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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, April & May, 2007

The last couple of months have come and gone so quickly, much as every other month does. We pray that all is well with each of you physically and spiritually. May our Lord pour His favorite blessings on you richly as you honor, glorify and rejoice in Him. We thank God for you and are so grateful for the blessings you are in our lives.

Our Father continues to bless us and give many opportunities. The last few weeks of school were an extremely busy time with many celebrations to enjoy. These included a lady's Salad Supper, a graduation banquet and the graduation ceremony for the 2007 Sunset International Bible Institute graduating class. In the spirit of Christian love, it was a privilege to serve our brothers and sisters during these events. All the while, we were hard at it striving to finish assignments and preparing for final exams. So now...we are elated to share with you...it is finished!!! One year down; one to go. We are truly amazed at the way our time here is flying by. We once again have been blessed with great courses this past term like 1 Corinthians, Church History, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Philippians, Biblical Theology of Missions, and The Epistles of John. Dennis' preaching lab this term was Evangelistic Preaching.



Sharon claims he is becoming quite the preacher! He eagerly looks forward to sharing his training at the Cambodia Bible Institute (CBI) in Phnom Penh.

We joined an exciting event on April 14th as the Saturn Road congregation helped Mission Resource Network (MRN) host the first Cambodia Summit forum. We all had a great time sharing in the glory of the Lord as we discussed the works in Cambodia. We talked of all we had learned the Lord is doing to transform the kingdom of Cambodia into the Kingdom of God. When we diagramed it out, we saw the hand of God busy all over Cambodia; making disciples, humanitarian efforts, church plants, leadership training to make more disciples all happening in many places. Everyone was encouraged and enlightened as we bonded together in love and unity. The day was like church camp in that we soared to spiritual heights. We surely serve a mighty God!



We have been spending more and more time with our new teammates, Brad and Siriporn, and what a blessing they have been to us. The four of us are so excited about serving in Cambodia this summer. Dennis and Brad have been working together to develop the lessons they were asked to teach to the CBI students and to some village congregations. Please pray that God is glorified and for the success of the instruction.

Now that school is out we are preparing for the summer activities. Prior to our trip to Cambodia (June 5th - July 5th) we will be blessed with some quality time with family and friends. After we return from Cambodia and another weekend in DFW, we will participate with the Sunset congregation in a mission trip to Anahuac, Chihuahua, Mexico to serve at the Casa de la Esperanza coC Children's Home. We will then travel to Arkansas to see Sharon's sister, Indiana to see Momma Welch and then completing the summer travels in Colorado for the Keller coC family retreat.



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You may remember the door knocking campaign we participated in at Porter, Texas. We rejoice with the angels in heaven as we share the news that three individuals from this campaign were baptized (Duane, Wendy and Dena). Please keep them in your prayers as they began their new spiritual walk.

We continue to miss you all and long to see you again soon. Please pray for our work, that we remain on course with God's will and that we are a blessing to everyone we encounter. **May you be blessed by the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 115:15**

Your servants, Christ's humble slaves,

Dennis & Sharon Welch

Here are a few facts on Cambodia

BUDDHISM: Over 90 % of Khmer would call themselves Buddhist. They do not have the peace to know they have a loving Creator God, but simply hope to eventually reach the state of mindless Nirvana. If they do not reach Nirvana, they believe they will be reincarnated and continue to suffer in this life.

APRIL 14-16: A three day celebration of the KHMER NEW YEAR. During this time almost all commerce stops. All the big cities are suddenly depleted as all urban dwellers return to the villages in the provinces where they are originally from to celebrate with family and friends.

"Jum-ree-ahb soo-ah"

When greeting someone "hello" in Khmer (the language we will be learning in the near future), it is essential to greet with the hands (folding them as if praying) and nodding the head. It is considered very rude to say the greeting and not to use the hands. Furthermore, one never says the person's name when saying hello in this manner.

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