

CALL TO PRAYER

SEPTEMBER 2021



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It is a very different life down below. Ambulances regularly come clanging down the street. Hospitals are full, schools are closed, jobs have been lost. There are no little tables outside the homes of the people whose rooms we could peer into from our hotel room. There is struggle and fear. Oh, how we longed to leave this easy place to bring the hope that is within us to those whom we have come to love so very much.

We are now back in Phnom Penh with our teammates figuring out who needs help most and what we can do to bring it to them. Several initiatives are just getting started—a tuberculosis program that will serve an unreached people group, a clinic for nursing students, and a sustainable living center to help families live in ways that are healthy physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Please pray for wisdom in implementing these projects and for our team as we continue to work on “finishing the unfinished.”

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Pray for potable water services and minimum alternative power to continue. Ask God to guide political leaders to form an effective government and salvage what can be saved. Pray for church leaders, pastors, and elders and that believers will seize the moment to share the hope they have in Christ. Ask the Lord to fill them with supernatural joy and peace so they will not worry about the future as those around them do. Pray that their peace will be noticeable to many, for the safety of those who support the needy in the churches, and for protection of food stores and businesses.

| adapted from a report by the Alliance World Fellowship



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Thana lives in a one-room house with her son's family. They depend on selling fish, but because of lockdowns their livelihood was taken away. Just when Thana was beginning to ration her meals in half, a local church brought food to her home and listened to her story. CAMA also helped a young mother, Letchmy, whose four daughters attend a church-run kids' club. When she received a food packet through this church, the entire family cried in gratitude. No one had come to help them, and they had no way to earn an income. "We pray this family will come close to Jesus," the pastor wrote.

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