



The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never
extinguish it. John 1:5

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Greetings from the Greens



Joseph's Story

Immediately he arrived from Quito in 2006 Joseph was arrested. He was charged and then imprisoned for bringing illegal drugs into Cambodia. But God had a plan for Joseph's life. In prison in Phnom Penh Joseph met a Christian from Ghana who told him about Jesus despite the fact that they did not speak a common language! **Joseph's life was transformed.** In turn, he now told others the good news of the gospel. Soon there was a little group of believers meeting together regularly to worship, study the Bible and pray. In order to communicate more easily and to grow spiritually Joseph learnt English, Khmer and then Chinese.



Joseph was moved to Siem Reap prison. Did officialdom think that would stop him witnessing about Jesus?

If they did it didn't work.

Soon there was a church started within that prison, led by a local Khmer pastor who leads a service each week, with a small nucleus of Christians and many other prisoners attending from time to time. Joseph has recently returned to Ecuador in S America where he plans go to Bible School and possibly to start a Church if that is how God leads him. Joseph's wife and family have already shown an interest in Christianity through the little contact he has been able to have with them.



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Now you might ask what has this all to do with us? Well Ivor has been visiting International Prisoners (of whom Joseph was one) on a regular basis for over a year. He brings them some food and supplies, talks and prays with them, and is sometimes involved in contacting their consulate or embassy.

On his release, Joseph asked to be baptised. He never expected such a "family" here in Cambodia. We were able to support him and a delay in his departure meant that he was able to share three times with groups from CFSR.



primary passport and no exit visa.

On his last night in Cambodia, Joseph met a young Khmer man who had become a Christian as a drug addict. **Reconciled through Jesus.** Emmanuel now speaks on the dangers of drugs, and helps in a Drug Rehab ministry led by a one of our friends.

Points for Praise & Prayer:

- Safety in travel and good health is always something for which to be grateful.
- Pray for Joseph as he returns to his home country to lead a very different life
- Pray for the many ministries (such as the Drug Rehab programme) that many members of our Church are involved in.
- Pray for us as we bring support and encouragement to the Congregation of CFSR

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A map of Cambodia showing the various official 'protected' and conservation areas which are not always so obvious on the ground.

We are very grateful to you and to God for your interest, practical support and prayers.

Thank you so much.

Our main task here is to give pastoral support, encouragement and consistent Bible teaching to those who attend CFSR (and some who can't attend—like the international prisoners!).

The congregation is made up of over 25 different nationalities. Many are involved in Christian ministry, such as Church planting, student work and Bible teaching. Others are serving in development work, health care and teaching.

May the peoples praise you, O God Ps 67: 3

Angkor Wat—One of the 100 places to visit before you die!

It has been good to host many visitors particularly over the past few months. We have had visits from **Simon Carter**, the Pastor of our Bawtry Church and **David and Jan Adams**—(David is the Chairman of Cambodia Action's Trustees). **Julie Green** (a former SIL colleague of Ivor's in ICC) came for two weeks to conduct a very worthwhile Multicultural Teambuilding Seminar (see the three banner photos over). **Alan and Lynda Ranson**, (Carol taught with Lynda many moons ago in Newtownbreda High School) also visited. And last but not least we enjoyed a visit from our daughter **Jenni and granddaughter Rhianna** over the Christmas period.

With most of our visitors we

took time out to do the touristy thing, to show them the work of some of the ministry teams and to introduce them to some Cambodian culture.

We are looking forward to our elder daughter **Alison and Rich**, her boyfriend, visiting us at the end of February.



If you fancy a holiday in Cambodia just let us know!

