

the Brown Family

missionaries to CAMBODIA



January 8, 2015

Dear Praying Friends,

It is hard to believe that we have now been living in Cambodia for a full year! We are thankful for the grace and strength of our Lord that has sustained us. He has taught us much, and we eagerly look forward to what He has before us in this new year.



Our first Christmas in Cambodia was a blessed time. Christmas - especially it's true meaning - is almost

unknown here, so we had the chance to explain the significance of this day. The Christmas play at the church was well attended, and some new people have consistently been coming to the church. We continue to share God's message with people every week. Understanding and communication in the language continue to progress well, especially in this regard.

We are so thankful that after several

weeks of study, Noeun's wife Naikim has trusted Christ! We have been praying for this family for some time and are so thankful for what God is doing in their lives. They are continuing to study every week, so please pray that they will grow in Christ and be used of Him.

We have some exciting events coming in the next few months - the birth of a new baby and a move to a new place. Please keep us in prayer as we continue language studies for a couple more months. Please pray that the Lord would help us to boldly share the gospel in an understandable way. May the Lord give you a blessed and fruitful year in His service.

Yours in Christ,

Matt and Nikki Brown

Romans 15:20-21

Prayer Requests

- Health and Safety
- Language Learning
- Relationships and witness with neighbors
- Noeun and Naikim - growth in Christ
- Wisdom in planning

Nikki's Notes

Q: How do you and your family celebrate Christmas in a culture that isn't familiar with the idea?

A: We are very thankful to have just celebrated our first Christmas in Cambodia! We practiced certain American traditions by putting up a Christmas tree (brought from the states), exchanging a few gifts, reading the Christmas story from Luke 2, and having a nice Christmas meal. We also spent some time with some Christian Khmer friends at their church worship service. We had the privilege of handing out a few Christmas treats to our neighbors, too. While many people here do not know the true meaning of this special occasion, they still observed a holiday by going out shopping or eating out for dinner. We pray that as more of these precious souls learn of our Savior, they too will come to celebrate His birth.

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