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THE JOHNSONS



Fresh fruits to celebrate!

WELCOME!

Thank you all for being here and reading our newsletter. We hope you've been doing well. We'd like to also thank you for reaching out with encouraging words, prayers, and also for congratulating us on our pregnancy! We are grateful to have you rejoicing with us on this new journey.

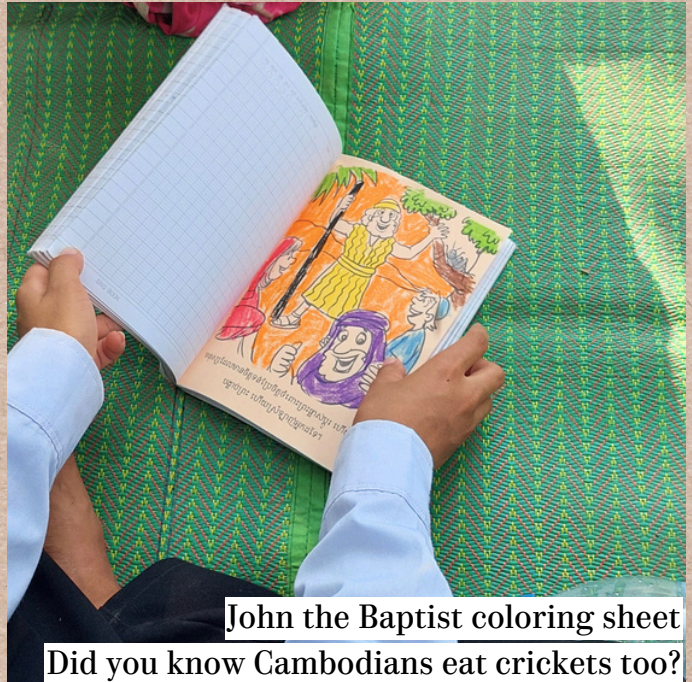
CHREY SCHOOL

Our ministries here have been going well. The school in Chrey was blessed with a television, a computer, and wifi installation that will be new learning tools for the students. It was the Christian group named, the Ben Ly Foundation, that gave to the school. Both teacher Bora and the students were so excited about that!



KIDS BIBLE CLASSES

In our Bible classes, we have gone through multiple lessons so far: the birth of Jesus, John the baptist, Jesus getting baptised, and the temptation in the desert. We gave examples to explain the concept of repentance and temptation. We talked about soft and hard hearts to help understand repentance, and we shared about the times we were tempted. We learned how to resist the devil and say, *"Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"* (Matthew 4:10). There's a lot of spiritual oppression in Cambodia and our hope is for the children to be able to turn to Jesus first in every situation. Coming up will be stories about the ministry of Jesus and His death & resurrection! Please keep praying for their precious hearts to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior and that they'll follow Him till the end.



John the Baptist coloring sheet
Did you know Cambodians eat crickets too?

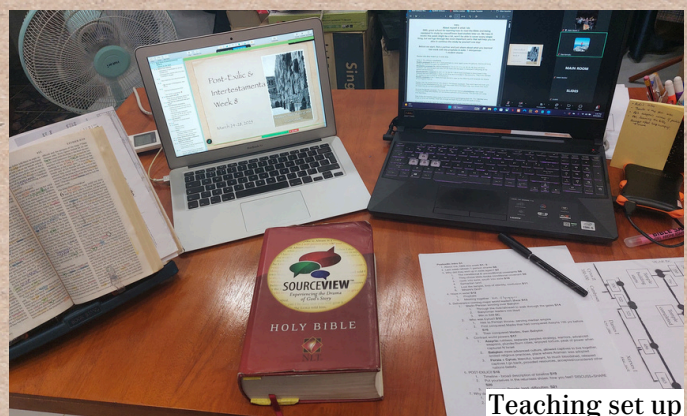
DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE SCHOOL

Thanks to all who prayed for me and for the week 8 of the DBS class I taught online. Also big thanks to those who shared knowledge and resources. Preparing for the first teaching day was a bit challenging, but then after I was fully immersed in it, everything flowed and became clearer thanks to the Lord who led me. I taught the books of Esther, Ezra, Haggai, Zechariah, Nehemiah, and Malachi. Even though I had previously read and studied those books, I received even more from this preparation. It is wonderful how the Word of God is truly living, and there's always more to learn! On the last day I taught on the intertestamental period, i.e., the 400 years of silence, to help the students bridge the gap between the old and the new testaments. I enjoyed teaching the post exilic prophets and the intertestamental period most. There was this built up suspense about when true restoration, both spiritually and physically, would come. It makes you want to jump in straight to the gospels where Jesus, the Messiah, comes to fulfil the law and prophecies from the old testament. The Fijian students were very attentive and had great questions. I was very encouraged by them and what led them to be in this school. I am excited for them to finish the rest of the Bible in the next coming weeks. Praise God all went well! We did have a power cut on my side one day, I got sick and had a very sore throat and bad sleep at night and the last day there was a thunder storm in Fiji. However, none of that stopped us from finishing our classes! Teaching made me grow, once more, in confidence and in faith. (Elza)

<https://dbsinternational.org/about-dbs/>



Selfie with the students



Teaching set up



BRYCE'S PREACHING

Bryce was able to encourage the church last month with his preaching about trusting in God for our future. One of man's biggest fears is the unknown. We could try our best, but it is hard to control every single outcome in our lives. However, in God we can find security. No matter how life might be going, God is sovereign and has the best plan. We don't have to fear the unknown anymore, but we can be reassured that He is always with us and we are even assured of hope after death because our Jesus has defeated death! This is our God and all authority in heaven and earth has been given to Him (Matt 28:18).

KHMER NEW YEAR BREAK

Khmer New Year will be celebrated from the 14th to 16th of April. Lots of schools will be closed for at least a week and many will even be closed for a whole month because families go on trips to other family members' houses before travelling back to the city where most of them work. We're giving our students a week break, and we'll use that time to go hospital touring in Phnom Penh. Please pray for us to make the right decision when it comes to choosing the right place to give birth at. We have found a good hospital and so far have heard only great feedback from those who have received treatment there. Pray for God's wisdom as we talk to the doctors and that we'll be able to set a good relationship with them.



At Hai San Thmuy

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

This is Pooh. He is 5 years old and one of our youngest students! He started coming to class with his older cousins last year because there was no one to watch him back home. He was passively learning and really wanted to study like the others. So we gave him beginner exercises. He now knows all the letters of the alphabet, can say few sentences in English, and can even spell a few words! We are so proud of him. He loves the color blue and likes to play games so much that he asks about it before every class. Please pray for Pooh and his family. We teach their children English and Bible lessons, but the parents don't let them come to Sunday School. Pray for the bonds to break and for the children to be able to remember all that they learn about Jesus in English classes.



Pooh, 6 years old

PRAY WITH US

- For our students to persevere in their walk with God
- For the students/teachers in Chrey to make good use of their new learning tools
- For us to be attentive to God's voice & be wise during hospital tours
- For Pooh and his family to be open to Jesus
- For strength as hot season has once again started

We hope you've had a good read. God has been good, and we are so blessed to be part of what He's doing in Cambodia. You're a great part of this as well, and we're blessed to have you as prayer partners and financial partners. We pray that you and your families will overflow with peace and joy as this year goes on. We know life can be hard, but with Jesus nothing is impossible. He always shows up in beautiful ways that we might not expect.

Please don't hesitate to contact us and share your prayer requests. We'd love to hear from you and pray for you!

Sending much love & blessings,

Bryce & Elza Johnson

'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.'

2 Cor 1:3-4

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