

Prayer Letter from John and Ann Turner in Cambodia, March 2011.

Dear All,

What an astonishing month this has been. Ann and I feel we have been on a roller coaster. At times things have been scary but exhilarating as we hit highs and lows. As for us our job is to hold on with unshakable faith trusting in the designer and builder of the ride, Who is our heavenly Father. In this past month we have witnessed God at work in our lives and in the mission here in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

The month started off on a high as David and Esther Allen from Bangor Elim, Northern Ireland joined us to work full time in the mission. They are a terrific couple. They have had to acclimatize in a four short weeks and learn a lot as Ann and plan to head home for six weeks. Please pray for them while they hold the fort.



A great Baptismal Celebration Event with 8 young Khmei Christians passing through the waters.

In an amazing turn of events, David was diagnosed with a very serious medical condition only a week after his arrival but he was wonderfully healed by God in an indisputable, amazing, and documented miracle. (For more of this see David and Esther's blog <http://davyandesther.wordpress.com/2011/03/12/how-great-is-our-god-%E2%80%93-%E2%80%98get-a-cuppa-and-make-yourself-comfy-this-is-a-big-blog%E2%80%99/> They are now both fit and well and are already ministering at the mission. We give God the Glory for this miracle.

Another high was a wonderful Baptismal Service on the 20th where 8 young Khmei Christians followed our Lord Jesus through the waters of baptism. It was a fantastic blessing and witness and a great day.

An extremely low point on the roller coaster ride was when we were again and finally unsuccessful in securing visas for three very close Khmei friends whom we wanted to give the holiday of a lifetime in our home country of Northern Ireland. They are very special to us and we were excited about the trip but they were turned down in their application for visas with only a week to go to travel and all tickets bought. It was extremely disappointing and upsetting for us. However, our heavenly Father has a purpose in this and our trust in Him is unshakable. We know He knows what is best for us.

At this particularly low point on the roller coaster ride we found it a challenge to minister that evening at the English from the Bible class but we did and 9 students gave their lives to Jesus. What a Saviour we serve. On the following Saturday we were due to launch our new Bible for Beginners class with David and Esther guiding the already half a dozen or so new Christians from the previous 5 weeks and here were another nine new converts. A great start for all concerned.

Then the four of us had a frightening experience when a thief on a motor cycle grabbed Ann's handbag as we



This music class at Elim is flourishing as are so many ministry's at the centre.

travelled along in our tuctuc. I could have told the would-be thief that he was making a big mistake as he tried to come between an Irish woman and her handbag. There was no way Ann was parting with hers. The poor thief not only found it impossible to break Ann's grip but she was almost pulled him off his motorbike. He sped away empty handed and being pursued by our unwieldy tuctuc but also a police officer on a motorbike. It was a frightening experience for us all but especially poor Ann and the thief! We give God the glory for his hand of protection upon Ann who had only a few bruises from the incident.

As we write this we are looking forward to the visit of Chris Jones who is Elim's International Missions Director, Head of Elim's overseas ministries and Andy Taylor who the Regional Missions Director for our area. We have asked if Chris would honour us by officially opening our new Elim Church Centre and we are pleased he has agreed. Pray they have a good visit and that they will sense God in the work here.

What a month! What a great God we serve!

Lots to pray for.

Please pray for the new converts. Pray for protection and their growth.

Pray for David and Esther as they settle in along with taking the strain of leading the mission for six weeks.

Pray for the staff and children at the Day Care Centre and all the hundreds of English, computer and music students who come into the centre each week. Please pray for God to move wonderfully in the lives and that many will become Christians.

Please pray for the two churches that God will use them for His glory.

Pray for Ann's medical ministry. It can be so harrowing.

And finally, please pray for Ann as we go home for her to have a small but necessary operation on her neck. Pray for healing and a rapid recovery.

Pray that we will have a good rest and get restored and revitalised for God's work.

Blessings

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We now have almost 40 children in the day care centre.

