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Dorm Planting!

*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.
So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything,
but only God who gives the growth
1 corinthians 3:6-7*



Meet Rathana, a new member of our dorm team and the Anglican Church of Cambodia. Rathana lived in one of our student dorms several years ago and discerned a call to full time ministry. For the last two years, Rathana has been in Singapore for theological studies and has recently returned to Cambodia. Rathana will help in the dorms by teaching, helping with student life, and supporting the pastor of the Khmer church. Pray for Rathana as she begins working in ministry under the ACC, our relationship with her, and how to best support her growth as a ministry leader.

We have two exciting dorm updates to share alongside an announcement for our family. Below you will be able to read updates about Rathana (the newest member of our dorm leader team), starting a new dorm for boys in the North of the city, and our families home assignment plans for 2027.

Rathana (Whoever loses his life for the my sake and the Gospel's will save it -Mark 8:35)

At the top of this is a short bio about Rathana and how she came to work in the ACC through the Church's dorm ministry. But here I want to share with you why these dorms are so vital to the Church's work here in Cambodia. Rathana is the only Christian in her entire family. While living in one of the churches dorms, she came to faith and through much discernment with the Khmer pastor decided she wanted to pursue church ministry as a vocation. At the time, Rathana's family was very against this idea for a variety of reasons. Through the support of the dorms and the church, Rathana was able to trust God's call on her heart even though that meant difficulties and possible separation from her family. We learned through Rathana and friends in Singapore studying alongside her that her years studying and being away from Cambodia strained her family relationship and upon her return, she visited her family to reconnect and not allow any of the strain to weigh on them or separate them. Rathana's family are still not Christians, but they are happy that their daughter is back in Cambodia and Rathana is committed to continue building on their relationship and being the light of Christ in her family. Many Cambodians have a similar story! A story that involves potentially losing treasured relationships to family and friends in order to hold fast to Christ. Our dorms offer students not just a place to hear the Gospel, but a community to



We desire to see a generation of Cambodians raised up who love Jesus, follow him daily, and share Christ with other Cambodians in their community

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Prayers

-Please pray for Anthony's final stretch of seminary studies. I will be taking two classes from September-December and one intensive in January. I will also take four exams in October to assess my learning to become a deacon. Please pray for all of my studies, exams, and spiritual formation over these next few months as I seek ordination to the priesthood.

-Continue to pray for Anna and her language lessons. May the foundations being laid today bless our ministry with the dorms and Khmer church in the future.

-There is an opportunity for me to begin teaching English to the Chinese congregation and in the new dorm. Pray for wisdom in what this could look like in the midst of my seminary studies and other obligations.

-Pray for all of our student dorms and

experience the love of Christ in a world or culture that can often be hostile towards following him. Please pray for Rathana and all the students who come through the dorms that the love of Christ would be a tangible part of their time living in the dorms. One that inspires them to live for and follow Christ no matter the cost! And especially for those Cambodians who do lose relationships when following Christ, pray that the LORD would restore even greater relationships to them.

New Boys Dorm Opening in September

One of the biggest goals we and the Dean of Cambodia have had is opening new dorms in the North of the city. The two biggest hurdles we have had are dorm leaders for the new dorm and a location that is safe, affordable, and near the church and university. Pagna and Sarah are staff who have been leading one of the church dorms for over one year. As we have talked about how to plant from a place of inward growth and health, they have caught the vision and became keen to plant the new dorm and start the Khmer congregation in the North. While there is A LOT of background work that has gone into it, within the last month preparations began to start the new dorm with them leading it. Pagna is both a dorm leader and has been working as an associate pastor in the ACC, so he and his wife Sarah are a perfect fit! This past month, I have been searching for a location that could start a boy only dorm and a girl only dorm. My desire was to start two dorms that were gender specific as our other dorms that are co-ed tend to attract more girls than boys. With this in mind, two dorms were desirable, but a boy dorm was the goal so that we can try to identify some young men who might want to become pastors. Sadly, as we hunted for properties, it became clear that two dorms would be extremely challenging. After seeing five different areas, I found one house that seemed promising. As the

the students in them. May they grow as young Christians and may they leave our dorms upon graduation in a better mental, emotional, and spiritual state than when they entered. Pray especially for the young boys who will start in our new dorm in a few weeks! Thankfully we already have seven who might be able to enter in September without even beginning to advertise!

-Pray for our families need in Cambodia and America during our upcoming home assignment. If you are able to give an extra gift to help cover expenses or help us find housing and vehicles, please reach out to us!

-Continue praying for Pagna and his health. Thankfully, his doctor in Thailand prescribed some medication that helps his never pain in his back. Unfortunately, he has started having migraines and it is unclear if this is a side effect of the medication, an underlying condition, or stress. Pray for what it looks like for us to support him as the new dorm begins and a Khmer congregation begins in the near future.

homeowner and I were talking she was surprised that I was not looking for a house for myself, but for students. I was able to explain to her the vision for the dorm and how it was the churches ministry outreach to young poor Cambodians from the province. The landlord was so moved that she REDUCED the rental price so that we could serve Cambodians and give them opportunities to help themselves and their families through higher education and other help from the church. She even said she would like to visit our church! All in all, it was so exciting to see God lead us to a location with a good landlord. Clearly God had this place prepared for us! The plan is to open the dorm and start receiving students on September 1st. Pray for all the preparations for the dorm, the students it will receive, and Pagna and Sarah as they lead the dorm and seek to begin a new Khmer congregation.

Family Update

Our family is coming to the US for home assignment! Many of you know that I have been studying in seminary for the last few years with the hopes of becoming a priest in the Anglican Church who can serve here in Cambodia. In January 2027, I will finish my courses which means it is time to begin my assessments to see if I am prepared for the priesthood. To this end our family will be returning to the US for a six month home assignment from January-June 2027. There are a lot of preparations that have to take place from now until we arrive and we need a lot of prayer for all the logistics that need taking care of both in Cambodia and for our time in the US. In particular, we are looking for a family who can sublet our house in Cambodia and take care of expenses like rent and utilities so that we don't have to stress about paying for expenses in two countries. We also need provisions like a house in South Carolina, two vehicles (one for Anna and the kids and one for me) for

our duration in the US, and some extra funds to help cover the higher cost of living in the US. Please pray for us and all these things that we need covered. If you are able to help or know someone who might be able to help with any of these needs in the US, please reach out to us! It is only through the faithful support of you that we are able to do any of this work that God has called us to and we are grateful for you!



Some pictures from the last few months:

- Our family trip to Siem Reap where Anna was asked to photograph a wedding
 - Teaching our friends how to make pizza
 - Bethel in her new glasses
 - Sarah and Mey Mey leading worship at our house for one of the dorms
 - Me teaching an icebreaker game at one of our student dorms
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