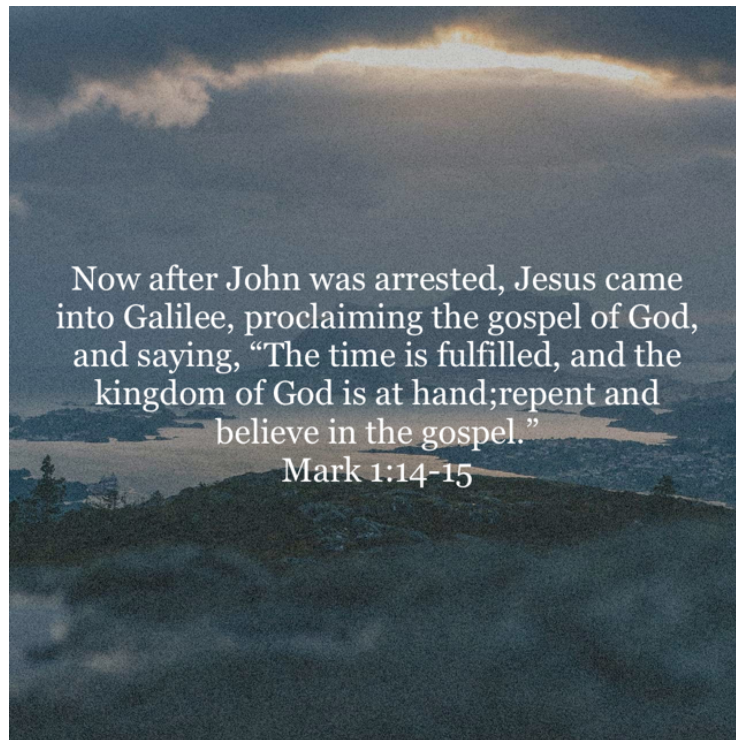


*An Update from John Lee*



Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is a longer post but please read as I have some big updates!

## **New Ministry Change**

Praise God for his faithfulness throughout my time here so far! This coming July will mark the end of my first four-year term in Cambodia!

After prayer, conversations with my pastors and teammates, and personal conviction I will change ministry focus and location. This November, after my HMA, I will be moving back to Phnom Penh to minister to college students and young adults. The specifics of my role aren't set yet but I plan to focus on discipleship with men from the local church, help a dorm ministry, and possibly work with a new church plant. It is an exciting but bittersweet opportunity because I will have to say goodbye to everyone in the village but some good news is that our village and city ministries are very integrated so I will see the students again when they graduate and come to Phnom Penh for college!

Please keep me in prayer as I discuss with my team how I can best serve the church in Phnom Penh. I will send updates as I figure out more specifically what my new role will look like so keep posted.



## **Shout out to the Smith Family**

I want to say thank you to the Smith family who have welcomed me as a part of their family and hosted me in their own home for over three years! I am proud to be called younger brother and uncle to this family. I have learned so much from them in terms of what it means to be a missionary in the way they show patience to those around them and are faithful to Christ. They are my role models of a missionary family who loves God and puts Him first. I hope to follow their example in the way they follow and serve Jesus as I transition into the new ministry opportunity. I will miss spending time with you but I plan to visit my hometown village often!



(Last year, we roasted a pig for New Years' and next year I plan on going back to help roast a whole cow!)



## Home Mission Assignment

**August 4 - November 4, 2024**

It's already been almost two years since I last visited the US. I will be in the US for 3 months to update churches and partners of what's been going on in Cambodia and to reconnect with everyone. I miss you all and am looking forward to spending time with everyone again!



## Ministry Highlight: Discipleship

I started meeting with three young men (one 12th and two 10th graders) weekly to read through the book of Mark together. Two are not believers yet and none are baptized. We originally met up to just work out and play volleyball but one day I asked the student who didn't really come out to church if he wanted to study the Bible together and he said "Yeah, all the little kids know more about the Bible than I do." Interesting reason, but praise God our times have been going well!

### Here are some prayer requests they have shared in our meetings:

- o Pray to do well in school
- o I 70% believe in Jesus so pray that I would believe him
- o Pray that I could have forgiveness for my sins
- o Pray that I may make more friends in high school
- o Pray that I would read the Bible more.



# Prayer Requests

1. Pray for the Smith family to be encouraged despite the tough transition
2. For me to serve well the rest of my time in the village. To love, teach, pray for and disciple my neighbors, students, and co-laborers well.
3. For the three young men I am discipling to come to faith and to grow as disciples of Jesus!
4. For my preparations for Home Ministry Assignment
5. For wisdom and guidance regarding the new ministry opportunity I will be pursuing at the end of the year