



Dear Praying Friends,

We pray you are having a wonderful start to your summer! We are blessed and grateful to be able to report to you on what the Lord is doing and would like to also share quite a few prayer requests on this edition of our prayer letter.

Here are some highlights and prayer requests since our last update:

- This coming month, in July, my wife and I get to **celebrate our 19th year wedding anniversary** together! We are grateful for our marriage and for the 8 children that God has given us to steward.
- We are having a wonderful time, being able to spend with family while we are on furlough. It has been great getting together with family for birthday parties, and get-togethers. It has been a blessing being able to visit with our siblings as well.
- I was able to take my two boys to College Days and spend some time with them. However, Titus, our eldest, ended tearing his ACL on his knee. We are thankful that as we were doing the MRI on his knee, we were also authorized to do MRI's on his shoulders as well. In southeast Asia, his shoulders have been dislocated frequently from various injuries, and because of the lack of medical expertise in Cambodia, we were not able to tend to it there. The outcome of the MRI's was not what we expected, but it was something we needed to deal with. It resulted in him having to have surgeries on not just his knee, but also both his shoulders. The news really discouraged and deflated our son Titus, because he was anxious to start working to get ready for college in the Fall. He will now have to sit out a semester and recover from the surgeries. **The first surgery is scheduled on July 31st and it will be on his knee. He will have surgeries on his shoulders pending the doctor's recommendation. Please pray for the surgeries to be successful as well as grace for my son as he deals with this time of pause that God has given him. Financially, we are not sure what the repercussions will be but are preparing for the significant cost because of some difficulties with our insurance. Please pray that it will be remedied as well.**
- Due to the nature of the surgeries, there are many doctor's appointments leading up to the surgeries, as well as followup appointments after the surgeries. This affects our ability to travel as a family, and some of our meetings will just be me and some of our children. **Please pray that God will help us have wisdom regarding our schedule** as it also affects our ability to return back to the field on the date we initially planned.
- Our appointments for Lara's speech therapy has also been a very slow process. **Please pray that we will be able to get her the helps that she needs** to be able to improve her communication.
- In May, our vehicle fell victim to a hit and run by a drunk driver. **We praise God that no one got hurt**, but it totaled our mode of transportation. We're thankful that God gave us our money back to pick up a another vehicle.
- It has been a different couple of months regarding our family personally, but through all of the various challenges, **God has blessed us tremendously** by meeting our needs and keeping us encouraged.
- We have been able to make many trips reporting to our partners and **get to show them what the Lord has done** through their investment in our lives and ministry in Cambodia.
- Our son, **Titus, got to graduate and walk with his Senior class** at our Christian school. It was a blessing to see him graduate from the same school that his mom and dad graduated from 23 & 24 years ago.
- Our ministry in Cambodia is thriving and growing by God's grace. Just two

weeks ago, there were at least **29 new converts** that followed the Lord in believer's baptism.

- I want to also, inform you about a need that we have for our ministry there in Cambodia. **We are building an educational wing on our existing church building in the captial city.** We are adding on 8 classrooms (it will also be Sunday school classrooms for us on Sundays) in preparation for a primary school that, Lord willing, we will be starting in 2024. We currently have an academy and believe that the Lord wants us to expand and have an international primary school that's legally registered and certified. This will serve as a huge evangelical tool to reach more families for Christ, as education is a huge topic for the Cambodian people. **It will enable us to reach, teach, and disciple the next generation and their families more effectively and efficiently. We need your help in completing the project. God has already provided \$15,000 from donors who love and support our ministry. We would like to raise \$25,000 more to finish up the project. Please let me know if you would like to be a part in investing in this great opportunity.**
- Our village ministries have also been doing tremendously well. We are currently building a church building in one of those villages. We challenged our people to give to help purchase raw materials for 16 wall sections. Each section is \$400. **Two weeks ago, we took up the building offering and the amount that came in was unbelievable, considering that the average monthly income of our people is roughly \$400. The final offering count is over \$17,000!** Praise God for the victory that He has given!

This update is a mishmash of things that are going on in our lives, but through it all God is in control and He always provides in His time. We are thankful to be serving the Lord, and we are eternally grateful for your investment of prayer and resources in our lives and ministry in Cambodia! **Thank you so much for loving the Vong family and the Cambodian people.**



LEFT: It is amazing to see the Gospel changing lives. The man in gray is joyfully helping tie rebar for the foundation at our church in the village. A few years ago, he hated and persecuted Christians. Now he's saved and serving! RIGHT: Our academy students displaying their talents at one of our mid-week services. We are so glad that God has us in the business of discipling and mentoring the next generation!

Because of His Grace,

The Vong Family



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