

Dear Praying Friends,

### **Remembering A Faithful Man**

I woke up this morning to the bittersweet news that Dr. Don Sisk has finished his earthly race and gone home to be with the Lord. For those of you who aren't familiar with that name, he served in various roles in missions for about 60 years, including as a missionary to Japan, and also as the director of Baptist International Missions, Inc. I wanted to make mention of him in this month's prayer letter, because he was one of a few men whom God used to help me to discern where God would have our family to serve Him.

Nearly 30 years ago, my wife and I were newly married and committed to serving as missionaries in Southeast Asia, but as yet were undecided on which specific country. Dr. Sisk had just spoken at our church, and we were tasked with driving him to the airport the next morning. We had to leave at 4:00 am, so to be honest, I didn't expect we would have much deep conversation on the trip. Boy was I wrong! Dr. Sisk was kind, interested, and attentive. He listened to all that was on my heart, and he answered my questions with warm sincerity. He made several comments on that drive that God used to give us almost instant clarity and direction. We dropped him off at the airport and then talked the whole way home. By the time we got home, the decision had been made: Cambodia!

We saw him numerous times over the subsequent years, and he always had an encouraging word. About 5 years ago, we ran into him at the BIMMI home office as he was about to head out on yet another preaching trip. It was a joy to chat with him for a moment and it was a privilege to carry his suitcase to the car for him. He was a humble, joyful, genuine servant of our Lord, and I'm thankful for his influence in my life. We'll miss him here, but we rejoice to know that we'll see him again when we get home!

### **Father's Day**

We enjoyed a good Father's Day in June. Typically, we have more mothers on Mother's Day than fathers on Father's Day, and this year was no different. Fatherless homes are a problem here just like they seem to be everywhere else. Nevertheless, we do thank God for the fathers in our church who are striving to faithfully raise their children for the Lord, and we are also doing our best to provide father figures for the fatherless. All in all, it was a good day as Christ was magnified, God's truth was proclaimed, and fathers were honored.

### **Prison Ministry**

In my last letter, I requested prayer for Pesut, the man who has had a great opportunity for ministry open up at a local prison where he works. Several weeks ago, he was able to lead a co-worker to Christ, and he has had many conversations about the Lord recently with co-workers and inmates alike. I gave him a box full of copies of 10 or 12 different resources that I have either written or obtained from other missionaries, and he has been using the various materials as needed. He's also had the chance on a couple of occasions to speak to 200 prisoners at once. He's still figuring out exactly what he can and can't do, but I love to see how burdened he is for the people there. Please continue to pray for him.

## New People Hearing The Gospel

Pesut's daughter, Hannah, seems to be catching her dad's burden as she has brought several friends to church recently. I mentioned in my last letter about a family they had met while Hannah was in the hospital last year. The Sunday after I sent that letter, 3 members of the family attended church, and the daughter, Teeda, has not missed a service since then. The week after Teeda first came, Hannah brought another friend from school named Leeza, and two weeks ago, another friend named Srey Pi started attending too. Last Sunday afternoon, one of our ladies started teaching all three girls from the Gospel booklet that we use. Please pray for Teeda, Leeza, and Srey Pi to understand the Gospel and be saved soon. They are all around 11 or 12 years old. Please pray for Teeda's mom to be saved, too. She has attended about 3 times now and seems to be very tenderhearted to the Gospel. Her name is Anita.

As always, we thank each of you for your prayers and faithful support. Please continue to pray for us, that God would give us wisdom and strength to do all that he has for us to do.

Sincerely,

Stephen Benefield  
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Rachana (taking the pic)  
with her friend Anita beside her.

Boys Sunday School class singing a special last  
Sunday morning.  
They sang "I Love You, Lord"



A few pictures from Father's Day



Dad leads the singing, son plays the piano!



Hannah (gray shirt) with two of her friends on either side. (Teeda on far right, Leeza with necklace)