



We are coming to the US this summer!

We'll be in the US from May 19 until August 6. We'd LOVE to connect with those who pray for us and support our family or are interested in doing so. Please <u>contact us</u> if you'd like to schedule something. Confirmed visits so far:

- May 19-22 Los Gatos, CA (J.P. only)
- May 22-26 Eugene, OR (J.P. only)
- May 26-29 Canon City, CO (J.P. only)
- May 29-June 4 Iowa/Nebraska (J.P. and Aimee)
- June 6-8 St. Louis, MO (J.P. and Aimee)
- June 11 Richmond, VA (whole family)
- July 16 York, PA (whole family)

We are excited to share about God's mission in SE Asia!

In March, Aimee traveled with staff and volunteers from <u>Concordia Welfare</u> and <u>Education Foundation</u> (CWEF) to <u>Ratanakiri Province</u>, Cambodia. The province lies in the northernmost part of Cambodia, where the borders of Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia meet (a long 11-hour drive from Phnom Penh!). Over the past few months, Aimee worked with CWEF's leadership to plan and implement a community health evangelism (CHE) lesson, including conducting health assessments in two villages with a view towards future training based on identified needs. Due to generous gifts to LCMS' mercy fund, we provided funding to CWEF for the assessment trip as well as biosand water filters that will give 60 households access to clean water.

The two villages visited, Da Vey Leng and Des, are comprised of <u>ethnic</u> <u>Jarai people</u>, as well as Khmer. This presented a challenge for the team who can only teach in Khmer language. Fortunately there were local pastors and young women who helped to translate into Jarai language! In each village, the lesson began with a role play of Jesus' healing of the paralytic man (pic c; Mark 2:1-12) and a discussion (pic a) about how Jesus brings not only physical healing for that man, but forgiveness of sin for all people. The story also served as a segue to discuss problems of health and hygiene in the village. The primary concerns raised by local villagers are transmission of viral and bacterial diseases, household financial management, addiction (drugs, tobacco, and alcohol), lack of education for children, lack of clean water, and women's reproductive health. After the Country Director of CWEF in Cambodia (Ms. Kanhchana Sar; pic b on the right) analyzes the data from the health assessment, we will work to create a plan for additional CHE lessons that address the needs and concerns of people in the village.

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What a joy to bring spiritual and physical healing together for holistic ministry in Cambodia!

Read more here!

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Prayers: for follow up on the health assessments in Ratanakiri; for upcoming seminars and strategic planning sessions; for our <u>youth group</u>; for planning for US visits this summer.