

"The gospel is not a doctrine of the tongue, but of life. It cannot be grasped by reason and memory only, but it is only fully understood when it possesses the whole soul and penetrates to the inner recesses of the heart."
-John Calvin



Wet season fun- the drive to school

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Dear Family and Friends,

As many of you know, we spent the summer in the USA. Most of our time was in NE Pennsylvania with Sarah's parents. After a two year gap our children revelled in having a prolonged period with their grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. We managed an extended road trip to Maryland, Philadelphia and West Virginia where we reconnected with good friends and relatives. We were also given opportunities to share an update in a few churches. The weeks passed quickly, and we all enjoyed being in the great outdoors with all the fresh air and green grass underfoot and time to ride bikes and go for walks and eat ice cream. It was refreshing!

A New School Year

Hope International had a smooth start to the school year, as there was minimal turn-over in the primary school. All of the essential staff needs have been met and John is delighted to be joined by another mathematics teacher from County Antrim, N. Ireland. The twins are now in Pre-school (Nursery) four full days a week and are certainly exhausted by the end of it. John's pastoral class are the final year students (Seniors) and they are an eclectic mix ranging from committed Christians to nominal Buddhist. John's current theme for them is the critique of the all-prevailing 'self movement' which narrows life to a narcissistic journey of self discovery.

Cambodia

Whilst always a low-level risk here, this current wet season has had a spike in dengue cases, including families that we know from school and church. Having been here for nine years it is somewhat of a miracle that our family hasn't been hit with this mosquito-borne virus and we would appreciate your prayers for continued protection.

New Work

In August Sarah was able to begin her role as a volunteer at the Creative Arts Centre for the organisation Hard Places. She is at the centre two mornings a week, where she and the staff play with the children and then lead a Bible club. Sarah has begun to teach the smallest children (ages 2-5ish) with visuals and hands-on materials. It is definitely stretching her, especially with preparation and using her Khmer language skills, but it is a joy to serve in a needy community. The children who come are quite neglected and at-risk. Please pray that she and the other staff members can be a light.



The new playground at school arrived!

Sarah is also continuing the ladies' Bible study at her house on Thursday mornings. Many of the women are new to Cambodia and have little ones in tow. It is so important here to find a place to share life and fellowship with one another as mothers. Please pray that she will have wisdom as she hosts and leads the study.

PRAYER

Family - On a doctor's advice we now have Audrey on a new inhaler and medication to help control her asthma. Please pray this will help her continuous coughing which tends to tire her out.

School - Pray that Hope School will continue to serve the needs of cross-cultural missionary families. It is tricky to provide a curriculum and assessment structure that fits such a wide range of sending countries.

Faithfully,

John, Sarah, Vivienne, Tessa, Owen & Audrey

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