

Sunrise in Denver

Hello and welcome to *our October newsletter*

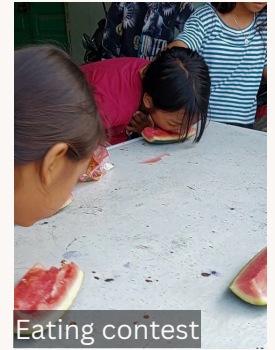
Thank you all for praying as we travelled from Cambodia, to Thailand, to Japan, to Denver, and then finally to Bayfield, our home in the US. The travels went well, and the only issue we had was having to carry our suitcases up and down the stairs while crossing the land border to Thailand. We are grateful to God for being with us the whole time and allowing us to have this opportunity to visit family, to rest, and to share with those in the US what the Lord has been doing the last 2 years in Cambodia.



Hai San Thmuy class



Ang Pheas class



Eating contest

Story from Kids Class in Ang Pheas

In October, the Cambodians celebrated Pchum Ben which is the time where they pray and pay respects to their deceased family members. Please look at the September newsletter for more details.

We had many more children come to our Bible classes during that week because school was closed. Teaching next to the temple in Ang Pheas was quite challenging because the monk's chanting was loud, and the children were quite distracted at the beginning. During our worship time, there were a few children peeking over from far away. We had never seen them before, and they seemed like they wanted to come join us, but they were too shy! We went to them and had them come sing with us. That day, we were going over the story of Zacchaeus. While Elza was teaching, a lady came to the class and started talking to the children. She was asking them why

they were here with us instead of being at the temple. She told them to leave the Bible class because someone was giving away money at the temple. We were quite surprised by the lady barging in and interrupting without addressing us. We asked the lady if she was related to any of the children there, and we asked the children if they wanted to go with her, but no one did. It was such an encouraging moment for us to see all of them, including the newcomers, choose to study the Bible than to receive money at the Buddhist temple.

God is working in their lives. We have been seeing more children interested in knowing God and learning Biblical values in the past year. Please keep praying for them to remember who God is and who they are to Him.



Side Stories

End of Year Party

We had an early end of year party with our English students last October. We had fun learning about the story of the Prodigal Son and understanding that we can always go back to God who is waiting for us. We played lots of games and had a dance party! We are planning on doing a Christmas event when we get back and to give away their annual gifts on the occasion.

Making Dumplings

We had a great time catching up with Priscilla, who has been a missionary in Cambodia for more than 20 years, and with Ruth, Elza's Bible reading buddy. They taught Elza how to make Chinese dumplings!



Preaching

Bryce preached the last Sunday we were in Cambodia. He talked about how to persevere with the Lord till the end. God is with us to help us with our faith, to fight the good fight, and to press towards the goal for the reward awaiting us in Jesus Christ. Even if our lives might not have started well, we have the opportunity to end well by the grace of God.



Being in America

It is so great to be with our American family again. We were able to see the last days of Autumn and its beautiful colors before the breathtaking snow fell. The air is crisp, and the altitude made it a bit hard to breathe the first few days. However, God has made our bodies able to adjust and adapt. Three weeks later, we are finally feeling better and settled back again. The weather here has been getting colder by the day. Wearing a hoodie and shoes feel great. It is usually too hot in Cambodia to wear any long sleeves, and we walk around in flip flops all year round!

We are happy to have met a few of you at Pine Valley church already. We love to meet those who are constantly praying for us and for our friends. We look forward to seeing the rest of you and to building new relationships!



Student of the month

Meet Davy, 13 years old



Davy is 13 years old. She loves the color black and likes to dance. She was one of our first students almost 4 years ago. In the beginning she had a hard time applying herself and was quite troublesome! We have however seen a lot of improvement in her behaviour over the last year. She has received Jesus as her Savior and usually initiates great class discussions with her questions about Bible lessons. She remembers the stories very well and has been doing better in English class. Praise the Lord for Davy! We pray that she will keep following Jesus and that she will lead others to God.



Prayer Requests

- Please pray for Elza's knee. She dislocated her knee a few days ago. She most probably has a torn or flipped meniscus. Pray for quick healing.
- Pray for our students to remain close to the Lord and for those taking over our Bible classes while we are away.
- Pray for Christmas and upcoming events happening around the world. More unbelievers are open to hearing the gospel during that time. Let us take the opportunity to share with them.

Thanks for tuning in and reading our latest update. We are grateful for your support and love.

May you have a wonderful month of November and December ahead.

Love & Blessings,

Bryce & Elza Johnson

'The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.'

PROVERBS 16:9



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