

# Cambodia - Sister Ninfa

December 2011

Dear Pastors and Brethren in Christ,

Greetings from our Lord and Saviour who is the Author and the Finisher of our faith! All praises to God for the many opportunities and victories that He has given me not only for myself, but also to my family. As I had said in my mission report dated August 2011, that I would be away for a few days to attend my parents' Golden Wedding Anniversary and indeed God answered my prayers. He allowed me to visit my family for five days last October to attend their wedding anniversary and it was a joy to witness the renewal of their vows. I thank God for His continued blessings on my parents' union that have enabled them to reach their golden wedding anniversary.

The next victory I had come during the Children's Day Camp. I thank God for Sis Kitman and Xin Hui who were with me during that busy week. They were a great help for me during this event. On the first day, we have 32 children ages 7 to 16. The 2nd day we have 39 children but on the 3rd day we have around 52 children. My Khmer teachers introduced Jesus as their Saviour and on the last day of the Camp, 42 children accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour and I thank God for these precious souls. Every day, I prepared lunch for them as a surprise as the children did not know that lunch would be provided, and again, I did a good job as a chef. It was a joy to see them being very attentive during the lessons. I thank God also for the financial support and love offerings that you had sent me. Because of your faithfulness in giving, we can do more for His glory and honour.

The victory knocked on my door again during the Stepping Stones 1st Commencement Exercise & Recognition day on the 23rd of December. It was a joy to see our Shalom brethren who came and witnessed this event. I thank God for the students and their parents for the unceasing support and cooperation given to Stepping Stones. I have two graduates who received their Diploma and these two children are the fruits of Stepping Stones not only in education but also in Spiritual area as well. They are amongst the five who accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior early this year. They are faithfully talking to God not only in the school but also at home. My students' parents are 100% Buddhists and the students told us that their parents or sisters hit them when they saw them praying before meals and bedtime. Just pray for the students' spiritual growth and the softening of their parents' hearts.

And not forgetting the finale, to complete my year 2011, when I visited my home church in Singapore and attended the Church Camp from 12 - 16 December. It was a refreshing joy to reunite with my brothers and sisters in Christ. Thanks for the gifts, love and fellowship during the camp. I was fully recharged!

As the year 2011 is drawing to a close very soon and the year 2012 fast approaching, I will proclaim that "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS " ! "FORGETTING THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEHIND AND REACHING FORTH UNTO THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEFORE".

Because of God's love, Sis Ninfa

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**9<sup>th</sup> of August 2011**

Dear Pastors & Brethren in Christ,

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. .. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge... Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Psalms 46:1-11

I thank God for all He has done to me here in Cambodia. Although, there are a lot of struggles and the enemies are trying hard to hinder me to continue the work here in Cambodia, yet I can lift up my eyes unto the Lord and claim his promise to me saying, "Be still and know that I am God...the Lord of hosts is with you, the God of Jacob is your refuge....." Truly, It is an honor and privilege to serve our Most High God who made the heaven and the earth.

I thank God also for His protection and provision for the past 18 months of serving here in Cambodia. Thank God also for giving me a chance to visit other missionaries here in Cambodia and Vietnam to learn more. I had the privilege of housing and accommodating Pastor & Mrs Kit Jamandron, Pastor & Mrs. Javier Garcia and their 3 kids, Pastor Devira & family. I am really encouraged by the fellowship that we had during their stay. It is an honor to accommodate these people who labor and sacrifice for His cause.

This June, God gave me an opportunity to visit Singapore to attend the church camp. I was able to rekindle my fellowship with the Shalomites during my stay. I thank God for Bro Chris & Sis Samantha Cheong who housed and accommodated me during my stay there. Thanks for the fellowship with the brethren of Shalom. Those who brought me out for lunch and dinner, from the bottom of my heart I say, thank you very much. It was a good fellowship that I do not have here in Cambodia. Only God knows on how deeply you touched my heart and encouraged me by your actions.

Since July, after I came back from Singapore, I was able to teach the children in Takmao. I was frustrated at first because the children could not understand me. It was interpreted by my co-worker (who is the faithful member of Bethany) in the Lord, but I was uncomfortable because I cannot focus on my lesson if there is an interpretation. In the following week, I prepared my lesson in English and asked my assistant to interpret for me in Khmer and I wrote what she said according to how she pronounced it. By God's grace, I did very well and was more comfortable in this manner. Since then, I have done my children class in Takmao without an interpreter, teaching them in Khmer. By this kind of teaching, I was challenged to learn Khmer. If God is willing, I will study the language. I shall wait for God's timing.

I had a friend named Lilet whom I shared the gospel with, and she accepted Christ as her Lord and Saviour. She has been very active since she became a Christian. She was a Roman Catholic and she has a lot of questions about the beliefs. By God's grace, I managed to answer all the questions and gave her the Soul-winner's Handy Guide, as I know it can help her. On the following Sunday, she brought her friend named Sam and Pastor Rainier shared the gospel to him. Lilet allow him

to read the Soul-winner's Handy Guide and both of them testified that it is a good book. Both of them are reading the book and they will discuss together. Because Sam was a teacher in University back in Philippines before, he did a good job of discussing whatever topics were mentioned in the book.

I gave the book, "In Silence I Cry", to Ma'am Irene (a young widow with 3 kids and sister of Janet Jamandron), and she also testified to how the book has helped her to overcome her struggles and the circumstances that come in her life. She is using the book in her Bible Study right now. Actually, she is a dentist here in Cambodia and her husband passed away 2 years ago. We extend our thanks to the church of Shalom and to the author of the books. It is a blessing to have it and to read it.

On 14th of August, I taught the adults and children in Takmao again. Another victory was when the children and the wife of our members made the decision to accept Christ as their Lord and Saviour after the invitation. Again, I am not sure how serious they were when they raised their hands for salvation but I shall let God do His part to convince them and to convict them personally.

This coming end of September, I need to go back to Philippines as I need to attend the golden wedding Anniversary of my parents. I thank God to my parents who brought me up in a Christian way and taught me a lot. I am proud of them to be my parents. If they were not my parents, I am not sure what kind of person I would be. I am not sure if I am what I am right now. Because they are my parents, they are a part of my life. They are also the ones who introduced me to Christ and brought me to church since I was a baby.

This coming December, I am planning to organise a 3-day children camp in my school with the help of Sis Kitman, if God is willing. The target children are all my students and our neighborhood children. Just pray for their salvation as these neighborhood children are mostly street children and have not been introduced to Jesus Christ yet.

### **Thanksgiving:**

1. Thank God for His provision of my VISA
2. Thank God for His answered prayers regarding my desire to reach out to the children and the adults as
3. Thank God for the strength he has given me
4. Thank God for His protection when I travelled
5. Thank God for the good health although I had to travel in the rain at times

### **Prayer Request:**

1. Safety and protection
2. Wisdom to teach
3. Strength
4. Meek and Quiet spirit in order to have a right spirit to response in dealing the circumstances and obstacles in my way.

Please extend my warmest regards to all!

Because of God's love,

Sis Ninfa