

# SQUARE TWO

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THE CHILD TO BE BORN WILL  
BE CALLED **HOLY** —THE  
**SON OF GOD.** - LUKE 1:35

Unlike recent years, our local congregation, Christ Lutheran Church, celebrated Christmas in our normal gathering place. Members and visitors squeezed into the small space which was beautifully decorated by church band and youth group members. J.P. got to preach the good news of Jesus' birth! Afterwards, a community meal of pizza and local food was enjoyed by all. We are blessed to be a part of this community.

A few days before Christmas, J.P. traveled again to Chhuk for the last of four two-day seminars on Luther's Small Catechism (LSC). This trip was focused entirely on the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, along with Confession and Absolution. What wonderful discussion! There are now four remaining locations where the Cambodia Lutheran Church has asked J.P. to teach LSC. We remain thankful to Lutheran Heritage Foundation for publishing and providing a Khmer translation of LSC for participants. The goal of the program is to build biblical and theological literacy among local leaders for the sake of local mission among Lutheran churches!



We hosted two Christmas parties at our home. The first was for key partners and colleagues, with whom and through whom we are able to do what we do in Cambodia. The second was for the youth group (pictured). We paused our study of Law and Gospel for a lesson focused on Luke 1:26-38. Afterwards we played a laughter-filled game of White Elephant in which a cheap pair of sandals became the most sought after gift. But best of all was sharing the gift of Jesus with a not-yet-believing visitor, the friend of a neighbor who joins semi-regularly. What a joy to tell him that Jesus was born for him!



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## PRAY WITH US!

**Praise:** for a joyful celebration of Christmas; for new visitors to youth group; for J.P.'s completion of a literature review draft; for the recent publication of an article on God's Work in Cambodia in Lutherans Engage.

**Prayer:** for LSC training in Ratanakiri in mid-January; for initial planning for a national youth gathering, tentatively scheduled for Oct. 2024.

