

PRAYERS: for Pastor Songim's family as they mourn the loss of his father; for J.P.'s upcoming discipleship seminar in mid-November; for J.P.'s upcoming presentation at Hong Kong International School's GIFTS Conference on November 20; for an Advent devotional that Aimee and J.P. are completing in November.

PRAISES: for the two successful events reported in this newsletter; for the re-opening of our local church; for the re-opening of schools; for the baptisms of Naphtali and Chan Thou; for record numbers at our youth group; for Cambodia's progress in thwarting the spread of COVID-19.



In mid-October, the Asia personnel for the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod gathered for a "virtual work group" over three evenings. Though country closures have prevented in-person meetings, LCMS Asia missionaries are using the venues they can to keep learning! Each day began with a devotion from a local church representative. We were thankful to hear God's Word proclaimed by leaders from Sri Lanka, the Philippines, and Cambodia. Each day also included a presentation, broadly themed around culture and anthropology. We heard from one of the region's own, Dr. Steven Oliver on Chinese culture as a bridge for the gospel. This is a key topic in a region where so many cultures are influenced by China. Dr. Walter Steele, from the Africa region, gave a basic introduction to anthropology and its importance for the mission task. He urged us to do the work of getting to know the cultures we serve. J.P. was also fortunate to present on the book The 3D Gospel and its implications for a faithful contextualization of theology in Asia. We also enjoyed breakout sessions around specific issues like music in ministry, third culture kids, and prayer. The event was the product of labor and love from Aimee, along with another colleague, Matt Wasmund. As a part of the Asia regional leadership, they planned it from the ground up and hosted it. It was a HUGE success! Participation was over 95%, and feedback was positive across the board. Praise God for these opportunities to **GROW TOGETHER** as cross-cultural servants and as a team!

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GROWING TOGETHER



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As mentioned in our last newsletter, Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) published the first of two volumes of the Book of Concord in Khmer language. Our local partners were eager to expose people to this historic resource, and so during a recent public holiday we held a seminar for 15 students. The seminar was planned, supported, and/or joined by leaders from LHF, of course, but also Lutheran Hour Ministries' office in Cambodia, the Cambodia Lutheran Church, Christ Lutheran Church Phnom Penh, and the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. J.P. was asked to teach the seminar. But how to distill such rich theological content, steeped in concrete historical circumstances, to people far removed by time and culture? To keep it manageable, J.P. focused only on the Augsburg Confession and its Apology, taking a topical approach that highlighted key historical controversies (e.g. indulgences, purgatory and the treasury of merits, repentance and penance, the cult of the saints, the Lord's Supper, and the relationship between faith and good works) and unfolded the reformers' response to those issues. J.P. played the role of "tour guide," providing a basic historical introduction to issues and guiding students to relevant selections from the Book of Concord. He then asked questions to help them discover the theology within and apply it to everyday issues in their lives. What a joy to **GROW TOGETHER** in our knowledge of all that God has done then and now!



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