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“Christ is all, and in all”
Colossians 3:11b

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Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings for the first time from Pailin, Cambodia! Much has happened since our last prayer letter at the end of February. Heidi and I just realized that last week was our first “normal” week since early November! From the birth of Titus and our time in Singapore (November–January) to the survey trips to Pailin, our move there, and settling into our new home (January–April), things certainly haven’t been boring over here! In this letter I would like to share our prayer needs by looking at three “new” things:

A New Home

On March 25, almost five years from the day we moved to Pursat (March 29, 2005), we moved to Pailin province, a three-hour drive from Pursat. For the first two weeks in our new home, we had Ong, our house helper from Pursat, living with us. It was a great experience to have a Khmer living in our house, and we had a tearful time saying goodbye to her on April 10. She was a huge blessing in helping us get our house set up as well as helping us find and train a new helper, Naa. We had a lot of work to do on the house when we first arrived and had mechanics at our house almost every day for the first three weeks! In almost every area of life, we have had to set up new routines. Being near the mountains and the Thai border has been quite a change for us. We found some time to enjoy a nearby waterfall just before the Khmer New Year (see pictures).



Since our move, I have been doing much research on the town and getting to know the local officials and other foreigners here. We have also spent time getting to know our new neighbors and developing relationships with individuals at places we will frequent regularly. We believe that taking the time to do this is important before we start evangelizing and teaching. I have put a tract rack on our front gate and have seen some of the neighbors reading some of the booklets.

Please pray for the following about our *new home*:

- (1) ***Please pray for our landlord (Sew) and his family.*** Time will be needed to build trust and a relationship with them. The people in Pailin in general are not used to foreigners,

especially those who speak their language. We are most likely the first foreign family to have lived in this area.

- (2) ***Please pray for our new house helper (Naa) and her family.*** Her husband drives a moto taxi (called a “moto-dope”), and they have two young daughters. Our kids had a hard time saying goodbye to Ming Ong, but they seem to be warming up to Ming Naa now. She is beginning to be more comfortable with our family as well. We have planted some initial seeds for the Gospel, but there is no interest yet.

- (3) ***Please pray that we will live II Timothy 2:24–25 every day—not to be quarrelsome but to be kind, able to teach, patient when wronged, and able to correct misunderstandings with gentleness.*** I have been reminded of this

often because many here in Pailin have misunderstandings about foreigners and Christianity. Pailin has a number of false teachers (especially Catholics) who use the name of Jesus but do not believe in salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone as taught in the Scriptures. We will need grace to show others that these groups are not preaching the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A New Tool

By God’s grace and His grace alone, Forrest and I were able to finish editing an initial discipleship booklet that we have been working on for a number of years. The booklet is entitled *The Gospel of Jesus Christ: The Costs and Joys of Becoming a Child of God*. It consists of an introduction and five lessons. On March 19, a few days before we moved to Pailin, we had 100 copies made, and we put them into the

two Christian bookstores in Phnom Penh. For those who are interested, I have posted the Khmer version on our blog (under “Resources/Khmer”) for downloading, and I hope to have the English version up soon.

Please pray for the following about our *new tool*:

- (4) ***Please pray for the Lord’s blessing on this new booklet.*** Its purpose is to help those who have been exposed to Christianity to come to an understanding of what the Gospel means regarding both its costs and joys. We believe this booklet meets a particular need in the Khmer church at this time.

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A New Door

As we consider the new ministry in Pailin, we have been praying that the Lord will work in hearts here. Strategically, we have begun asking the Lord to raise up at least three churches in Pailin province in the following areas:

1. In **Pailin town** where we live.
2. In a district called **Sala Kraow** about 25 minutes from our house.
3. In the village adjacent to the **Thailand border**, which is about a 20-minute drive in our car.

Please pray for the following about our *new door*:

- (5) ***Please pray for the province of Pailin in general and particularly for these three strategic areas.***

We appreciate each of you who have read this letter and will bring these five requests to our Lord. For those receiving the email version via the blog, we plan to start sending *Holding the Ropes* updates again soon. It has been a few months since these have gone out. Please note our new mailing address.

Until the net is full in Pailin Province,
Chris for the Seawright family