

**Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,  
Once again, greetings from Cambodia!**

**Short trip back to Cambodia:** At end of April, I returned back to Toronto to unite with my family. I told my kids that I wanted to have a good time with them before we all would come back to Cambodia together. Two weeks after I arrived back, the tragic death of Pastor Meadth and his son-in-law hit me. I felt terribly crushed, shocked and emotionally paralyzed by this tragedy. I could hardly function normally. I took my time off from my family to spend time by myself in the Christian camp to pray and to grieve. My heart was so heavy for Pastor Meadth's family and the rest of the leaders. I could not imagine how they felt when a bad thing happened to a leader. With deep consideration, I decided to come back for a short trip to spend time with my leaders so that they would not feel abandoned by me.

**Grief and psychological attacks:** It was good for me to be back to grieve with Pastor Meadth's daughters and leaders. I could not imagine how they have been hurt by tons of psychological attacks from villagers. All attacks pinpointed to being Christians. They moved out of their tradition. They believed in foreign God. They would die young like their God. And more. It is hard to bear all the psychological attacks. Grief is so heavy already, and the psychological attacks add on to the grief. It is unbearable. They were deeply discouraged. It is hard for me to see this young woman who lost not only her father, but also her husband at once. It was a giant tragedy to her life. Please pray for all the believers in this village. In the midst of this tragedy, they will learn to draw themselves closer to God. Pray also that they would see hope in the midst of darkness.



Visiting Pastor Meadth's grave.



Pastor Meadth's daughter (with her daughter) who lost her father and husband.

**A New leader: A New leader:** When a leader died what could they do? There is a big struggle in the church. Elder Phoeun does not have confidence in leading. Church members approached elder Mov who is my foster father to lead. He agreed to give himself a try. He has a long way to build himself up. His reading is very poor. Please pray that he will learn to grow in the Lord. Pray for also for Pastors Vang, Mov and Phoeun that they will learn to embrace each other in this difficult time.

Mov is a new leader in Kokpreach church



**Four University students:** Last year, Khmer Christian Center (KCC) has granted scholarship to three university students. This year, KCC will grant scholarship to four more students. Veasna taking IT, Chanty, Phary and Koy taking English. Pray that these young Christians will learn to build up their faith during the time they study at the University. It is our commitment and desire to build up younger generation of leadership.

**Community centre and library:**

I am very encouraged to see young kids (more than 20 each day) coming to use computers and reading books in the library. Reading is not a habit in this oral society. This is a sign of transformation from oral society into modernized



Veasna, Chanty, Phary, Koy

society. I strongly believe that more kids will come to use the library and community center in a near future when the library officially opens. Next year, we will implement more programs such as games and computer lessons to the community centre. Pray that the librarians will use this opportunity to share message of salvation to the kids.

### Kids reading books



### Kids using computers



**Phaly's citizenship:** We have not heard from the citizenship yet regarding a new application. We hope that it will come within next two months. Phaly has also renewed her PR card. If it will come within next two months, we will be back with the whole family in September. Please continue to pray for us. Pray for financial support as we prepare to move back with the whole family.

**Personal struggle:** To leave my family behind again was a big challenge for me. One thing, I kept breaking my promise with my kids—never to leave them behind again. The morning before I returned back to Cambodia, I walked Philos to school. When we got closer to school, he asked me if he could not go to school, because he wanted to spend time with me. I encouraged him to go to his class. He did not want to go. He sat down in front of the school and wept. His friends tried to comfort him not to cry, but Philos was so upset with me. He said, “I just want to spend time with you before you leave.” I walked him to his class. His teacher greeted him and took him into his class. I walked back home. I could not hold on to my emotion. I did not feel peace in my heart. Two hours after that, I decided to pull Philos out from school so that I could spend time with him before I left for Cambodia. I felt totally torn by the two needs—spending time with my family and building up my ministry. Before I left, Philos brought me a Fathers' Day card and he wished me well on my short trip to Cambodia. He knew that I would miss Father's Day with him. Pray that the Lord will comfort our hearts in time of a short separation. Those who are fathers, have a happy Father's Day. I will return back to join my family again by June 21.

**Mobile speakers:** We bought ten mobile speakers and ten SD memory cards with bible stories prepared by TWR Cambodia. We provide these mobile speakers to countryside church members so that they can listen to bible stories. I think that it is a small solution to those who cannot read. More than 80% of our church members in countryside cannot read. Please pray that these mobile speakers will be a blessing to many church members. They will learn to build up their faith through these stories.

**Pray for Pastor Narth:** In my absence, Pastor Narth will look after all the church leaders. Pray that the Lord will grant him wisdom to handle all works wisely.



**Rice farming season:** Now, farming season has arrived. Some places have enough rain and other places do not have rain. Our KCC has implemented a project by lending funds to church members and farmers to buy fertilizers for their rice farming. They will have to pay back after they harvest their rice by early next year. Pray that this project will be fruitful for them.

In His mercy,

Reaksa, Phaly, Philos and Sophia