



Cambodia Outreach Mission

Grace Life Church

Phum Antithsok, Siem Reap, Cambodia

December Newsletter 2020

Dear Partners and Friends,

Happy New Year. I trust that you had a great Christmas and New Year celebration with your families, churches and friends even in the midst of current pandemic that the world is facing now. As we begin the New Year, we look backward with gratitude for all that God has done in and for us in His Son Christ Jesus our Lord. We also look forward with faith and hope in all that God is and will continue to be and do in, and for us in Christ Jesus.

Grace Life Centre pray for continuous blessing from God as we walk with Him in our mission outreach in 2021. We look forward for your continuous commitment as we need your prayer and financial support to sustain us throughout the year. We look forward to have a successful mission outreach with the local community, especially the youth through our educational and social programmes. We pray that God uplift this Covid-19 pandemic, so that people all throughout the world will be heal and have the vaccine for the virus. We look forward to have the churches visiting us and giving us encouragement in our mission. 2020, was a challenging year, we look forward to 2021 to be more benevolent to us and having our wishes and prayers being fulfill.

Looking back over the year 2020, we've certainly had our ups and downs and have learned that suffering and difficulty brings focus and more dependence on God. God made us to relook and evaluate our life priorities. Made us to depend on Him to provide for us. We began 2020 with enthusiasm and hope, wondering what the year would bring. In January, there was news of a faraway virus, known as Covid-19 and by March we had faced the full force of the pandemic worldwide. Most governments took drastic actions to stop the deadly virus from spreading and killing their populations. On a personal level, it was a very challenging times for us at Grace Life Centre. We took drastic action of stopping all classes and activities. Even our church gathering was stop. It was heartbreaking to witness the suffering that our church members were going through daily just to put food on the table to feed their family. Through this challenging and uncertain time, it also shows their commitment in their new found faith in Jesus Christ. Through the hardship that they suffered, a test of their faith, made them come out of it, minted in steel determination in their faith with more blessing from God.

The days ahead may be fraught with uncertainties, but we are sure and certain of what we hope for, even though we do not see that yet. "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and holy fear, for our God is a consuming fire". (Heb 12:28-28).

As I look ahead to 2021, I need God's guidance. It is difficult to go anywhere, with travel restriction still in place. Please uphold me in your prayers. I need wisdom on how to plan in such uncertain times!

Christmas Celebration



Grace Life Centre had our Christmas celebration at our church. Christmas is an occasion where the church members look forward to every year. A time where they bring joy to the community and the church get decorated. The youth, with the guidance and help from our team, organized the Christmas event with many activities and games. They managed to provide Christmas gifts and refreshments for those who has attended. We did carolling at the church and the youth did some performance too.

Thank you for praying for our Christmas celebration. It goes well. As we didn't invite any outsider to join us this year, around 90 plus people came for the celebrations. It was a successful celebration. Once again thanks for BEM Bandar Lawas and to some of the individual who sponsor our Christmas programme. Because of you, we had our Christmas celebration!

Harvesting



December is a busy month in Cambodia, where the farmers do their harvesting. Our church members who seek jobs in the cities came back to do the harvesting of their paddy and tapioca farm, which they will sell in the market or for their self-consumption.

I was able to go and helped one of our church member to harvest her paddy. The harvest was great and bountiful! She witness to me how, after she came to know the Lord, her harvesting is always plentiful. Farmers who are having their paddy plots around her was asking why her harvest was more than theirs, even though her farm is smaller plot then theirs. She witness to them about what happened after she believe in Christ. What a testimony! She gave the church one full bag of new rice too. So now I am eating the new rice of Cambodia. PTL. Years ago, when planting times, the rain didn't come and the field was dried. She invited me to her paddy field and asked to pray for the rain. We went to her paddy field and prayed that God will provide rain and filled her plot with water. As we were leaving. God answered her prayer and open the sky, as its start to rain. She is a very committed Christian now and also a prayer warrior amongst our church members. She gives encouragement to us all in this challenging times.

Staffs Retreat at Battambang

As part of Grace Life Centre programme, we do organize retreat for our staff, both fulltime and part-time. A time for us to reflect and plan for Grace Life Development Institute

programmes and activities. We have to come up with new SOP, retool our approach to teaching, and preparing for their study materials and modules. This January 11, the staffs are going for our retreat at Battambang for two days. Battambang is about 4 hour drive from Siem Reap. Pray for our retreat that we do have quality time with God and with each other. Pray for mercy journey for us too.

Thank you so much for your continued partnership in the gospel of our Lord. Your faithfulness has been vital in moving the work of God's Kingdom forward, especially in Cambodia and we are very grateful. May the Lord continue to let His gracious face shine upon you and yours with favour.

Praise and Prayer Items

- Thanking God for His sustaining grace throughout last year.
- Praising God for the successful Christmas celebration

Prayer Request

- Pray for myself for wisdom from God of how to plan in this such uncertain times!
- Classes at Grace Life Centre will start next month, pray that everything goes as planned.
- Pray for the full time teachers and part time teachers that God will help them in their work.
- Continue to pray for the students that come for their classes with us that God will help them in their studies too.
- Pray for the nations and God's intervention in the pandemic.
- Pray for Chien, her wedding plan is now postponed to another month of which they yet come to decide.

Thank you all for your prayers and wishing you a very Happy New Year.

With Love and Prayers from

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