

Back in Cambodia

Last week we returned to Cambodia after a brief trip to the states in May and June. It was a blessing on our last Sunday in the US to be able to attend our daughter and son-in-law's commissioning service at Mountain Avenue Baptist Church in Banning, CA, as they will soon be starting deputation to serve as missionaries in Madagascar. Considering that our trip started with a different daughter's senior piano recital and college graduation, this commissioning service made a great book-end on the other side of our trip. In between those two events we were blessed to spend a little time with each of our children and my parents, as well as visit a few churches we hadn't been to since 2017. It was a quick trip, but a successful one, and we are thankful to now be back home.

While We Were Away

Things appear to have gone very well while we were away. In our absence, the church hosted special events for Mother's Day and Father's Day, attended a leadership conference, started 2 new Sunday School classes, had several visitors in church, and at least 2 people trusted Christ as Savior. We are proud of each of our church members and thankful for the way that God continues to work here.

Another Church Member Home With The Lord

Just a few days after we left for the states, a long-time member named Ming Mallee passed away. I mentioned her homegoing in our last letter. Sadly, last week, the day after we arrived back in Cambodia, another elderly lady in our church passed away. We first met Ohm Sok Leung while delivering portions of our food offering for the needy 3 Christmases ago, and a short time later one of our ladies led her to Christ. I was looking at some pictures yesterday and realized that Sok Leung got baptized in July of '23 and graduated to Heaven in July of '25. I'm so glad we met her when we did! Every time another person dies, it is a stark reminder of why we are here and the eternal significance of the work that God has called us to do.

Prayer Requests

Here are 5 specific prayer requests as we go into the 2nd half of 2025:

1. Pray for our Faithful Men conference in November. With our expanded auditorium, we are inviting new churches this year.
2. Pray for our first-ever Christmas pageant. We are hoping to reach some new people through this effort.
3. Pray for our ongoing auditorium project (next up is paint, platform, sound system, and lighting).
4. Pray for the Personal Evangelism course I am preparing for another missionary's online Bible institute. The course will be taught this Fall.
5. Pray for the church I was helping before our trip. They are still without a pastor, and I am praying about the best way to help going forward.

We appreciate each of you more than words can say. Thank you for standing with us for the people of Cambodia.

Sincerely,
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Ohm Sok Leung getting baptized in July of 2023