

Allison Newsletter

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Meet Sunny (Sun-nee)



Sunny came to our house in Phnom Penh and began working as our night watchman about halfway through my first stay in Cambodia. Sunny spoke excellent English but began to study English using the Bible with our World English Institute program. Learning more about the truth of Jesus, Sunny started attending the Phnom Penh church of Christ and attending other functions with the Christians. We were thrilled with his eagerness to learn about Jesus.

At the Angkor of Faith 2 camp in 2008, I had the opportunity to see Sunny again and introduce him to my family. Sunny is still a Christian. He holds a job in Siem Reap and is hoping to get married soon. We pray one day he will be a leader in the church, bringing his Cambodian family and friends into a saving relationship with Christ.

-Casey

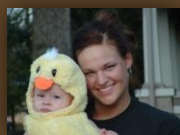
PLEASE PRAY FOR God's will to be done as we enter the final phase of the possible beginning of a partnership with the Pleasant Valley congregation.



PLEASE PRAY FOR the next few weeks as we travel to visit supporters and say goodbye to the Allison family and interview with the PV eldership.



PLEASE PRAY FOR our friends and family as we say goodbye. Pray for God to ease fears and bless our efforts to stay in touch.



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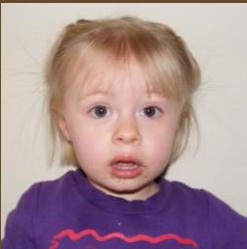
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Our Family



Packing Maggie and Melanie for Cambodia



We are packing and getting ready to move to Cambodia. Mommy wrote me a book with pictures of Cambodia in it to help me learn what our life is going to be like there. I am just

glad I get to bring my favorite toys. Daddy even made room for my special pink chair and little car! I am so excited about the puppy Daddy and Mommy promised me once we're settled. Mommy said it can be my friend until I make more.



I am very patriotic! Maggie is even trying to teach me how to say the president's name: O-Ba-Ma. I think I've got it! I also have gotten something else: My first tooth! Rolling around really gets me places,

and I love to find small pieces of fuzz to put in my mouth. I was excited to move to Cambodia until I realized I was going to have to get lots of shots. Yikes!

Preparing Hearts and Expectations

To help Maggie prepare for our move, we wrote her a little book about some of the changes she will be experiencing in Cambodia. We hope we can make the transition as smooth as possible. We could use a book, too! Our apprenticeship in Thailand helped us understand more what living in Asia would be like, but we know Cambodia will be quite different. As we enjoy and celebrate the excitement of our dream coming true, we are also trying to make realistic expectations in our hearts for our first years in Cambodia. What are some of our expectations? 3) Intolerable heat, 2) frustration trying to get what we need to set up, and 1) wonderful new friends. Please pray for God to prepare our hearts with His expectations and goals.

Our Ministry



As we have been sorting through our things, we inspired our family to sort through theirs. The result: One Big Mess!

Time for Tedious

As we have been waiting for the Pleasant Valley church, we have been doing all that is involved in moving a family of four overseas. We seem to continue to find more that needs to be done! Even though it is not a very exciting process, and it feels like we aren't using our gifts and talents, we believe that this time of preparation is vital to our lasting work in Cambodia. We hope to tie off all of the loose ends we have in America in order to fully concentrate on our life in Cambodia. We have been spending the past weeks setting up savings for retirement and kids, getting insurance, writing wills, packing, and finishing fundraising and visiting supporters. I know we will not regret doing these few tedious tasks. - Chris



Important Information for Our Supporters

We have had the wonderful privilege of discussing with the Pleasant Valley church of Christ the possibility of having them be our overseeing congregation for our work in Cambodia. We have been very impressed with this congregation, and we are very glad to follow their process in order to solidify the partnership for the future. To the right is a chart illustrating the decision process. Our next step, the eldership interview, will hopefully take place in the next two weeks. Please be in prayer for us and the leadership of Pleasant Valley. We'll keep you posted!

<u>Pleasant Valley's Missionary Selection Process</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Missions Committee Selects us as top candidate to support
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Missions Committee Recommends us to missions cluster of elders
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Missions cluster of elders agrees to recommend us to full eldership
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elders interview us
<input type="checkbox"/>	We spend a few weeks with PV to get to know the church and work out logistics
<input type="checkbox"/>	We move to Cambodia in March!

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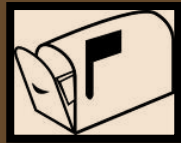
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Note:

We had a video in our last newsletter, but we got the URL wrong for it. If anyone would like to watch it, you can [click this link](#) to see it online.



Hillcrest Church of Christ

We are currently overseen by the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Arkansas. Please send all contributions to Hillcrest Church of Christ, 7208 West Kingshighway, Paragould, AR 72450. Please write "Allison's Cambodia Mission" on the memo line of your checks. Thank you!

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