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We pray that all of you, our dear loved ones, our friends and family are resting in the peace which comes only from God through Christ Jesus. God has given us so many blessings and is faithful to fulfill every promise. We pray that the blessings of daily burdens are causing us all to grow and mature. Please join our prayer for patience and endurance.

During the month of May we were blessed in so many ways. We faced times of great joy and times of trial. By month's end, we are strolling along seemingly smoothly toward our Lord's marvelous light. Praise the God of heaven and earth!



Sharon has been working with some Khmae women, trying to be Christ to them and lead them to the cross. To be a true friend, she has discovered she must always speak the truth in love, no matter the cost. The female students at the school dearly love her and the effervescent personality you all know so well. Dennis is constantly thanking God for Sharon.

We both continue to study this very unique language of Cambodia. Our efforts have become more and more



enjoyable as our tutor supervises us through "role play scenarios." We all laugh plenty but are learning quickly. This really breaks-up the monotony of memorizing vocabulary and those funny-looking little squiggly lines they call the alphabet. Learning to read and write continues, yet we have really only scratched the surface. At this point, we're not really looking forward to a break in training because for today at least we are on a growth spurt and leaving will result in a plateau. Please join our pray that we will find time to study and practice in the coming weeks.

April and May has brought us lots of rain. Still, folks say to expect even more. When we travel to the countryside, the lower, wetter



areas are already sporting the beautiful light green color of young rice. The dryer, higher areas are now wet enough to plow so the farmers are plenty busy. Our students at the Cambodia Bible Institute will finish their school term just in



time to help their families with the labor-intensive task of planting the next crop of rice.

and it will be given you... This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit... As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

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bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing... If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish,

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At CBI, we have finished our course on Colossians, Philemon, and Ephesians. I know that the teacher enjoyed it more than the students. These books are packed with a message from God that rings loudly in this culture. THANK...YOU...FATHER, for these helpful teachings for bringing the lost to you. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



Speaking of teaching, I know that many of you are involved in World Bible School. Praise God for your efforts to teach his Word. We have been using an alternate program called World English Institute which uses the Old and New Testaments to teach English. We only take the students of Cambodia and other Southeast Asian countries. The program is very effective for this culture and is being use face-to-face elsewhere in the city. Please consider joining us in offering your services to our Lord and teaching others about Jesus. Please email us if you are interested in learning more. We thank God He allows us all so many different ways to make disciples.



In recent days there have been four more babes born into Christ. Sharon was excited to see that one of the new Christians was a student she had taught English using the word of God through the WEI program. Join our prayer for their growth.

Before our next newsletter, CBI will host its Spring 2009 graduation ceremony (6/12); we will have enjoyed the visit of Ron Downey, the new Dean of Ministry Training, Asia for the Sunset International Bible Institute; and will

have traveled to the States for our first furlough. Please consider these things in your prayers.

These are a few photos of our recent field trip with the students to the National Park.

Eternal love & blessings,

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