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Hello,

Here we are already at the end of February. So, 2024 is no longer a new year! Even so, we trust that you have had an encouraging start and that this may be a good year for you and yours. As with John, *“I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul”* (3 John 2).

The year has found us (Rosann and me) making a number of trips to doctors’ offices. As we reported last summer, Rosann had a rough run with Shingles on the left side of her head and face in July; of course, Shingles does a “thing” on the whole body. That seemed to trigger several “sleepers” that came out and began to do their “thing” as well: C.O.P.D., iron deficiency, oxygen deficiency, thyroid difficulties. She has been undergoing a series of iron infusions, and they have helped considerably. We are looking forward to her being much more “at it” in the weeks ahead. I am happy to give a good report on my part.

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NATIONS UNIVERSITY

Nations University provides a means for an in-depth study of the Scriptures for individuals in so many different areas of the world. Despite the waning interest in biblical Christianity in our own country, we are happy to report that not all is lost or is “going down.” There are still individuals who are seriously interested in the Bible and its teachings, and that interest is a real encouragement to those of us working in NU. We continue to be encouraged by the promise in Isaiah: *“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the*

earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall my word that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I send it.” (Isaiah 55:10-11)



Below is an excerpt from an essay received recently from a Nations University student relative to the enduring value and power of the Word. This response encourages us onward:

“The biblical perspective on the authority of the Bible is deeply rooted in the belief that the Bible is not just any book, but rather the inspired word of God. From the very beginning, the Bible presents itself as a source of divine revelation, containing the teachings and instructions that God has given to humanity. This belief is reflected in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, which states that ‘All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work’ (New International Version).

“This belief in the Bible as the inspired word of God is fundamental to Christianity and has been central to the faith since its inception. The Bible is viewed as a complete and comprehensive guide to faith and practice, providing believers with everything they need to know in order to live a godly life. Its teachings are seen as absolute truth, not subject to human opinion.”

Yes, indeed: *“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever! (Is. 40:8)*

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CAMBODIA CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Cambodia Bible School

A continuing work in Cambodia Christian Ministries is Cambodia Bible School, designed to prepare preachers and teachers for the ongoing of the work of the Lord in that country. Students are enrolled in the study of the Word – for their own personal growth, as well as preparing to establish and equip churches. First and foremost in the curriculum is the study of the biblical text, which has been the task of several brothers in the States. Thanks to the development of the internet, this can be done by Zoom.

At the present, there are nineteen enrolled in Cambodia Bible School: Reng, David, Sear, Sokha, Sakim, Srey Nit, Rin, Vanny, Usa, Kunthea, Srey Lon, Chek, Rea, Matt, Chang, Run, Leng, Ron, and Sokny. It is my privilege and joy to be studying Romans with them two days each week.

Cambodia Bible School is looking to the future. In that future look, a major goal is to encourage some of the present students to enroll in Nations University when they have completed their present studies at C.B.S. That is being planned with the view to preparing them further that they might be the future in teaching in Cambodia Bible School and in leading further in the establishing and equipping of congregations across the country. (Since Nations University is an online school, no one will have to “go somewhere else” for that work. It can be done in one’s own residence.)

One of the major events scheduled by the School is the leadership seminar. Several of these are arranged each year. Connection is made with house church leaders in an area for a three- or four-day concentrated study such as a biblical document or a particular topic. This continues to open doors for the wider teaching of the word – for both establishing and equipping the house churches.

Cambodia Medical Mission

For the past ten years or so an annual Medical Mission in January has been conducted by the brethren in Cambodia. This year the mission was conducted January 18-30, interspersed with leadership seminars for house church leaders in the different areas.

This effort was effective in so many ways. The personnel in the effort included doctors, dentists, nurses, nurses’ aides, and “go-fers.” First, over 9,000 persons were tended with medical attention, some with more than one medical procedure (making the total procedures to be 12,600).



Further, in conjunction with the daily medical service, the Scriptures were being taught to an average of 150 per day by Mark Banks, Mike Meierhofer, and Sohom Hun.

New territories were entered by means of the mission this year. A “first” (in so many ways) was a medical mission conducted on a military base. The base commander gave Sokhom permission to use the military site for the mission in that area. That permission included both the medical services and the teaching of the Scriptures!



Entrance to Army Base

A second “new” was carrying the medical mission to an area near the Thailand border. That area was especially affected in the past by the infamous Pol Pot army that had left deadly bomb traps and mines in the countryside. One tragic result of that is the large number now living in the area who are missing limbs – arms/legs. Yet, there was a positive response to the effort: twelve were baptized in that area.



As a result of this year’s Medical Missions Seminar there were 57 baptisms.

My personal response can only be, “*Praise the Lord!*”

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Rosann and I are very grateful to you for your fellowship and encouragement in this work. We are optimistic about both Nations University and Cambodia Bible School – believing that *the best is yet to be*. Please remember these two works as you pray. Pray for “good and honest hearts” who will receive the word and turn to the Lord for salvation.



Shalom!
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