

Conquering Cambodia for Christ

Newsletter

August 9, 2021

Hey friends and family.

We hope everyone is doing well and staying safe during this Covid-19 time! For the last few months, we have been busy learning to be parents, continuing the work in the villages and preparing our paperwork for the immigration process to the states. Over the last few months, we have seen daily miracles and God's presence all around us. We are finally in a season of harvesting from a few seeds that have been planted. Please read what God is doing in each village we work in!

Village Updates:

Popel Village Church and New Village Am Pours:

Wow, has the Lord done some major work in this church! The servant leaders, Bong Vanna and Pou Mao, have really taken ownership of their roles serving the Kingdom. For the last year, Rithy has really been pouring into these main two guys and families for them to take over the house churches in time. Together, they are serving in four different places to help advance the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The church continues to gather and learn as often as possible in this Covid time. Some amazing testimonies have happened over the last few months that we went to share with you below and points of prayer.



Salvations and persecutions:

- A widowed woman with two children recently gave her life to Christ. She had previously heard the Gospel from a previous group, but there was no one who would shepherd her. She and 4-5 other people now from that previous group join together with our leads to learn every Saturday. In addition to that she consistently joins our house church in Popel. Because she is serious about her faith now, unfortunately, the family she is living with started to persecute her for faith to the point of kicking her and her two small children out of the home for awhile. Now there has been some reconciliation. Please pray for this precious soul to be encouraged by the Lord, trusting the Lord in her trials, and that us as a church would surround her in her difficulties.
- Previously mentioned, we had shared the Gospel in a new village named “ Am Pours”. Many came to believe, but due to intense persecution from the village chief and others, now only one remains. She faces daily death threats from her drunken husband for her belief in Christ. Please pray for the softening of her husband’s heart. Pray for her to be comforted and remain faithful to our faithful God!

Covid-19 Care Packages in Popel Village:



Thank you to everyone who prayed and gave towards this event. The Lord allowed 170+ families to receive care packages consisting of food, hygiene products, laundry soap, and others. The families who were gifted these packages were unbelievers. We felt led to show the love of God in this difficult time, share the facts about Jesus, and share the Gospel! So far, three people have given their lives to God through this event!! One woman was lingering around after the event, and eventually we learned she wanted to give her life to the Lord. After giving her life to the Lord, she wanted to share the good news of Jesus with her parents. Praise God! Normally all we see is persecution when one

family member believes and others dont. However, this time, this woman's parents also gave their life to the Lord! Her dad was into witchcraft and his testimony stated that he always just felt down and surround by evil, but since giving his life to the Lord; he and the family ALL have joy! What a beautiful testimony! Please pray for them to remain in the Lord, firmly planted that they wont be scorched by the sun when persecution or hardships come because they will come!

San Chey Village Church:



San Chey's Church is still being looked after by its raised-up leader, Lekru Chhin as Rlthy continues communication with him! As stated before, our aim is to have the churches established with leaders being raised up as we move on to new places that the Lord leads us too! This church continues to gather daily in worship and prayer In addition two more people have joined the church and gave their life to Christ. We recently got to visit

them and introduce them to our son, Zebedee. Such a sweet time together!

Floating Village Church:



Yay and Dta of this church DAILY share the Gospel with their neighbors. They went from being medians and fortune tellers to people who are in love with Jesus Christ. Rlthy and the servant leaders continue to go there teaching the firm foundations of faith. This beautiful church has grown in faith and number over the last year. it seems like there is always someone new joining to atleast hear about Jesus, even if they do not believe yet.

Projects and Needs Updates:

Monthly Support for servant leaders:



As the servants are preparing to serve the Lord fulltime, the need is great to help them with their living expenses. Normally, churches, like in the states, support their pastors, assistant pastors, and the like through offering giving. However, the offering here is just not enough to support the church and the leaders. The villagers give all they have, but it just is not enough. We desire to help support the main leaders/pastors for them to have food to eat, gas to go places, etc. The offering right now cannot even provide enough for the servants to go to all the places that they go too. We desire to raise \$200-\$300 a month per

family to help them as they serve Christ fulltime. As of now, we only have two families we are trying to support, but we believe and pray that as the ministry grows more servants would rise up and go with us.

Water Tank:

Bong Vanna and his wife, Noch are the main leaders for Popel Church, the pastor in training essentially. They are in need of purchasing a water tank which is \$300 to store water to sell to other villages that are without water. This would help to provide some income for them.



Small Boat:

Yay and Dta in floating village are in need of a new boat for them to go fishing for their living. Currently Dta just has a tiny, old wooden boat that he uses to create a means for himself.

We pray and desire to purchase a boat that would allow him to fish, transport church members and us, and the like.



Rice Project :

We praise God for using Grace Baptist Church for providing rice that we have been able to distribute to families in need! This need was great, and everyone is so grateful for the provision.



Ministry Transportation:

We thank those who gave towards purchasing a tuk -tuk to be used as the servants go out to many villages now! This provides a safe means to go throughout the countryside and such as they share the Gospel and make disciples!



General Life Updates:

Bible College:

Rithy continues to attend a bible college course along side of our partners where he is being trained in theology, history of the Bible, pastoral training and the like!

Family:



We welcomed our miracle gift from the Lord, Rithy Zebedee, on May 21, 2021! He is currently going on 12 weeks old. We are so in love and tired. He has learned to smile, make sounds, and overall just be the cutest baby in our opinion.

America Update:

Through lots of time in prayer and waiting, we have seen God perform such miracles in our process to immigrate to the states. Rithy's petition was accepted quickly as well as our supplemental documents! We are now in the waiting process for our final documents to be reviewed and accepted! If accepted, we will have the immigration interview scheduled soon after. Our prayer has been to be stateside in October of this year. Please join us in praying!

Prayer Points:

- Leaders in all the established churches to grow in their individual faith and the wisdom to teach others what is being taught to them.
- Churches to thrive spiritually and grow daily in their love for God and for one another.

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- Sustainable projects to be led by God and His favor upon them that the church may stand on its own and the believers' needs to be met.
 - Financial support to increase as the ministry increases here
 - The health of our family as Covid is rampant in our country now
 - For us to be godly parents to Zebedee and future children.
 - The churches to be ready when it is our time to furlough to the states.

Giving:

For Tax-deductible Giving:

Online:

<https://app.securegive.com/ArkInternational/main/donate/category>

- 1.) Select Kristie Reville (Cambodia)
- 2.) Enter the amount you wish to give then click "one time or recurring"
- 3.) Follow the steps
- 4.) In the leave a comment section, please write if you are giving to something specific like the fish farms or rice.

Check: Please make the check out to **Ark International** with Kristie or Cambodia in the memo, then send the check to the following address:

P.O. box 10123 Augusta, Ga 30903

Thank you to each and every one of you who support prayerfully and financially in this ministry as the Lord leads us to conquer Cambodia for Christ!

- With love, Rithy, Kristie, & Baby Rithy Zebedee

