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Saveun and I send you greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus and hope you are doing well in Christ's service.

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April was a tough month for the Church here with so many people leaving Phnom Penh like a ghost town to spend Cambodian New Year with their families in the Villages. For many, the week off became two weeks and so we had a few Sundays with very low attendance and without our usual harvest of souls being saved. It all ended well though after we redoubled our efforts, visited all our folks and got them back in Church and started reaching out into a few new areas. As a result, April 27th we had five souls saved and on May 4th, another five came and received Christ and were baptized after the Sunday Service.

One of our supporting Churches in Austin, TX has been having special prayer meetings for our work here. We asked them to join us in prayer for a new person along the lines of Lydia of the Book of Acts who would help lead folks to the Church here in the same way that Lydia of Philippi opened her home as a place folks could come to hear the Gospel. The prayer was answered and we have a new team of three who found out how our previous worker, Mrs. Sucha, did her work and stepped up to do the same. Once new souls come through the front gate on Sunday, all efforts and prayers are toward them hearing the Gospel of Salvation and receiving Christ and believer's baptism as they did in Acts 2, "the same day." We send them out the door as souls regenerated by the blood and saving work of Christ with a copy of the Gospel of Mark in the Khmer language.

Being a Mission is very different from Churches in the States. My first experience with a Mission was in the Marine Corps in 1976. Grace Baptist Church of Jacksonville, NC, where I was baptized, had a Mission to reach Marines for Christ. The Marines on weekends tended to congregate in certain areas off base and Grace Baptist Church set up a Mission there with a Missionary. He used the Marines who were saved to call men up from the street to hear the Gospel. Those saved were then directed to Grace Baptist Church on Sunday for Baptism. They ran it for years with a good harvest of souls getting saved and baptized every Sunday.

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We are seeking to do the same here and have souls saved every Sunday. Our area is within the Phnom Penh city limits but we have people from all over the country rent rooms to work in small textile factories or find employment, and they are within walking distance of the Church. We have other areas where poor people evicted by city developers were provided a small plot of land for a shack as compensation. We enjoy evangelizing them and getting them into Church. Those people are typically not the ones who build the congregation into a permanent strong, well-educated Church but are more likely to move on following employment opportunities. They are often undereducated, underfed, and will likely die in their 40's or 50's. They are the ones Christ calls us to in his command in Luke 14:23 to "Go out into the highways and hedges and to compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." It is tough work in a difficult place, but it is the Lord's command.

God bless each and every one of you who has supported the work over the years. God bless those who have made sacrifices so that others may hear of the Gospel of Christ. This is how God's work goes forward. It is the offering from Philippi so that Paul and Silas could bring the gospel forward to Berea and Corinth. It is the sending Church Antioch that reached new areas with the Gospel. It is you who pray and give that the Gospel may go forward by our hands to reach the Cambodian people with the Gospel of Christ

In Christ's Service to the Cambodian People,

Glenn and Saveun Colley

