

SQUARE TWO - THE CIMA FAMILY NEWSLETTER - VOL. 14, NO. 1, JANUARY 2020



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"FOR AS MANY OF YOU AS WERE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST HAVE PUT ON CHRIST." (GAL. 3;27)

Celebrate with us! Over the past few months, Christ Lutheran Church has been blessed to celebrate the baptism of four new children of God. In December, Mr. Sopha Khorn and Kunthea presented their new-born daughter, Julie, for baptism (pic A; see video here), while in January Rev. Ravy Van and Srey Pov presented their new-born son, Piseth (pic C). On the same day as little Julie, Vin, who has been a member of the church's youth group, came to the waters of baptism (pic A; see video here). As we celebrate God's faithfulness in granting new birth to these, His children, we also celebrate the remarkable ways in which God draws them to the waters. Sometimes God works through faithful parents who bring their children to be baptized and nurtured in the church. Other times, God works later in life. One example is Kithya, a high-schooler who was just baptized on February 2 (pic B; see video here). He first came to church from the invitation of Pastor Naro. He was then quickly welcomed into the youth group, where further seeds were planted. Pastor Songim reached out to him pastorally. JP had the opportunity to teach him several times at the weekly youth Bible study (pic D). All this highlights the words of Paul that one plants, another waters, but "God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth" (1 Cor. 3:6-7). Praise the Lord for His gracious work!

PRAYERS; for Julie, Piseth, Vin, and Kithya, that their life of discipleship would be nurtured by God's Word and in Christian community; for the Cambodia Lutheran Church's constituting convention happening Feb. 7-8 (delayed from previously); for training on biblical hermeneutics happening in Phnom Penh Feb. 3-7. PRAIDES; for J.P.'s successful completion of his intensive coursework in St. Louis; for good results from J.P.'s dad's and Aimee's step-mom's recent scans for cancer.

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