



SQUARE TWO

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Back in Asia at last!

J.P. has hit the ground in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. [Sights](#), [smells](#), tastes and [sounds](#) seem comfortingly Asian, and yet new. The familiar noodle soup uses unfamiliar spices. Traffic patterns (or lack thereof!) are the usual crazy, but with [new vehicle types](#). The sounds of people talking in the Khmer language don't make sense yet. It is humbling to be in an environment in which one is new and inexperienced, but J.P. is delighting in these new sights, smells, tastes and sounds as he explores Cambodia's uniqueness. He spends part of his time on logistics for moving the family later in the summer, including visiting schools and looking for housing.

Building partnerships!

On his first day in country, J.P., along with Rev. Charles Ferry (LCMS' Regional Director for Asia), met with leaders of the Cambodia Lutheran Church (CLC) to solidify our partnership, including the contours of how the Cima family can serve. J.P. heard very consistent messages about the need for mentorship for leaders, teaching for pastors and laypeople, and visitation of rural churches for encouragement and discipleship. What an amazing opportunity to be of service!

Making friends!

J.P. was asked to preach (through translation) at Christ Lutheran Church in Phnom Penh, which gathers 30-50 people weekly for [worship](#). What a privilege! He even got 48 hours notice to prepare!

WE NEED YOU!

Wanna help us impact the people of Cambodia? We need your help! Give online [here](#), or mail a check to P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861 (checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, memo: Cima family-Cambodia).

Prayers: for the Cambodia Lutheran Church; for Aimee and the kids while J.P. is in Phnom Penh for 6 weeks; for all the logistics for our move in mid-July, including finding a school, a house, and securing long-term visas. Thank you!

