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ACTION: *The Next Step of Redirection*

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As we have stated in our previous Newsletter/Updates, God has been doing a Redirection in our lives as missionaries. We felt so blessed knowing that our God is a God of ACTION. The movement of God's Mission (*Missio Dei: God desires a people of His own who will love Him as their only God*) is through the unity of the Body of Christ members (Ephesians 4:16) in UNDERSTANDING that each member has to work its own special function and IMPLEMENTING that all members has to act as Christ's Ambassadors for the furtherance of The Gospel of Grace.

We believe that ACTION is the next step of God's redirection in our lives. We arrived in Cambodia on October 3rd with a heart that is beating for God's Mission and a mind that is thinking for the hundreds or thousands of Cambodians who die every day, where 95% of them have never heard even once about The Savior. Like the Apostle Paul, stressing in 2 Corinthians 6:1-2, that we should not receive the Grace of God in vain and that we should treat with urgency the lives that are lost every day. Therefore, NOW is the TIME to ACT!

Our first month here in Phnom Penh was an observation month. We stayed at the TCM Dormitory house/church while discovering the city and its people first hand. We have made some good conversations and became friends with the people related to our church (the ministry started by the Mahilums) and to the several new contacts ministered to by Myra and Julia. Then we exited Cambodia to Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam for a day for Visa purposes.

On our return, we moved out from the TCM Dormitory house/church and rented a place located in the central part of the city. Then ACTION begins! We involved ourselves in a Monday Home/Care Group fellowship organized by Myra and Julia which is Evangelism-focused. We organized a Missionary-focused fellowship every Tuesday night and a Theology-focused Bible Study for Men every Thursday night. New ministries will also take place in the coming weeks such as Acquaintance-focused fellowship every Friday night and a Music-focused session every Saturday afternoon. Every Sunday afternoon, we join the worship celebration at the new indigenous local church, approximately 7 kilometers from the city center, at the house of Rathy and Channtha Chheng. Rathy is the leader of TCM Cambodia's Board of Trustees.

Our Language Study, which is a priority, will start on January 4, 2018 at Royal University of Phnom Penh. Level 1 is a 10-week course, Monday to Friday, 9:30AM-11:00AM. We also opted to start a tutorial class in our place scheduled every Wednesday 6:00PM-8:00PM, and every Saturday 2:00PM-4:00PM. Every day, we try to learn a new Khmer word that is always being used in day to day conversation.

Thank you once again for partnering with us in this endeavor. Your participation through prayers and support are highly appreciated. May God will always be glorified in every ACTION that we are doing for His Mission! Praise be unto God!

Cambodia Grace Gospel Ministries (CGGM) Vision :

For the Cambodian People to believe in Jesus Christ and to plant *Transformational, Indigenous and Missional* local grace churches all over Cambodia and beyond.



God desires a people of His own who will love Him as their only God is the foundational truth of our village ministry. After 10 years of just coming 2 hours every Sunday, my wife and I decided to plant a village church 6 months ago by teaching English and evangelizing the students. By God's grace, we now have a core group of 14 young people, 15 children and a growing number of people who join our Sunday services. Although there are many challenges in living in the village, we are praising God for giving us the strength to continue and answering our tearful prayers. We just finished a 2-month Bible

training and the members are targeting 2 new ministry opportunities in their home village. Please continue praying for us. There are 11,000 plus villages in Cambodia that are yet to be reached by the gospel. Is the Lord calling you to Cambodia? Thank you for all your prayers and support. Grateful that you are a part of Team Cambodia. Glory to God alone! - Ariel & Faith Mahilum



A few weeks ago I finished my study on 'Introduction to Pastoral Care and Christian Counseling', a 120-hour modular course by CWR- Waverly Abbey U.K., conducted here in Cambodia. Most of my classmates are missionaries, NGO workers and local Pastors. The need for counselors and mental health professionals in Cambodia is huge and both the government and non-government organizations including Christian communities are slowly recognizing that training is very much needed and long-term workers in this field are scarce therefore something must be done.

On my part, I see counseling as an integral part of the church and especially in discipleship. I minister to Khmer women a lot and I found that I needed skills to help these women navigate their problems and issues effectively and lovingly.

I like what Tim Challies said about church-based counseling:
"In counseling, there is always a temptation to problem-solve and "fix" people's lives. Yet the end goal of biblical counseling is spiritual growth. Pastoral counselors use their gifts to counsel because they want people to grow in greater maturity in Christ."

Miss A* is receiving counseling and Bible lesson once a week for the past several weeks.—Myra Omictin

Purpose + Prayer & Partnership = POWER! By: Julia Liles

How incredible it is to see God at work, not just in our own lives and families, but in the lives of others. I have been more than blessed to know that God really can use us as effective tools for ministry when we are willing. I am learning that the creative talents God has given to me are very useful to Him, so never doubt how God can use each one of us effectively since He is the Great Designer! In Christ is our purpose and He will use you by prayer and in partnership with other Saints, to impact hearts for Christ in the most powerful way! Without faith, it is impossible to serve with a pure purpose; without prayer we are weak tools; without partnership we cannot move forward. The role of each of us is essential and I am so encouraged that Team Cambodia has grown from 4 to 6 members, gaining strength and momentum... But not only are we 6, we are many members as you stand with us in partnership to reach the lost and build up new believers, training and equipping them in the faith! We are able to do more than we could even ask or imagine, thanks to the power of God at work through us! We thank God for all He is doing. 1Cor.12:27 ***"YOU are the Body of Christ, and Members IN PARTICULAR!"***

