

Seeking Peace - Cambodia

Catherine serves the Khmer people in Cambodia and reflects that like so much of the world, COVID-19 is influencing the rhythms of living, working and being. Siem Reap city, developed on tourism, is all but empty. Restaurants, rice shops, souvenir shops and stalls, and tourist attractions are shut.

In the midst of this, there are also the beginnings of conversation around life, strength, peace and hope that would perhaps not be opening apart from this current season. Recently Catherine sat on the floor talking with a Khmer couple, a Khmer language nurturer, and some of her teammates.

Catherine shares, "The couple asked me and the nurturer if we were followers of Preah Yesu (Jesus). The wife shared memories of having heard about Preah Yesu as a child.

More recently, a family member living away from Cambodia had heard about Preah Yesu and had been sharing with the couple about how He is bringing a depth of peace and rest into their life that they have not experienced before. For this couple, with concern for their teenage children, worry for loss of work, and with many questions of the path forward in this time, there is a deep yearning for such peace and rest.

As we talked together, they asked if we could meet again to continue sharing. They have wondered about asking us before of Preah Yesu, but have often found themselves too busy or too hurried in our conversations to do so. Yet as they walk this current season as a couple and as parents, their yearning continues to deepen; 'We want to seek and find the way of peace and rest. We want to seek and experience the way that is not the way of endless habit. We want a way that is for freedom.'"

Global Interaction's Prayer Resources

We acknowledge our complete dependence on God, and the movement of His Spirit, for the continuation of this ministry. Incredibly, God invites us to partner with Him in mission and be part of His redemptive plan. Through prayer, we are aligning our hearts with His.

Hotline: A weekly e-newsletter that shares in-depth and up-to-date prayer points and stories from our ministry.

Pray Daily: Mailed and emailed quarterly with topical prayer points to empower ministry.

Just Prayer: A weekend (13 - 15 Nov) for individuals, small groups and churches to pray for the least-reached to hear the message of Jesus in a way that makes sense to them.

Newsletters: Direct updates, stories and prayer points from candidates and cross-cultural workers.

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PRAY DAILY

SEP 2020

Thank you again for your faithful partnership with Global Interaction's ministry through prayer.

World Snippets, found at the end of each month, are short stories of God at work among the people groups our teams serve. You are welcome to use these in your church bulletin.

Page numbers refer to the 2020 Global Interaction Guide.

SEPTEMBER

Pray for the Khmer of Cambodia (pg 21)

- 1 T **Give Thanks:** For the welcoming nature of the Khmer people which helps our cross-cultural workers make connections in their villages.
- 2 W **Khmer People:** That Khmer people would hear about Jesus and exchange their fears for peace and hope.
- 3 T **Provision:** Pray that God will supernaturally provide for the many Khmer who have lost their jobs during the pandemic as they rely on the tourism industry.
- 4 F **Seekers:** Praise God that He is already at work in the lives of the Khmer people. Pray for open hearts ready to explore what it means to follow Jesus.
- 5 S **Believers:** For believers to grow in faith and learn how to follow Jesus whilst remaining connected to their families and culture.
- 6 S **Faith Communities:** That thriving faith communities will be established in the communities the team serves among.

Pray for Global Interaction's Ministry Among the Khmer

- 7 M **Spirit's Leading:** That the Holy Spirit would guide the team in Cambodia as they live among and minister to the Khmer people during this difficult season.
- 8 T **Opportunities:** Pray for the team to be equipped to share the Gospel in a culturally meaningful way.
- 9 W **Faith Sharing:** That the team continues to build connections in the community so that many will hear about Jesus in a way that makes sense to them.
- 10 T **Culture and Language:** Pray that the team would continue to grow in knowledge of the Khmer culture, language and Buddhist worldview so they can share Jesus meaningfully.
- 11 F **Language nurturers:** Pray that as the language nurturers spend time with the cross-cultural workers they will be drawn to Jesus and be hungry to know Him personally.

12 S **Team Dynamics:** For unity and compassion within the team that displays God's servant heart, even whilst they are spread between Australia and Cambodia.

Pray for the Cross-Cultural Team Serving Among the Khmer

- 13 S **Team Leader:** Lift up Luke as he navigates leading the team during the pandemic and that God will give him all the strength, confidence and grace he needs.
- 14 M **Luke and Rachel:** Pray that Luke and Rachel continue to learn language well so they can participate in more conversations about life and faith.
- 15 T ***Isaac, Tahlia and Michaela:** For peace for the children who are missing spending time with their friends now that schools are closed.
- 16 W **Rob and Deb:** Pray for God to be preparing the hearts of their Khmer friends for deeper conversations when they return to Cambodia.
- 17 T **Tristan and Megan:** For opportunities to develop their Khmer culture and language learning whilst away from Cambodia.
- 18 F ***Zechariah and Samuel and Baby Due in 2020:** For God's grace to be upon Zachariah and Samuel as they welcome a sibling into their family.
- 19 S **Andy and Cathie:** Pray for God's leading as they establish connections and build genuine relationships.
- 20 S ***Charlie, Ruby and Hugo:** That the children will thrive in Cambodia.
- 21 M ***Catherine:** Pray for Catherine as she shares the peace of Jesus with her Khmer friends.

22 T **Craig and Kim:** Pray that their Home Assignment will be time of rest and refreshment and that their stories will inspire and challenge their partnership team.

23 W ***Henry, Amaya, Reuben and Elodie:** That their cross-cultural experiences as children will shape them to be mature, empathetic and godly adults.

Pray for the Recruitment of More Team Members

- 24 T **Urgency:** Millions of people across the world have not heard about Jesus. Pray that this truth will cause many believers to take action to share the Gospel to the ends of the earth.
- 25 F **Growth:** Pray for each of the Global Interaction teams to grow in the coming years so that their impact may be multiplied in the least-reached people groups for Jesus.
- 26 S **Partnership:** That each of the candidates for cross-cultural mission will have a strong, faithful support network who will pray for them, invest in their ministry and stay in contact while they are serving.

Pray for Global Interaction's Resources

- 27 S **Engagement:** Pray that Global Interaction resources will equip, inspire and educate Australian Baptists about local and global mission.
- 28 M **Discipleship:** That believers will be stretched in their faith by participating in Global Interaction courses and journeying with State Office teams.
- 29 T **Creativity:** That those creating Global Interaction's resources will be filled with creativity and insight.
- 30 W **Growth:** For God to speak powerfully through digital and print resources, using them to spark conversations and grow hearts for mission.

**Children of the cross-cultural workers prayed for in the previous prayer point.*