

Barrett's News

Serving in Phnom Penh, Cambodia



New Position at Logos

"Less vacation and more responsibility? Where do I sign up?" :) In March I accepted the secondary principal position at Logos International School with some reluctance and excitement.

Reluctance because organizational leadership is always something I'm a bit timid to accept. More reluctance because I LOVE classroom teaching and school counseling. Fortunately, I am going to get to continue to teach my senior philosophy and Christian apologetics class. However, there is some real excitement because as a teacher who's been in the community for more than a decade, I'm looking forward to moving the school towards some positive changes, working hard to keep the school biblically based and Christ-centered, and happy to support and develop the teaching staff who have done so much to support and develop me. Please pray that I will function as a true servant-leader in this new role.



Christian education and the gospel to Cambodia. During this pandemic season, I'm reminded of how integral Christian education is to delivering the gospel of Christ to a nation like Cambodia. Right now as I write this, local churches are closed, small groups not allowed to meet, and many local pastors struggle to secure the resources for alternative services, etc. Yet, as a school currently conducting classes via Zoom, we continue to have access into the homes, minds, and hearts of our students who are more hungry now than ever for connection, assurance, direction, and truth. Each week, in between classes and per email requests to meet, I find myself having more and more conversations with students about life direction, isolation, and where their beliefs fit in it all. There is a strong atmosphere of seeking and I am very encouraged as it seems there is a real drawing towards Christ (John 6:44).

Thank you so much for all your support!

Cambodia Lockdown

Wow what a crazy year it has been! A year filled with uncertainties and constant changes. And while this year at times has been stressful as we learn to adapt to these changes, we are so glad to rely on a God that never changes! Cambodia has been very cautious in its approach to covid-19. Last March Cambodia, shut schools, entertainment places, and closed its borders for months. They slowly opened their borders with a mandatory 2-week quarantine. Which kept their numbers down for a long time. Eventually, schools were opened again and then closed when covid-19 increased. Feb. 20th started our first big spread of Covid. Everyone was encouraged to stay home. Apr 14th started a mandatory lockdown, with everyone only being able to leave their house to grocery shop a couple of times a week. We are doing ok. We are a little antsy of being stuck at home, but we are very thankful to have a safe roof over our heads, food to eat, clean water to drink, a secure job, and faithful supporters. For many Cambodians, it has been a very rough year! Most live below the poverty line and have to work for their daily food. These shutdowns have been very difficult with people not being able to go to work to make money to buy food, and pay for rent. Cambodians typically shop at the local markets twice a day. So to be only allowed to shop a couple of times a week is very difficult. And while grocery stores have been able to stay in stock, many of the local markets have been closed because many of the sellers have tested positive for covid. The few remaining markets have sold out of most of their produce. The government is passing out some dry goods. But many families are going without. Would you pray for Cambodia? Pray that these shutdowns would not last long. Pray that NGO's, ministries and churches, would be able to get food to those who need it. Pray that the government would have wisdom as they deal with Covid-19. And would you also pray for the missionaries here? We have had many friends leave Cambodia this year. With so much of life switching to online, it has made people feel very isolated, and the constant changes and uncertainties have made life stressful for many.

Lockdown is not the same for everyone



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