



Hello and welcome to
our latest newsletter

Thanks for being here to read our updates. We trust you are all doing well and that so far you are having a great year 2025.

Cows crossing a pond at Ang Pheas

Travel

It's been around a month since we got back to Cambodia. The travel through Japan and Thailand went well apart for a little issue Elza had at the Thai departure section. But everything ended up well.

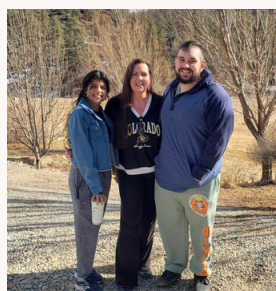
The few days stop in Tokyo, Japan was a blessing. There is a rich culture there as well as advanced technologies. Everyone in the city looked extremely busy and in a rush. But everything was so well organized. For example, every person knew they should keep to the left and that cleared the way for those who were truly late and had to run. How cool is that? We're also grateful to God for google translate and train apps!



Mount Fuji from the plane



With Bryce's dad & mom before flying out



Traditional Japanese outfits



Moving houses



The utility trailer used for moving!



Our Pastor & his wife at the new house

Our house contract was ending in February and instead of renewing it this time, we decided to go house hunting in January (yes, only a day after landing 😊). 2 days later we had found a new house to rent. It is much different and smaller from our old place. However, it is more homey with an outside area, a grass patch with trees and a gate! We also already have friends in this new neighborhood. We are still in contact with our previous landlord who had made renting much easier for us. We are thankful for this good relationship we built with her. We prayed together on the last day at the old house, and she was genuinely happy that we found a better place and was supportive as we ended our landlord-tenant relationship. Please pray for her to choose Jesus first. We had gone to church together multiple times and prayed and worshipped together, but she still goes back to the temple and observes the Buddhist festivals. Pray that we will have wisdom and words from the Lord to follow up with her.

One of the reasons we decided to move was because the old house had a few issues; from leaky ceilings, to moldy walls, to tiles popping on the ground and top floors. We had gotten a lot repaired, but the issues kept coming back.



Our new place

1 John 1:9

'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'



Ta-da! 🎉

The other reason is because Elza is in her 4th month of pregnancy! Our kitchen is not 4 flights downstairs anymore which is great.

Praise God I (Elza) did not have any awful morning sickness but only bad nausea and exhaustion especially when travelling. We celebrated 4 years married and my 27th birthday this month. I have been feeling quite emotional with how this little miracle is happening to us. I was in awe at our 1st and 2nd ultrasound appointments. God has created women special and it truly empowers me. I do have my moments of doubt about being a mother and even about birth, but I try my best to think positively and tell myself I can do this and I will! Bryce is the best husband with unwavering support, and I am looking forward for him to be a dad. I've always admired parents and their sacrificial love for their children. I have loved and discipled many children so far but can't wait to love and raise my own soon.



Please keep praying for us in this new season as we prepare in every way for our first child and becoming a family of 3. Bryce has worked so much on the house, driving the auto-rickshaw back and forth with the movers that had just a small utility trailer. We painted the kitchen and the living room and have been working on the outside area. There's still a lot to do, but the main work is done and the rest can be done over time as we focus more on ministry work now.

Psalm 127:3

*'Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,
the fruit of the womb a reward.'*



Ministry

We were very glad to go back to church and be with everyone again. We rejoiced seeing that there were new members! Our village church planting ministry also has more adults joining and another lady from the main church has joined in to help us with this ministry. Praise God for these new additions.

Our students were also happy to have us again, and we were very happy to be back with them. They were elated over the gifts and candies we brought them. Bryce's class grew from 6 to 15 students and Elza's class shrunk to 7 students. More children have been joining throughout the weeks, and we hope to see even more kids come and study with us. We have been reviewing lessons and were impressed to see many still remember them. For those who don't remember and for the new students, we're spending time one on one and giving extra homework to help.



Hai San Thmuy Bible class

Bible School

I (Elza) was invited by my friends to teach at a Discipleship Bible School online. This school is happening in Fiji and is 12-week long. The entire Bible is read, the students are equipped to lead groups using the inductive method and to understand the intent of each book and how they all come together to accomplish and show God's Character & Nature and Redemptive plan for creation. For more information please click here: [DBS International](https://dbsinternational.org/about-dbs/) (<https://dbsinternational.org/about-dbs/>)

I will be teaching during the 8th week that focuses on post exilic books and intertestamental history. It's been quite challenging to find time to prepare because of moving to a new house and because of 1st trimester pregnancy exhaustion, but the past 2 weeks have been better as my energy levels are coming back! Please pray for Holy Spirit to guide me in the rest of the preparation and that I will be flexible while teaching according to the needs of the students as well. I love studying the Word and I am excited to pass on all that I was taught by the Lord and by those who have discipled me.

2 Tim 2:1, 2

'You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.'



With Bora and the students in Chrey



Church service

Thank you for reading and making it to the 5th page!! We are grateful to have prayer partners and supporters like you on our side. We praise the Lord for you and pray that He will bless you abundantly every day.

We hope you had a good read, and you are very welcome to contact us or ask us any questions you might have.

Lots of love & blessings,

Elza & Bryce Johnson

Prayer

Please join us in prayer for:

- our previous landlord Seyha and her faith in Jesus
- our new landlords and for a good relationship
- the pregnancy & getting ready
- the new church members and students
- Elza's online teaching



Our hibiscus blooms

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