

Medical DTS 2014

Team Cambodia

Week 7: Eyes On the Prize

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9)”



This week flew by in a flurry of travelling, village-hopping, guest houses, driving in the big yellow bus, lots of rice, and a whole lot of beautiful Cambodians to love and

serve. For some of our team, it was an incredible week of surprises from the Lord, seeing silk worms and having incredible adventures working with the Message Parlour in the red light district of Phnom Penh, reaching out to those affected by prostitution.

(Above: Kids in Preah Vihear pose in front of another of W's beautiful chalk drawings as they wait for the lice washing station at one of our clinics this week. Left: Alex learns his numbers in Khmer from a friendly little guy named Pinee at our clinic in Kampong Cham.)

Our travels this week took us from Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, first 5 hours northwest to Kampong Thom for a few days, then 3 more hours even farther north to the beautiful city of Preah Vihear. In both places, we were blessed to be able to run clinics in the villages of two students who live and work with Phillip (the Korean missionary mentioned in our previous update, who is hosting us for our final weeks of outreach), meeting the students' families and seeing their home villages. Such a wonderful opportunity!



We then packed up again and travelled to Kampong Cham, the third largest city in Cambodia, and our home for a couple days. The city is situated right along the Mekong River, and with clean and quiet streets, lots of landscaping, and friendly locals, it was a highlight for many of our team members. Within hours of arriving, we joined with Korean missionaries in the area who along with some youth from their church performed some songs, worship, and body worship along the Mekong River. Bless also sang a special song during this time (right).



Thursday we had a much-needed day off to rest and recuperate! Many of us rented bicycles (for \$1 or \$2 a day, depending on where we rented from), and got some exercise biking across the Mekong River on a



bamboo bridge! It was quite the adventure, and while at times a little terrifying and very hot, it was so much fun to be out in the sun enjoying ourselves. (Left: Jenn, Jenny, and Phillip on the bamboo bridge). We also were surprised with a bit of a city tour and enjoyed wifi and shakes at a local café.

We ran two more clinics in the area over the next two days, at local churches before travelling a few hours back to Phnom Penh. Saturday was our 21st clinic while in Cambodia, and was also the day that we surpassed 1,000 patients during our time here! What a blessing to meet and serve and bless so many people here!

Sunday we attended a local church where Casey gave a fabulous devotional (*below*) and some of the other girls on the team performed body worship to “There Is None Like You” (*right*). The community was so welcoming and full of joy! Even though the three-hour service was mostly in Khmer, we were blessed with a few translators and others enjoyed the chance to see how church looks like for some Cambodians.

We used the rest of Sunday to rest, recuperate, and re-charge for the full week ahead. This coming week we will be continuing our travels around Cambodia, first in the Phnom Penh area and then south to Kampot, near the mountains and the beach, and then finishing up with ministry in orphanages.



This coming week will be **our last week of outreach**, and it's amazing to think that we're almost done! It's been an incredible journey.

We're especially thankful this week for safety in travel, for rest and health for team members, for good food, for our Moms (☺), and for excellent places to stay!

Please pray for us this week as we continue to travel; pray for safety on the roads, for rest and physical health for all of us, and for energy and enthusiasm to finish our outreach well. Pray for the connections we have made here, for God to continue to work in these people's lives, for growth and maturity for the Christians we met or those who became new believers, and for hope to continue to rise in Cambodia.

'Til next time, from Cambodia with love!