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Dear Praying Friends,

May was a long, hot month for us, with temperatures regularly well over 100°! We are thankful, however, for progress in language and opportunities to serve the Lord in the church



here. Just to make our experience complete, we also got to sample snails and fried water beetles - both popular Cambodian snacks.

The Lord blessed our trip to Pursat, a small city about 120 miles from Phnom Penh. We spent some wonderful fellowship time with other missionaries, and were able to glean some valuable insights into ministry here in Cambodia. We have a message to proclaim here in Cambodia, but we also have so much to learn, and always welcome opportunities we have to hear from those who have served here long-term.

Many people in our area of Phnom Penh work in factories, and live in rows of tiny rented rooms nearby. While passing out tracts in one of these areas, we met a young man named Thet and his family. We have an open door to continue visiting them for the time being. Please pray that God will allow us to communicate clearly through the language barrier and be able to help them

## **Prayer Requests**

- Health and Safety
- Language Learning
- Relationships and witness with neighbors
- Salvation Thet's family, Semol

understand the gospel. Also please be in prayer for a young factory worker named Semol. He recently visited the church and is currently doing a Bible study. These people need salvation!

We rejoice in the goodness and provision of the Lord. He has a work to accomplish here, and we are glad to be a part of it. Thank you for also being a part of the mission in Cambodia.

Yours in Christ, Matt and Nikki Brown Romans 15:20-21

## **Nikki's Notes**

**Q:** What "culture shock" have you experienced since being in Cambodia?

A: I am very thankful to have had the opportunity to come to Cambodia on a survey trip before moving here. I believe it prepared me for some of the "adjustments" I would need to make. Some of the things that have required adjusting are the heat, the smells, some of the food, and lots and lots of little (and gigantic) critters. I've learned to take a lot of cold showers, not breathe in deeply when going outside, don't always ask what I'm eating, and battle only with the critters you know you can defeat. :-) God has been so good to me to help me feel like Cambodia is my home. As often as my daily routine changes, and my life requires more "adjusting", I take great comfort that my God never changes. I am so thankful to God for his never ending grace.

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