

# THINGS TO COME MISSION



## James and Agape Bermejo Update

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# PLOWING AND WATERING Season

May 22, the Kingdom of Cambodia celebrated a holiday called “**The Royal Plowing Ceremony**” also known as *The Farmer’s Day*. It is an ancient royal rite, also held in some Asian countries such as Thailand and Sri Lanka, to mark the traditional beginning of the rice growing season. Typically, this event is held near the end of May because that is the time that the season changes from Dry to Rainy. The rain **helps** the farmers by making it easier to plough the land, and the rain **assists** the farmers in nurturing the newly sowed seeds or plants.

Apostle Paul also mentioned the significance of planting and watering in 1 Corinthians 3:5-9, “*After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God’s servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. It’s not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What’s important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. For we are both God’s workers.*”

In our first 18 months here in Cambodia, the Lord has blessed us with ministries that focus on **connecting** (PLANTING) several Khmer Grace Believers to the wonderful message of Grace to let them know their *purpose, position & possession*, AND **equipping** (WATERING) them for service so they can find their *perspective, productivity & priority*. In short, making God’s MISSION their PASSION!

We are honored to introduce some of them to you, our mission-partners, in how the Lord has blessed their lives for His glory!

**Borey**, with his wife Channy and their daughter Lenna, is one of the pioneer members of CGGM City Central Church. He has his own public transport business, a PassApp Tuktuk. From the time our teammate, Julia Liles, invited them, they have been consistent in attending our weekday fellowships and Sunday services. Borey was able to share God’s Word several times already by preaching on Sundays and teaching during our weekday fellowships.



**Simon** is also one of our pioneer members. For more than a year, he has consistently attended our Sunday services. Often, he brings along his daughter, Vicherra. Lately, his wife Linin and their new born 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter, Rumnea, have started joining us every Sunday. Simon is a businessman and is also faithful in doing God’s business in the ministry of preaching. Since October 2018, we have usually given him one Sunday every month to preach.



**Ratany** started to join our Sunday services and weekday fellowships in June 2018. He was Myra’s English Language student several years ago. He previously worked as a manager but is now focusing on growing his own business. He has good vision for the church and little by little, he is discovering and discerning his role in the Body of Christ. We also gave him one Sunday per month to preach since November 2018.

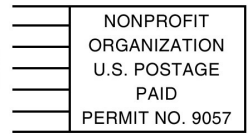


**Lisa** is another pioneer member of CGGM City Central Church. She has been friends with our teammate, Myra Omictin, for several years already. God has blessed her with a good voice, and she is usually our Praise & Worship song leader. Lisa was able to share God’s Word several times already during our weekday fellowships. She is instrumental in connecting us with her officemates by inviting them to church.



**Ahny** is also one of the pioneer members. She currently works as the Advertisement and Marketing Manager for an international bank. Ahny sometimes leads the Praise & Worship songs and usually prepares the PowerPoint slides for our Sunday worship. She has translated 3 Christian songs from English to Khmer language. Ahny was able to share God’s Word several times already during our weekday fellowships.





**Channy** is Borey's wife. By profession, she is a primary school teacher. During our first few months here in Cambodia, she was our tutorial teacher for Khmer Language. She usually helps us in preparing and translating some English words to Khmer in some of our preaching and teaching lessons. Channy was able to share God's Word several times already during our weekday fellowships.



Chom Chao Church and most of them are members of our CGGM Board of Trustees, our national organization.



We have also just started a **Church Leadership Course** at Cambodia Grace Gospel Ministries (CGGM) Chom Chao with the goal to equip our local church leaders with the Grace Message, doing the Grace Ministry that will result to a **Grace Gospel Movement!** Our attendees for this course are Pastor Rathy with his wife Channtha, Pastor Chhorn with his wife Sophal, and Brother Tou with his wife Malavy. They are our key leaders at CGGM

At present, we are in the process of working together with Myra and Julia, in plowing the seeds of Grace and watering opportunities of service for Thaison, Saolery, Chanpal and Chan Thy. In God's own season, we believe that their time will come when they will be able to grow and be challenged to share God's Word in either preaching or teaching. Until then, please work together with us in praying for our ploughing and watering.

Please be with us in prayer as we look forward to **intentionally delegate** the ministries of our local church to these Khmer Grace Believers and **intercessionally transition** the leadership to them in the next couple years.

It is our desire to witness a **"GRACE GOSPEL MOVEMENT"** through these Khmer Grace Believers. We therefore wholeheartedly ask for your continued prayers and support for God's mission here in Cambodia.

For His Purpose,

*James & Agape Bermejo*



**PRAISE REPORTS!**

1. We praise the Lord for blessing our family in the Philippines with special opportunities to serve God in special positions. **Pastor Osias Cadelina Jr.** (Agape's dad) has just been appointed as TCM Philippines National Executive Director last April 2019. **Zadrac Bermejo** (James' dad) has just been elected as a Town Council Member during the Philippines mid-term election last May 2019.
2. We just booked our tickets for the GAA – Grace Bible Church (TCM Indonesia) 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration to be held in Manado City on June 26-29, 2019. We praise the Lord for this wonderful opportunity to join our Indonesian brethren in remembering and celebrating God's faithfulness for the past 40 years!

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

1. **Language Study.**  
Please be with us in prayer as we continue to learn the Khmer Language. We are currently studying at Language Exchange Cambodia (LEC). They provide one-on-one sessions for their students which really helps us a lot! But we also plan to have a special tutorial class in June. Please help us pray for wisdom, good health and finances.
2. **Ministry Vehicle.**  
We often meet in the church, CGGM City Central, for our Sunday services and weekday fellowships; but lately, our ministry is expanding - internally and externally. A vehicle would save time and money in going to our language school, intentional visitation (mentoring) to our Khmer brethren, missional get-togethers with new contacts/friends, travelling to CGGM Chom Chao Church for our Church Leadership class and occasionally visiting CGGM Cheutiel in Takeo Province.
3. **Unity.**  
Please pray with us that we will continue to be united in **proclaiming** God's Glory and **preaching** the Grace Gospel here in Cambodia as **One Team** (with our co-missionaries), as **One Family** (with our CGGM Brethren/Organization) and as **One Body of Christ** (with you our Mission-Partners). Whatever our roles are, *we must work together with the same purpose for we are all God's workers (1 Corinthians 3:8-9).*