

John 15... "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener... Remain in me, and I will remain in you... No branch can bear fruit



# The Welch's Grapevine

For The Glory of GOD!



Greetings from Lubbock, Texas. *It is good for us to be here (Mark 9:5).*

Dearest Family & Friends,

Update, March, 2007

We miss each of you dearly and long to see you again very soon. We pray all is well with you and your loved ones. May our Lord's mercy, peace, joy, and love be yours together with ever increasing faith! We praise God for you and how you have been a blessing to us in our lives.

Our time here at Sunset is passing-by so quickly. It's hard to believe we will soon be completing the first half of our two year program. We completed some great course this past term and are grateful for the abundant blessings we enjoyed as we studied the Sermon on the Mount, the early church, and the mission of spreading the "Good News".

We are so excited to share with you some important developments regarding our Cambodia efforts. We have classmates at Sunset, Brad and Siriporn Beckett who have decided to team up with us. Their main focus will be church planting; Dennis will be teaching at the Cambodia Bible Institute (CBI); and Sharon will be serving physical needs. We hope to add at least one more couple to the team in the near future. Praise God for His faithfulness in answering prayers.

We have arranged to spend June 5th through July 5th in Cambodia doing a special outreach mission for the congregation in Phnom Penh with the help of the students at CBI. While there, we also plan to do more survey work. Our new teammates (and maybe some other classmates) will be joining us on this trip. Recently, during chapel, Dennis had the opportunity to make a presentation about Cambodia and this summer outreach. There were about a half-dozen students interested in joining us. As evidence of the growing Cambodia work, the Mission Resource Network (Bedford, Texas) has organized the first Cambodian Summit scheduled for April 14th and 15th in Dallas/Fort Worth where individuals will gather to work towards their common goals and towards building unity.

We have other news to share with you besides our Cambodia mission. We just returned from a mission trip to Porter, Texas. SIBI was invited to help this congregation in their efforts to share the "Good News" about Jesus in their local community. We are prayerful the Lord will give increase to the many seeds planted.

In July we will participate with the Sunset congregation in a mission campaign to Anahuac, Chihuahua, Mexico to serve at the [Casa de la Esperanza coC Children's Home](#). Several families will travel to the heart of Mexico to serve these orphans and bring them Jesus.

As you may see, we have a busy summer planned. After spending some time with Dennis' mother in Indy, we will be joining our church family from Keller, Texas at their Family Retreat in Winter Park, Colorado, just before our second year at SIBI begins.

First, we must get through this term. We have another great round of classes lined-up. Additionally, Sharon will take some more medical training. We look forward to serving in Cambodia and are so grateful we are being equipped with such wonderful instruction. We covet your prayers specifically praying for our work as we honor and glorify God. May the Lord bless each of you richly.

Your servants, Christ's humble slaves,

Dennis & Sharon Welch

and it will be given you... This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit... As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.\*

by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me... I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will

bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing... If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish,