



# Jason & Leigha Carpenter Missionaries to Cambodia

Dear Praying Friends,

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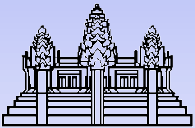
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Recently, we have been researching areas of most need here in Cambodia. Although there is a lot going on in the name of Christ in the country, there are some areas of Cambodia that are still relatively untouched. One of those areas is the recently-created province of Tboung Khmum. According to the provincial office of the ministry of religion, there are only 13 protestant churches (which would include 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and non-denominational churches) and 3 Baptist churches in a province of over 700,000 people. And of those churches, many are barely functioning with only a few people attending. According to my best estimate, in this province fewer than 0.06% of the population are genuine Christians.

My wife and I made an initial investigatory trip last month, and we are planning on making another several-day trip to the region starting October 27. We have already identified the major population centers of the province on our initial trip, so now our plan is to investigate those areas more specifically to see if the Lord would direct us to one of them as our future place of ministry. **Please pray with us for wisdom and clear direction.**

As I have continued teaching Line (the older man whom I have been discipling), it has been very encouraging to watch him mature in his faith and relationship to the Lord. He has been learning to pray and trust the Lord with the various trials that he is facing. Right now, he is in a very challenging living situation, so **please pray that the Lord would give him wisdom in how to appropriately handle the challenge of living at his present location until the Lord opens the way for him to move somewhere else.**

Several of you have asked specifically about Pu Chan, our tuk-tuk driver. Because we have been living in Svay Rieng since June, we have not had nearly as much contact with him as when we lived in Phnom Penh. But we still usually see him at least once a month when we go up to Phnom Penh. **Please continue to pray that God would soften his heart to the Gospel.** Many times, it takes years of consistent testimony and witness before a Khmer Buddhist is willing to seriously consider the Gospel, so we are confident that your prayers and our efforts to build a relationship and witness to him are not in vain.

We are looking forward to our first furlough this coming year from February to the beginning of September. We will be attending the college and seminary graduations of four immediate family members, spending time with family and friends, as well as visiting all of our supporting churches to report on what God has done, and to talk about our plans for the future. We are looking forward to seeing many of you in person in just a few months!

In Christ,  
Jason & Leigha Carpenter