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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus.

We send our greetings this month even from the distant province of Svay Rieng all the way to the east of Cambodia on the border to Vietnam.

We had a wonderful answered prayer this past month when our Elephant Story Village Church wanted to open one of our Scheduled Bible School Classes. We have quite a few courses for our Bible School, all nicely translated into the Khmer language. The course they chose is on the Gospel of John. The course work goes through a chapter a day with exams after the 7th, 14th and 21st chapter. There are four memory verses. In addition they have to give a short synopsis from memory of what is in each chapter from the first to the twenty-first chapter. In this way they will have the book of John at their fingertips and know just where to go for Jesus teaching on the second birth to Nicodemus, or the chapter that covers Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. There are fourteen students in all, two at the DaNgow Church and twelve which are about 85 miles to the East of us down the legendary highway 1 which connects Phnom Penh with Saigon in Vietnam (now called Ho Chi Minh City).

The Elephant Story Church is in an area of rice subsistence farmers. I was able to get some cell connection for the first time ever, but in general it is a very basic area. One great thing is that the students are in the main excellent readers and have great penmanship in the Cambodian language. The roads are tough and I pretty much blew out my two front shocks on the way back. The constant jarring overheats the shock oil and causes it to blow past the seal. The springs are fine but it doesn't ride right. The people there are used to sitting, working, and writing on the floor and sleeping on mats on the floor. There is no bathroom facility whatsoever, not even an outhouse. This is one of the areas where we put in a well with a standard pump head and that has been providing clean clear water for about ten years now. The roads are concrete to the provincial capital, dirt on the way north and it goes down to a path which can only be traversed on foot, or by bicycle or motorcycle through the elephant grass and thorn bushes nearer to the Church.



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Our students and their ages are: Yun Doung 16, Ann Sri Sroh 15, Preap Danit 14, Tuton 17, Soc Veasna 13, Tam Sopheap 63, Teuv Sopah 12, Can Liva 12, Van Sandi 15, Mow Rupi 14, Sau Savie 56, and Va Sopheap 17. Amazingly, the 63 year old woman and the 12 year old girls are two of our best students.



Here at the Dangow Church we have Srey Nuj 23, and Vea Sna 31 studying at the table in our Evangelistic room.

God bless your love, kindness and gifts that the Cambodian People may hear of the Savior. We thank you for your prayers that these Bible School students may become the leaders of tomorrow in telling others of Jesus.

In Christ's Service to the Cambodian People,

Glenn and Saveun Colley