

Prayer/News Letter from John and Ann Turner in Cambodia, April 2011.

Hoping you had a good Easter everyone! We hope you enjoyed the holiday.

In our March prayer letter we said we were awaiting the visit of Chris Jones who is Elim's International Missions Director, and Andy Taylor who is the Regional Missions Director for our area. We asked for prayer that they would have a good visit and I'm pleased to report they seem they had a great stopover in Phnom Penh. They were clearly impressed with what they saw in the mission and with the apparent breadth and depth of the work at the centre. All credit and glory to God! Without His blessings there would be little we could show.

As you know Ann and I are off the mission field for around six weeks. We are in Northern Ireland until the middle of May so that Ann can get some necessary surgery. There has been a problem with the calcium levels in her blood. The surgery is to remove some of the parathyroid glands in her neck. She had the operation on the 8th April and the operation seems to have been successful in that her blood calcium levels have changed for the better. It will take a few weeks for things to settle down but her surgeon seems happy. However, this was major surgery and Ann has not been without pain since the operation. Please pray



Chris Jones officially opens our new Elim Church Centre.

- That the operation outcome is a complete success.
- That she heals and the neck scar is inconspicuous.
- That she recovers well and the pain subsides.
- That the hoarseness of her voice reduces soon.

In the meantime the work in Cambodia in the Elim Mission, is continuing. David and Esther Allen have been looking after the day to day running of the Church Centre for a few weeks now and from all accounts they are doing a good job. Please pray that they have an easy remaining few weeks, without any major problems.



Ann's team of girls who run the Daycare Centre

Phnom Penh has been enjoying a national holiday - the Khmer New Year. Cambodia observes Khmer New Year in April each year. It is one of the country's most important cultural festivities and is a time for families to get together.

During the celebrations, families bring food, cash and gifts to offer to Buddhist monks in pagodas in order to dedicate prayers to their ancestors and wish for longevity, good luck, happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Also, the New Year celebration is the time for young girls and boys to gather and enjoy playing a variety of traditional games, dancing and singing in vicinity of pagodas throughout the country. Fireworks and concerts on the last night, round of the festivities.

On the negative side, road accidents killed 58 Cambodian people this year and a further 484 were injured during the celebrations, according to a report from the Ministry of Interior's Public Order Department.



Traffic is so dangerous in Cambodia. Slow speeds in the city reduces the numbers of deaths and serious injuries

During the holiday period, Phnom Penh closes down as many of the inhabitants visit their country home villages. We Skype back to Phnom Penh often and I am pleased to report that all our staff have returned to work safe and sound. However, Sokhom our deputy supervisor did fall off a motor bike taxi but it seems she has only a few minor bruises, Thank God!

During the holiday, all the ministries close down in the Elim Centre. Things will slowly return to normal although the Daycare Centre resumed at 7.15am sharp on Monday morning. The International Church continued. It's congregation is made up of missionaries, teachers and Christian NGO (Non Governmental Organisation) workers from Australia, New Zealand, America, Korea, Nigeria, England, Scotland and of course, Northern Ireland. It's an important aspect of Phnom Penh Elim's work and David has a big job here. He'll be first there on Sunday morning and last to leave and is responsible for everything in between. Please pray for him and his wife Esther as they look after things there. Pray for wisdom and the blessings of God as they oversee the churches and the centre for these weeks.



Visiting Pastor David Hamilton, from our home church in Belfast, preaching in the International Church.

Also please pray:-

1. For our new converts and David and Esther's new Bible for Beginners class.
2. For Gods hand upon them as they try to guide these new Christians.
3. God the Holy Spirit will guide, and direct and make clear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ for these new Christians.
4. Protection and their growth.
5. The staff and children at the Day Care Centre.
6. Please pray for the two churches that God will use them for His glory.
7. Pray for David's football ministry that he may be able to reach young men with the gospel.
8. Pray for Esther as she carries on with the medical ministry.



Naptime in the baby section of the Daycare Centre.

Thank you and may God bless you.

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