

CALL TO Prayer

AUGUST 2017

Pray for the Church in Cambodia

ADAPTED FROM A REPORT BY DAVID MANFRED, AN ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL WORKER SERVING IN CAMBODIA

“I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds” (John 12:24).

We ask for your prayers for the gospel’s continued advance in Cambodia. The church there is experiencing some very real attacks, particularly against key younger leaders. There is an intensity to these onslaughts that we have not seen before.



June 18 was the installation service for Nguon Chamroeun, who was to lead the “next generation” church in Phnom Penh. The next day, he drowned at a waterfall. One of his friends was there. He said that although no one else was around, it appeared like Chamroeun was pushed.

On June 24, a leader from one of our churches in the north was walking his cattle home in the evening and was bitten and killed by a snake.

The following day, Tum, one of our Bible school graduates in northeastern Cambodia, was in a serious motorcycle accident. He was unconscious for two days, and his leg was badly broken. Tum is a solid, compassionate follower of Christ. Pray for his complete healing.

This is a season of attack. Yet in the midst of it, we also sense that the Lord is at work, and we have seen many touches of His grace. Although Chamroeun’s body was in the water for more than 20

hours, because it was cool, he looked like the same man we knew and loved. His mother was so thankful to see her son before the ravages of death had disfigured him.

Over the course of three days, hundreds of people attended five different services to celebrate Chamroeun’s life. Many shared testimonies of how he had impacted their lives.

During the first service, 14 young people answered the call to take up his unfinished work. One of them was his fiancé.

Chamroeun had a deep love for Christ and for God’s Word, was gifted in discipling university students, and had an excellent mind—he was one of the finest followers of Christ I have ever known. Please pray that God will raise up hundreds more to take his place. Also, pray for God’s comfort for Chamroeun’s family, fiancé, and friends.

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Boldness Grows Through Answered Prayer

BASED ON AN INTERVIEW WITH LISA, A COMPASSION AND MERCY ASSOCIATES (CAMA) WORKER IN KOSOVO

As the landlords of a church, Flora and her husband were exposed to the gospel many times. Flora was discipled by Di, an occupational therapist at the AGAPE center, an occupational therapy and counseling center in Kosovo operated by CAMA. Flora started following Christ, but she wanted to keep it a secret.

Not long after Di hired Flora as a janitor at the AGAPE center, Lisa, a counselor there, invited Flora to a women's Bible study. Flora came every time, always asking for prayer.

Each week she excitedly told everyone in the study how God was answering her prayers. Lisa said, "It was like she had a present and couldn't wait to share it." Once the group prayed that her family would be provided with wood; that week there was a sale that allowed them to buy just enough to endure the winter.

As Flora heard more about Christ's love for her, she grew in boldness and began telling her family about Him. Her husband has since come to faith.

Pray that Flora's sons, who show interest in Christianity, will surrender to Jesus. Pray also that Flora's influence in her community will continue to grow.

Bethany House Brings "Holy Fire" to Spain

BASED ON REPORTS BY RAYMOND AND MARY EBBETT, TEAM LEADERSHIP COUPLE

We rejoice for the spiritual fervor we are beginning to see among students at our Bethany Summer School of Discipleship and Missions in Alicante, Spain! This intensive, month-long emphasis on discipleship, prayer, and missions has been rescuing and discipling young people at risk from the influences of postmodern culture and the absence of biblical community in Western Europe.

This year the summer school has expanded to include two programs: one in English, July 23–August 5, and another in Spanish, August 10–31. As you intercede for this key project, you can help bring "holy fire" to the next generation of leaders across Spain and Western Europe. Pray for divine protection over the students, professors, and other staff; that the professors will minister in the Holy Spirit's power; and for lasting transformation in the students' lives.

Pray also for funds to purchase the empty lot next to the Bethany House facilities. The owners have offered the property at a discount because of Bethany House's ministry to young people. This land would enable considerable expansion of this strategic leadership training program.

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