

We trust this letter finds you well and filled with joy in the Lord. We are thrilled to share some exciting news and upcoming events with you.

1. **Annual Awards Ceremony at Angkhjeay Elementary School - 18 November 2023:** We've been actively partnering with Angkhjeay Elementary School for many years, and the upcoming annual awards ceremony on November 18th holds special significance. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements and hard work of our kids, many of whom are part of our church's outreach ministry.
2. **Kids' Vacation Bible School (VBS) and Sunday School Teachers' Training - 21-23 November 2023:** The Cambodian Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) will be conducting a special Vacation Bible School for our Sunday school kids, along with training for our Sunday school teachers. Your prayers for the spiritual growth of our children and teachers are deeply appreciated.
3. **Cambodian Presbyterian Association Youth Retreat - 26-28 November 2023:** This year there will be about 220 in attendance from the churches in our presbytery. The theme of the retreat is "Stand Firm in Christ."
4. **New School Year - Starts on 1st Dec 2023:** The new school year starts on December 1st. There will only be a 10 day break between the old school year ending and the new year beginning this year. We usually lose a few students and have new students come when a new school starts. Hannah will be starting 7th grade which is the start of middle school here, and Asa will be starting 3rd grade.
5. **SOW Team Short Term Mission – first two weeks of Dec 2023:** The SOW Team (Student Outreach to the World <https://www.sow.org.au>) is embarking on a 2 week short-term mission trip with our team and will be in our village from December 1st to 8th. Your prayers for their safety and their times of teaching and fellowshiping with our church greatly appreciated.
6. **Family Clinic - 20 December 2023:** On December 20th, Family Clinic will have a one-day medical clinic outreach in our village.

7. **Church Land Survey and Building Project:** We have started the process of surveying the church land, building a fence around it, and working on a site plan.
8. **2023 Christmas Outreach:** We'll be having a Christmas outreach focused on the parents of the students that study with us and local public school teachers at the end of the year.

Your prayers and encouragement are vitally important to us.

May God bless you abundantly.

With heartfelt gratitude,

The Smiths - Luke, Sokha, Hannah, and Asa