G.E.E.!
Grace, Edification, Encouragement
Haiti

May 2019

I am very thankful that spring is here! It is my favorite time of the year with new growth and bulb flowers popping up after the harshness of winter. May is the month of my birthday, and I often reflect over the events of the past year and set goals for the next year. With the Lord in my life, I have the wonderful hope of grace, forgiveness, and new adventures!

Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

My time in Haiti in January is still a high point of the year, and I am excitedly waiting on the Lord’s timing for being able to return there full-time. I request your prayers for the nation of Haiti which has been struggling with political issues, fuel shortage, and demonstrations.

For this prayer letter, I decided to share about a special short-term mission trip I participated in a dozen years ago in May 2007 to Cambodia. It was fun looking over my photos and memories, and I wish I could share more than the three photos permitted, but I hope you enjoy the ones I decided on. The Cambodia trip was a scouting trip of sorts and was led by Dr. Steven Hiett who had served with CVM previously in Cambodia to the east and spoke the Khmer language. Other members on the team included Cameo Bogatin, Andrew Walker, Colleen, and Joe Harbinson, and myself.

We arrived in Bangkok, Thailand and spent a day before going to Poipet, Cambodia on the northwest border of Cambodia and Thailand. We worked with an awesome ministry called Cambodian Hope Organization (CHO),
led by Chomno In. Chomno is an incredible Christian man with a heart to protect “at risk” children and families. He has some great experience and a wonderful vision which he has implemented in CHO to protect children from being trafficked. My heart went out to the people we met and worked with in Poipet. The challenges are great. I encourage anyone interested to visit their website at www.cambodianhopeorganization.org.

Chomno and CHO have focused on many areas directly working with children and parents to teach job skills. We visited some of their educational initiatives including their successful Matt Schools, motorcycle mechanics, restaurant, sewing, English and computer training. Steve and I helped participate in a farmer training in both classroom and hands-on opportunities with pigs, goats, etc. We enjoyed eating at their restaurant too! I wish I had more time and space to share what I thought was an incredible ministry.

After our time was done in Poipet, we were able to fly with MAF to Phenom Penh. We stayed with a delightful family there and were saddened to hear of their losses during the atrocities of the Khmer Rouge, but encouraged by their faith and walk with the Lord. We visited a few beautiful sites and rode on an elephant. We were grieved as we also visited a “killing field” memorial site. All too soon it was time for our incredible adventure to end.

I would love to share about the G.E.E.! Team ministry. Contact me directly, if you would like to learn more. If you know of any churches, small groups, or individuals that might like to hear about the G.E.E.! ministry, please let me know, and I would love to contact them. Thanks to everyone so much for your prayers and support to date!

**My prayer requests this month include:**

- Prayers for peace and resolution of the difficult challenges the Haitian people are facing.
- Praise for the generosity of the Lord’s people toward the G.E.E.! ministry!
- God’s grace, provision, and timing in moving to serve in Haiti and being able to bless and encourage the people I meet in the coming months sharing about serving the Lord in Haiti

Blessings and prayers,
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