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Dear Pastor Wee,

Greetings! Thanks for your patience. Here are some updates on Bro. Siem Bunthol's building program.

1. Land was bought First Quarter of 2009.
2. Fence wall construction and landfill was started and continued as funds were available.
3. Parsonage stage was started on the last 2 weeks of December and ongoing up to this day. Bro. Bunthol is leading most of the work with two skilled workers and some volunteers from his own people.
4. The roof and the concrete floor of the parsonage will be finished within the next 4 or 5 days.
5. A makeshift building will be built with concrete post and grass roof in front of the parsonage for teaching children and worship service .
6. Construction and other improvements will continue as the Lord provides.

Bro. Bunthol (Siem is the family name.) averages 25 adults and teens and has up to over 100 children depending on the season of the year. Many pre-teenage children are often utilized by their parents for farm and house work particularly during the harvest or planting seasons accounting for the drastic attendance changes.

Prior to this Bro. Bunthol has been renting a house used for his home and for church services for US\$30.00 a month.

Thank you very much for your prayers and for your giving for the Lord's work. Please see the attached pictures.

God bless.

Mike

Some Pictures of Bro. Siem Bunthol's building program.



Christmas Program



Christmas Program



Pastor Siem Bunthol



Pastor Siem Bunthol & family



Pastor Siem Bunthol



Pastor's House

8 January 2010

Dear Pastor Wee and brethren at Shalom Baptist Church,

Greetings from the Land of Cambodia! Another year has passed and we all wonder about where all that time has gone. One thing is sure; last year's investments on the souls of men are never lost! We want to thank you all for all your prayers and help for us to be able to continue laboring for the souls of men, women and children here in Cambodia.

We are so thankful to the Lord for giving us enduring grace to go through the ordeals mentioned in the previous posts. While we may never know God's exact reasons in allowing tragedies like these, collectively, when these things are put together, they become the ingredients necessary to help us become tougher in times of future trials and be better understanding on those going through similar trials. We are very grateful to all of you who have helped financially for us to be able to cover all of the monetary obligations incurred from the losses. The prayers offered on our behalf and words of encouragement have been truly meaningful and precious to us.

In seasons of blessings or during times of trials, we must keep on in the Lord's work. Academy International Cambodia continues to minister to missionary kids and Cambodian children. Last September 14, AIC started school year 2009-2010. At present there are 51 students learning both academics and Biblical principles in the school. Our volunteer staff is really a wonderful blessing for their unselfish and sacrificial services rendered to help prepare children to become the future leaders of society.

Cambodia Baptist Bible College started the new school year last October 12. At present there are a total of 44 students getting training in how to properly handle God's Word and to minister it to the needy people. It is our firm belief that if Cambodia is to be reached with the Gospel effectively then more dedicated men and women need to be equipped, challenged and sent forth to harvest the millions of Cambodians still groping in darkness of sin and superstitious beliefs.

Several of the graduates of CBBC have started churches and outreaches in the different provinces of Cambodia. Last week, Bro. Koung Sothea, one of our own sent out local pastors, reported of two girls getting saved in their ministry during the Christmas season. Bro. Sothea also reports that there are many new believers who are going through discipleship and would be ready for baptism soon. Bro. Siem Bunthol, another of our

own local missionaries, has resumed construction on their initial building on their own church property. Bro. Bunthol would need more finances to be able to build a building solely for worship purposes but a structure decent enough for his residence and temporary place of worship is more cost effective than renting.

At the beginning of 2010, our old lease contract on the building used by Cambodia Baptist Bible College has expired and hence the need to renew the lease. The building owner has asked for an increase in our monthly rent. Please help us pray for this big financial need. We are also asking your generosity to with special gifts to be able to for the rent and other needs of the Bible College.

This Christmas and New Year season is the very first time we had where we did not have any of our 3 sons with us. Not having our any of boys with us during a season like this is rather a very weird feeling. However, we are glad having our 66 “adopted” children in our Children’s Home to celebrate the season with us. It is always a fulfilling experience to be able to share simple joys with these children whom the Lord has brought under our care. We want to thank you all for your prayers and support for us to be able to care for these children.

Please continue to pray for our health and safety every day. Please remember to pray for our 3 sons in the Philippines as they seek the Lord and follow His will in their lives.

We trust that year 2010 will be a year filled with wonderful opportunities for all of you. We pray for the Lord’s outpouring upon your lives and ministries as well.

Yours for Cambodian souls,

Mike & Daisy Valdez