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Dear Praying Friends,

In our last letter, I mentioned a lady named **Raeksmey** who has recently been attending our church. My wife and I got the opportunity last week to talk to her about her background and her testimony, and we discovered a surprising connection. Some of you will remember that recently, over a period of a couple of years, I was going out on Sunday nights to try to help a church which was without a pastor. As it turns out, Raeksmey was saved and baptized as a child (along with her mom and sister) at that very church! Years ago, I heard a bus ministry director make this profound statement concerning reaching people: “You will visit some you don’t get, and you will get some you didn’t visit. But if you don’t visit the ones you don’t get, you won’t get the ones you didn’t visit.” That second part is key. Raeksmey’s testimony encouraged me to just labor faithfully and let God be the Lord of the harvest.

Last week we took advantage of a national holiday and took a day trip with the church family. We visited a national park, took lots of photos, ate lunch beside a small river, sang on the bus, and just had a wonderful time. We also made a stop at a unique coffee shop called (I kid you not) the Garbage Cafe, where they have decorated the place with lots of recycled materials like plastic bottles and moto tires. My favorite part of the day was seeing our people enjoying time together. The previous Sunday while signing up for the trip, several folks paid for others who couldn’t afford to pay their own way, and that was pretty special to see, too! By the way, for those of you who pray for specific people, **Anita** (from our last letter) went on the trip with her three kids. Please keep praying for her salvation.

I want to close this letter with a purposely vague request for special prayer for our church. Though God is blessing, Satan is fighting. We have been dealing with a serious problem in the church for a couple of months, and without giving details, I just want to ask you to pray for God to work. As always, we remain grateful to each of you for your prayer and support.

Sincerely,

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