

June 2012



Dear Friends,
Happy summer! (Well, at least to those of you in the northern hemisphere!) It has been amazing to reflect on God's goodness as I have celebrated finishing my first year at Logos International School.

Here are a few highlights from my past few months:

-I completed my first school year at Logos! This year I was a K – 12 computers and math teacher, Grade 6 homeroom teacher, swim coach, and the elementary chapel tech crew. It was an intense year, but an amazing experience. At the end of the year, we said goodbye to many staff members who are going home or on to other countries to continue their careers. Next year, I will have a similar schedule and will be a Grade 6 homeroom teacher again. I am looking forward to also starting a robotics program at Logos and excited to be receiving some materials from SWAT 771, the robotics team that I mentored in Canada.



-Three weeks before the end of the school year, we celebrated graduation with our senior students. Twenty-two students graduated from Logos; I taught seven of these seniors this year. It was interesting to hear the plans

of these students – many will travel to the USA, two will go to Canada and the remainder will enroll in Asian colleges and vocational programs. Please pray for students who have become Christians over the course of their time at Logos, that would continue to grow in their faith as they head out from our community.

-At the end of the year, we grieved the death of one of our Grade 10 students, who died in a moto accident. However, this student's life was an amazing example of God's transforming power – he had been changed from a self-proclaimed "trouble maker" to a young man who sought after God. Our awards-ceremony-turned-memorial-service was a true





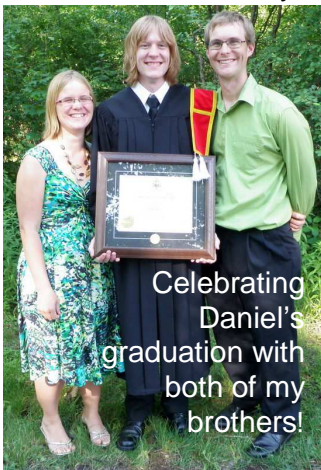
Hands raised in praise at our awards-ceremony-turned-memorial service.

celebration of his life, and the life that is ours in Christ. It was also a reminder of why I am in Cambodia – to point the way to life in Christ after death.

1 Corinthians 15:54-56

“Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

-Between all of these celebrations, Cambodians celebrated many holidays. In May alone, there were three official holidays – Labour Day, National Ploughing Day, and King Sihanouk’s Birthday (which involved two days off school)! This year Cambodia also completed an election – a process that involved loud proclamations in the streets for approximately two weeks before the election, and the shutting down of the city (businesses, banks, etc.) for three days so that all Cambodians could return to their homes to vote. Our school year was finished by the time the election happened, but it was certainly a sight to see.



Celebrating Daniel’s graduation with both of my brothers!

-Right now, I am at home in Canada for six weeks. So far, I have attended two graduations, visited with many friends and supporters, and enjoyed the cooler weather and nature in Canada. Over the summer, I will meet with more friends and supporters, share my experiences at Chartwell Baptist Church and gather supplies for teaching next year. It has been a real blessing to be home.

Please join with me to pray for the following:

- Continued traveling mercies. I will be traveling back to Phnom Penh on July 23 to begin the new school year on August 1.
- My new homeroom class – a new set of Grade 6 students. I taught many of these students this past year in Grade 5 Computers. Pray for them as they begin middle school and as they consider God’s call for their hearts and lives.
- New staff who will join us this coming year! Moving to Cambodia is a huge adjustment so much prayer is needed for these new workers!
- Logos students who leave us to venture forth into university, college and other programs. Pray for quick acculturation and strength for these young adults!

Blessings,

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