

Medical DTS 2014 || Team Cambodia

Week 8: The Grand Finale

“... so is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:11)

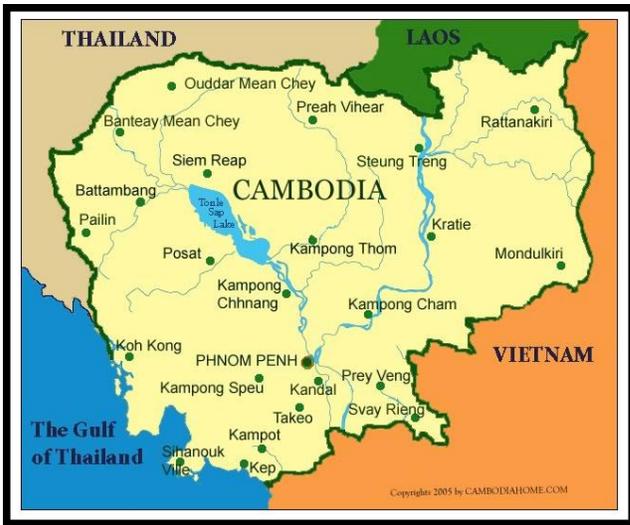
That's right, week eight of outreach in Cambodia has now come and gone! This week was again a flurry of activity as we continued

and finished our ministry with Phillip, the Korean missionary mentioned earlier in our newsletters. This week we all travelled

together with Phillip and several of the medical students he mentors, throughout the Phnom Penh area and all the way south to

Kampot and Kep. (Above: Team Cambodia with Phillip, some of the students he works with, and some of the members of their church on our last Sunday together). (Left: a map of Cambodia with some of the major cities we went to, including Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Kampong Thom, Kampong Cham, and Kampot. See if you can find any of the other places we mentioned in our letters!

We truly feel like we've been all over the country, as you can see!)



Our week saw us first working in two local villages, running medical clinics and children's ministry. **Monday** we visited a church in the midst of a very poor area, where the pastor and his family teach English to neighbouring children, and then **Tuesday** we visited a ministry in an extremely poor area of Phnom Penh, where missionaries have established a free-of-charge school (elementary, junior high, and senior high), as well as a church and local outreach to the area. We ran a clinic in the courtyard of the school and walked through the neighbouring community.

Wednesday (which happened to be our lovely Casey's birthday! ☺), we packed up once again, travelled two hours south to run a clinic in the village of one of the medical students we met at Phillips, where her father is a pastor of a local church. After a clinic and lunch we were off for another

two hour drive south to Kampot, our "home base" for the next few days. We celebrated Casey's birthday with cake and a few gifts... and some traditional Khmer food to make her birthday truly Cambodian!

Thursday was a day off for us, and we spread into several different directions for many adventures! Some visited a local zoo and got to meet tigers and baby bears, some relaxed and caught up on rest, some shopped at the local market, and others visited nearby Bokor Mountain to enjoy fresh mountain air and some beautiful sights. It was a relaxing and joyful day for many, to experience Cambodian culture and recuperate from our busy week.

(→ Eleanor examines a lady's hand in one of our clinics last week)



Friday we drove to a school in the midst of the mountains, jungle,

and durian trees, where missionaries have rarely visited, to offer a clinic to the villagers and provide some health teaching for the children. (← Casey, Kom (medical student and fantastic translator), and Dani teach some of the school children about basic hygiene and health practices). In the afternoon we drove to the beach near Kap for lunch and some time to enjoy the sand, sunshine, and sea.



Saturday we visited an orphanage in Kampot, run by local missionaries, where we visited and played with many children, offered a medical clinic for those children who were ill and some other locals, and offered health teaching as well. We then piled back into our 25-seater van for another long drive north to Phnom Penh.

(→ Priscille's hair washing ministry was an asset to many of our clinics! She always spreads such joy and love to the children she meets.)



Sunday was our final day of official ministry here in Cambodia, beginning with church at Phillip's, where Jenn gave a testimony and some of the ladies on our team again performed body worship to "There Is None Like You." After a final lunch with our friends at the church, we headed to a local orphanage where we again were blessed to meet, sing with, play with, and pray for many adorable children, offer a small health clinic, and teach them about basic health practices and hygiene. (← Between time at the children's ministry station painting faces, blowing balloons, or drawing portraits, Jiwun shows some love to one of the little ones at a clinic early in the week)



And just like that, our two months in Cambodia are coming to a close! It's been wonderful and challenging at the same time, and our team has grown so much individually and as a whole. After a long, full week we arrived at our final Cambodian destination, a hotel where for the final few days of our outreach here we will take some time to debrief what has happened here, taking time to reflect on what God has done in us and through us, how our team has impacted and been impacted, and what is next for us.

We will leave Cambodia the evening of May 21st, then will arrive in Kona the afternoon of May 22nd, after three flights and a 14-hour layover in Seoul, much to the delight of many of our team members! We will spend some time touring Seoul, including taking their infamous subway system, shopping, and seeing some local sights.

Once arrived back in Kona, we will be meeting up again with the rest of our Medical DTS classmates, hearing of their adventures in Iraq and Israel, and continuing to reflect upon our DTS and what we learned over the past 5 months. We will officially graduate from our DTS

on May 27th, then will be off to many corners of the world to continue to live out God's call for our lives.

Please pray for our travels this week, for safety when flying, for connections to be made on time, and for our re-entry process to the United States to go smoothly. Please pray also for our debriefing time, for rich memories to be made, and for our ministry here to continue to bear fruit long after we are gone.

Thank you for your encouragement and prayers for us during our time here! It has meant so much!

For the very last time, from Cambodia with love!

