

*"We live in a world now where we don't believe in judgment, we don't believe in sin, and yet we still feel that there is something wrong with us. We have a deep sense that we've got to hide our true self or at least control what people know about us."*  
-Timothy Keller



A rare family photo!

# Kennedy Chronicles

April - May 2019  
from Phnom Penh

## Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings from a hot and dusty Phnom Penh. After nearly 10 years in Cambodia, we are still experiencing some things for the first time! In November, five of us (not Owen), had dengue fever (a mosquito-born virus), which hit John and I much worse than the girls. It took us over a month to regain our strength. Another first-John was knocked off his motorcycle, but thankfully walked away with only a few scratches.

March to mid-May was our most challenging hot season ever as there was shortage of water and electricity. There were daily power cuts averaging 5 hours and only enough water pressure to reach our ground floor. These were not major hardships, but it meant extra challenges just doing normal daily routines. We are thankful the rains have now begun, and power and water are in good supply.

### Hope School

After a few years of relative staff stability, we have a large number of teachers leaving in June. We have many positions to fill in the primary and secondary for August 2019. We would appreciate if you could use any personal networks that you're part of to make these needs known. Over the years Hope has remained committed to supporting missionary families here in Cambodia. Without teachers we cannot run a school of sufficient quality.

### Serving the Least...

Sarah continues to volunteer two mornings a week at the urban outreach Hard Places. Children from the slums come to the centre for Bible lessons, play time, and basic medical care. This provides a safe environment for children who spend much of their time on the streets. Sarah teaches the little ones, as well as providing lesson planning support to the Khmer staff. It tends to be chaotic with transient attendance, and the kids are going back into desperate and vulnerable personal situations, so please pray for this small centre to be a light and for endurance and encouragement for the Kids Club team.

### Up and Not Coming

In August Sarah will be joining the ranks of the HOPE staff. She will be teaching in the primary school two days a week, sharing with another teacher. She is excited about returning to the classroom, although the exact grade is yet to be decided.

This summer we will not be visiting either N. Ireland or the USA. We will certainly miss our respective families and a chance to catch up with you all. Now you have an opportunity to come visit us over the long summer break!!! The next academic year will be our 11th in Cambodia, and Vivienne will finish primary school in June 2020. We would value your prayers as we consider our long-term future and the possibility of returning.

### PRAYER

**Family** - We are thankful that with the help of the inhaler, Audrey's asthma has remained under control. Continue to pray for protection on the roads with ever-worsening traffic.

**School** - Remember the final-year students, as most of them are leaving Cambodia and their families.

### Faithfully,

John, Sarah, Vivienne, Tessa, Owen & Audrey



Two precious children from the Art centre

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\*\*\*If you want to be removed from this prayer list please let us know.