

the Brown Family

missionaries to CAMBODIA



August 5, 2014

Dear Praying Friends,

Our month has been one of challenges and opportunity. We thank God that He gives us the strength and ability to meet with both.

Nikki has had severe morning sickness, so that has been a bit of a challenge for us. We are very thankful that she seems to have made a complete recovery from her case of amoebas, but she has still had to sit out of language school for a little while. We are also thankful for my sister Elizabeth's assistance during this time in helping care for Joshua. That has allowed me to continue in my studies and other responsibilities. Please pray that Nikki will be well enough soon to resume studying.

I have had a hard time meeting with some of our previous contacts, but God allowed me to meet and spend a lot of time with a young man named Sineth. On the day we met him, he showed much interest, and I was able to meet with him several times. One of his first questions was, "Can Jesus help me with my problems?" Often when we hear this question, people are referring to money problems. As Sineth continued though, I realized he was concerned about his sin problem. Over the course of a few meetings, I shared the Gospel with him as clearly as I could. He promised to come to church last week, but did

not show up, and now says he is too busy to study. We really believe that God is working on his heart, so please pray that He will give us opportunity to witness to Sineth again.

Conversations with Sineth and others have helped me to realize some of the ideas that Cambodians have in regard to God and religion. Buddhism teaches them that everything depends



Joshua "helping" Uncle Wang drive the moto

upon their own self-effort, so the idea that salvation comes through simple faith can be hard to accept. Also, in Buddhism there is no Creator, so there is no accountability for our actions - just good consequences or bad consequences. We really have to start from the very beginning to help people understand their great need of the Savior. I am very thankful that the power is in the message, and is not dependent on my limited ability.

Please join us in praying that God will continue to work in the hearts of those we are working with, and that He will open doors for the Gospel in other's lives as well.

Yours in Christ,

Matt and Nikki Brown
Romans 15:20-21

Prayer Requests

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

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