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From the Ens of the Earth

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Spring is in the air. It may not feel like it to some of you dear friends and family who live where the snow is still piled up, but I read it on the calendar and it has been happening for years, so I'm guessing it will happen again. Here it is getting hotter and will do so until next month. Then it will be our turn to get rain – and lots of it I am sure.

Each December we bring all the dorm residents up to Siem Reap to run in the Angkor Half Marathon. This time Bill and I got our teenage daughters to run as well. We were a large group including a member of the dorm board, but all completed the race they set out to run. Thank you to those who sponsored us. A few days later, Patti turned another year older and we kept the party going. Then it was the Phnom Penh Youth Christmas celebration over at the New Jerusalem Church. The next day the residents put on a great show at the dorm. We had about eighty young adults come to hear what Christmas is really all about. We trust there were some good relationships started on which we can build. Remember to pray for these kids who are seeking the truth. Just two days later our daughter Stephanie arrived from Abbotsford to spend a month with us.



We started the good times by going over to my mother's place for a big party. That weekend we had the Dorm Christmas Party over at Lobbezoos. Stephanie and I left that party and jumped on my Honda and went down to the beach for a couple days. We might have stayed longer, but we had to rush back for the C&MA missionaries Christmas party. We also had to track down Stephanie's passport that had gone missing. Since Christmas Day landed on a Sunday, we opened gifts the night before so we could attend the services at Tum Nup Tuk church on the twenty fifth.

We had decided to join our friends in Bangkok for New Years and had a great time except that Stephanie wasn't able to find her passport and come with us. While in Bangkok I checked on getting her an Emergency Travel Document so she could at least travel back to Canada. Canadians in Cambodia have to work through the Australian embassy. There must have just been too many holidays and parties this year because what usually takes a few days took a few weeks and Steph had to re-book her flight back to Vancouver. Then we had to deal with the Chinese New Year rush and could only get her back on January twenty-third. When she arrived in Canada she began the enormous task of replacing picture ID. Please pray that this will be done as quickly as possible. If anyone knows a trick, please get in touch with us.

In early February I accompanied Bill to Los Angeles for a conference on short term missions put on by ENvision Culture. We contacted churches about being on the continent so we could get a bit of face time on the weekend before and after the conference. I visited Rochester MN and had a chance to meet with our prayer support team as well as potential English Camp Ten teachers. Before my body could adjust to heading east, I was back in the air heading west to LA. We had a great time making connections with likeminded people and worshiping God with some great musicians. The second weekend found me in Maple Park Alliance Church in Quesnel. What a privilege to be partnered with such a caring church. I was truly blessed by their desire to be part of our work. There was good interest shown by some other churches in the area, and our prayer is that we can connect with those dear friends as well.

We will have the annual Mission Prayer Retreat this month with Gene & Carol Hall. Please pray that we will be as much a blessing to them as they will surely be to us. Patti and I will also be travelling to Chiang Mai, Thailand later in March. Pray for Melanie who will have to stay at home with her auntie Sary.

Please be reminded that our work is dependent on your giving to the "Global Advance Fund". Our rent, travel, living allowance and Melanie's school costs come from the GAF. If you want to be involved with our training of Cambodia's future leaders in the dorm, mark your cheque "Phnom Penh Project – Cambodia". A gift to "Ens Work Special – Cambodia" allows us to help in special cases or bless those in need.



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