

Hello Friends,

Happy New Year, Spring Festival, and Tet! Don't worry, if 3 different New Years aren't enough, you'll get one more chance to celebrate in April when the Cambodians have their own New Year's Day!

Aside from all the celebrating, it has been a vastly busy work month for the LCMS and CWF offices. At the beginning of the month we had a fresh arrival, Del, who's come to help with teacher training. He is a retired 1st and 2nd grade teacher from Minnesota and he'll be staying here for about 2 and a half months.

After his arrival, my boss from Hong Kong came with a co-worker and they did an epic tour of 4 cities in about 4 days, visiting project sites and checking up on progress. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to travel and see the other work in Asia.

Next, we welcomed 2 new people to the permanent staff of CWF. They are a retired couple named George and Sharry and they plan on staying in Cambodia for an undefined, but extended amount of time. They felt called to work in Cambodia on a special project called the "Angels Dormitory". This venture will entail building a housing unit for orphaned children and children whose parents cannot afford to take care of them. The dormitory is in its early planning stages so there is not much to report, other than please also keep this work in your prayers.

Pastor Cliff and Nancy, are here this week and have been working on sharing God's love diligently. Pastor Cliff gave theological training to Cambodian pastors

who are studying Lutheran theology. These pastors came from all over the country to learn about the Bible and pass on this knowledge to their congregations.

Meanwhile, Nancy helped to set up a free eyeglass clinic in the neighborhood, which myself and other staff helped to run. We had an incredible turn out of about 370 people. Considering that only Nancy had experience running that style of clinic, everyone did a wonderful job, and the joy of helping people to see was well worth the efforts.

Finally, next week, one last group will come to volunteer in January. They are a team from St. John's church in St. Louis. They are financially sponsoring the 'Angels Dormitory' and will come to look at land, do English teaching, and share VBS with local populations. I think after they leave I am going to sleep for a week!

Thank you for your prayers, friendship and financial support. I wanted to remind you all again that through your generosity and God's blessing I am fully funded for my service here. Thanks again and God Bless!

Romans 12: 12-13 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

