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Called to Cambodia

Stories of the adventures of Jeff Henneforth as he responds to God's call to live among, serve, and love the people of Cambodia.



The Joyride

We are really excited to share about something new that's just starting to happen. We just bought a new tuk tuk – or as I call it, a tuk truck because it is a lot bigger than tuk tuks you might be familiar with. It's basically half motorcycle, half truck. It's got bench seats along the sides in the back and my guess is that it would easily hold ten normal size Americans with five on each side, which equates to 20 to 30 Cambodians as they are not as wide nor as shy. We got it so that we can start bringing people to church who might not be able to come otherwise. We already have one group of kids who come occasionally, but they have to walk about a half mile to get here. And with the rainy season upon us, they have not been coming as much. We are really looking forward to starting this new opportunity, but the only hang-up right now is finding a reliable driver. I have no doubt that the Lord will lead us to the right person, but we have not found them yet. We are also looking at some additional ways of using the tuk truck. One thing we'll be starting soon is a youth night where we start by providing dinner, then have a time of playing games together, followed by worship and a short message. And I'm stoked about it because my Khmer assistant Vuthea is going to be leading the whole thing, including the teaching. I am so happy to see him develop and have a chance to serve the Lord in this new way. And the tuk truck will be one more way we can bring the kids to the youth service and bring them home as well. I'm planning on getting some stickers made for the tuk truck both in Khmer and English – we'll be calling it The Joyride.



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Making Better Videos

I've been working with my friend Chean who is also a pastor here in Poipet, and we've been posting videos on YouTube to help Cambodians understand the Bible and answer the kinds of questions that Cambodians ask about Jesus, the Bible and the Christian faith. And those questions can be very different than the kind we ask in the West. So far, we've posted over 20 videos. And I've been learning a lot. And the more I learn about working with video, the more I began to see some issues with the quality of what we've been putting out. But because I'm on my own here, I really did not know how to improve. But a huge blessing just happened. My friend Albert Salvato came to Thailand in May on a business trip. And Al contacted me and said he wanted to come see where I live since he wouldn't be too far



away. Al and I have been friends since we were both in grade school. And Al does video work professionally. And at the end of May, I went to Bangkok, picked Al up and we came back to Poipet together. He was only able to be here for a few days, but having him here was so awesome. Al sat in on one of our video shoots and helped us make some adjustments. Then Al and I spent an afternoon editing the video together, and he helped me fix a few issues that I hadn't been able to find any answers too. And now the videos are looking and sounding so much better. Sometimes the best short term mission trip is just getting one person who can help with a specific issue. I'm so thankful for Al's friendship, how he was willing to add a few days onto a business trip to be able to come see where I live, and his willingness to help us improve as we seek to help Cambodians understand God's Word and follow Jesus.

Trip Home in July

I made an unplanned trip back to California for a short trip at the beginning of May. I received a call from my parents letting me know that my brother-in-law Josh's cancer had metastasized and gone to his brain. The doctors did not have a lot of certainty and said Josh only had a short time left. The family wanted me with them and so I was on a plane three days later flying to the US. I got to see Josh and my sister Denise, and spend time with the family. Thankfully, Josh is still with us and thinking clearly. The Lord has blessed him with the time to see one of his daughters get engaged, another graduate from high school, and be here for his youngest daughter's thirteenth birthday.

I was only there for a short time because it was on such short notice. But I already had a trip planned for July, and I will be in California for the whole month. So if you are in Southern California next month and want to get together, please let me know. I'm looking forward to getting together with as many people as I can. Because I'm so far away, I don't get to connect with people back home as much, so I really appreciate the chances to catch up with everyone.



Prayer Requests

- Pray that the Lord would lead us to the right person to drive our new tuk truck.
- Pray for the church here in Poipet, that we would continue to find new ways to share with people and show them God's love.
- Pray for the videos Chean and I are working on and that they would be a blessing and a help to those here in Cambodia who have questions.
- Pray for Josh, that the Lord would have compassion on him, giving him as much time to be with my sister and their daughters without pain as possible, and if the Lord is willing to heal him completely.

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