



Winter's in Cambodia

To Know God, and to Make Him Known

Covid in Cambodia

So we wanted to give a little update with what has and is happening in Cambodia during the last 10 weeks, how we are doing and what we see for the future. The last four months have been quite the whirlwind, especially the last ten weeks. Like almost everyone around the world we have been confined mostly to our home. I have kept up to date what has/is happening in the US and it continues to blow my mind. To see the hate and division amongst people is really disheartening. We are constantly praying for peace and especially for our families during this time which we don't even know when we will be able to see again. We had to cancel our trip to Germany in June and honestly do not know when we can reschedule. This creates a domino effect with our trip to America next year which effects plans for support updating/raising. The one thing we do know is that above all God is good! Personally as I have embraced the nature and character of God I have been able to make the most of this time at home. As much as I want to get back to work I will be sad for the huge amount of time I have had with my wife and kids. It has been so incredibly sweet to be apart of their lives during this pandemic. I feel incredibly connected to my kids now much more than before all this started. I am constantly reminded how God is working for our good at all times. He did not cause/start

this pandemic but He certainly is putting the peaces back together in really awesome ways. The more I understand this the more ready I am to take on the bigger things He has for us.

As far as what is happening in Cambodia it is really hard to say. They have reported 127 cases of the virus and no new cases in over 30 days. From the outside looking in you would think Cambodia has been spared and has handled this crisis extremely well. Economically however the country is taking a huge hit. Massive amounts of people are out of work. The garment industry is a huge industry in Cambodia and because there is no demand most workers are laid off. The tourism industry brings in billions of dollars every year and is at a stand still. Angkor Wat was receiving 6,000-9,000 visitors a day last year at this time and now is averaging 20. This trickle down effect has been devastating. A lot of the poorer people are not just struggling financially but are struggling to put food on the table. The YWAM base were apart of was able to raise over \$20,000 to help feed people in the villages surrounding Battambang. A bunch of the Cambodian staff have been able to deliver food and the good news which is really encouraging. Things have started to finally open up and we are looking forward to a little more normalcy. The government has closed schools till November though which majorly effects our base which is primarily a training base. Because no schools can run the base can only do so much. However this doesn't effect me too much as I can plug back into the cafe business/ministry.



Left Picture: Kyle and Anna (Anna is the owner of Cafe Eden). **Right Picture:** Preparing the cafe to reopen.



Please pray that we will be able to find a new normal to life post covid. Our kids have been inside for 3 months so we pray that they will be at peace as we transition. Pray that we would grow closer to God during this time. We believe God is bringing us some possible direction for the future. I am convinced there is an opportunity for a business that can be based on helping Cambodians

post-quarantine. The country is financially in trouble and the already poor are in dire situations. I believe through business we can provide hope and opportunity. This seems to be the time as we move forward in Gods plan for us in Cambodia.

Finally pray for my wife as she will be primarily at home with 3 kids 5 and under until November. They will not be able to go to school until November which means Mama will have to be there teacher. She loves it but it also can be really tough as well.

We want to thank you guys for standing with us. Your love and support is making a difference and we can see God moving here in Battambang. We love and appreciate each and everyone of you and we pray that God blesses you in this new season.

Kyle and Family



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