

# The Cambodia Times

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Season's Greetings from Kompong Thom,



The Cambodia Times printing press has been silent for far too long, but has been cranked up to send greetings for this special season. Thank you for your prayers even when you did not have an update from me. 2015 has been eventful in many ways. Throughout the year it has been a blessing to have volunteers from International Baptist Church, Singapore, First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, NC, Rock Creek Baptist Church, Nashville, NC, Washington, NC, Ohio and France. Yes, two teen age students from France spent a month at the Shelter of Love Center interacting with the children and youth

in many ways. Volunteers enlarge the worldview of the 55 residents of the Center. Three of the girls graduated from nursing school this year and four boys graduated from their two year vocational programs and are now working. New children are arriving to take their beds. The need is ever present.

I returned to the US in Feb. to have surgery on my left wrist to correct the fractured bone that had been overlooked when I dislocated my wrist in Oct. 2013. That was a PAINFUL experience and I continue to have some pain in the wrist where a brace was placed. The doctor said that it could take one year for it to heal completely. The surgery was done on March 5<sup>th</sup> so it has now been nearly 10 months. Please pray for complete healing and an absence of pain. I returned to Cambodia near the end of May.

In early November I visited a special family in Kuala Lumpur that has been friends of SLC for many years, the friendship having begun when they lived in Singapore. I had the joy of meeting with a women's Bible study group called Oasis and made many new friends. I then took a bus to Singapore, which fulfilled a dream of crossing the Strait by land. The opportunity to speak at the three worship services at International Baptist Church on Sat. night and Sun. morning allowed me to meet many friends and to make new ones. It's seldom that I am able to worship in English so that added to the blessings of my time there.

The desire to have a larger facility for our Christian English school was fulfilled when a location was discovered that has two buildings. More than two months were spent remodeling one of the buildings and two rooms in the second building. The second building has a lot of space, but needs classrooms to be made and the lack of money is a deterrent at the present. School opened Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> in the new facility, and it's wonderful compared to the old location.

Volunteer American teachers would be most welcome. You don't even have to be a teacher – just love children and speak English correctly. I cringed when I heard our President make a

grammatical error on the news last week. Truthfully, the students at Clever Child International School would not have caught it, so don't worry. The teachers always share questions about grammar. Most of the teachers were my former students and it is such a blessing to see them performing so well even though they never trained to be teachers – only on the job training. The greatest joy is hearing them teach Bible stories and Christian songs. More than 350 students are enrolled in the school and most are from Buddhist families. Not enough Christian teachers are available so please pray for the teachers that do not yet know Jesus as their Savior.

Pray for the youth ministry in Kompong Thom Baptist Church. There are signs of growth in numbers that is definitely an answer to many prayers.

May you, like the Wise Men, worship Emmanuel, God with us, throughout the year ahead.



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