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Dear **Pastor Martin** and brethren at **Grace Baptist Church**,

Warm greetings from Phnom Penh, Cambodia! It is our sincerest desire and prayer to God that you all are well and enjoying the Lord's blessings.

**Grace Baptist Church – Anlong K'ngan** celebrated its 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of existence as a church in Anlong K'ngan, on the outskirts of Phnom Penh city last April 24. **Bro. Srim Sara**, the first Cambodian missionary to a foreign field, was our special speaker and he brought a very powerful message that has blessed and encouraged many of our people. While we had more people than normal with many first time visitors, it is odd that nobody made any decision to trust the Lord for salvation that day. However, a woman who attended came back the next Sunday and got saved! Our schedules are not often synchronized with the Lord's schedule and so we just gladly follow His when He makes the changes on ours!

Our 2 sons, **Mikee and Paul**, came to visit us for a few weeks. We enjoyed very much their presence and so did our children at **Power of Grace** who have always regarded them as older brothers. Mikee and Paul spent a lot of time playing basketball with the boys at Power of Grace and also helped a lot with the preparations for our **Missions Conference** held from May 11-13. The Missions conference was a blessing to our people and to brethren from other churches who came to attend. Our church is not really giving much to Missions yet but we want to emphasize that this is the main reason why churches are started and why they continue their existence. I wish we can say that we are growing dramatically in this area but not so. However, we are undeterred in our efforts and we are confident that "we shall reap if we faint not". Your prayers for us in this area are very much appreciated.

Cambodians do not really celebrate **Mother's Day** like we do in most of our churches back home and in many different parts of the world. We have always celebrated Mother's Day every year since we came to Cambodia. Last May 15, we had a total of 69 mothers in our morning service. 2 women got saved that Sunday. 5 other mothers got saved during the special women's fellowship designed for evangelism held last May 28. Please pray that we will be able to follow-up on these women and ladies that their spouses and families will get saved too.

One of the women who got saved during Mother's Day was **Pran**, Mien's mother. **Bro. Mien** is a graduate of our Bible College last year. **Pran** was baptized last Sunday together with **Loi**, one of our children at Power of grace and two other young people who are children of one of our church members.

We are very thankful for all your prayers and support for us. We know that due to present economic conditions worldwide it is quite a sacrifice for you to be able to keep us included in your regular missions budget. We are very grateful that you do keep us there. We pray that the Lord will bless you more for your faithful service and labor of love for His name's sake.

Yours for souls in Cambodia,

*Mike & Daisy Valdez*

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