

7 February, 2009—Cambodia Week #2

Dear Prayer Partners,



Our last evening in Koh Kong, we enjoyed a delicious Khmer meal under the stars—fish (served whole) fried with mangos, fresh crab, fish soup (containing shrimp and squid), and rice. The occasion was a farewell dinner given by the Buddhist and Muslim medical staff to thank Ken for his work at the hospital. In the two weeks we were here Ken was able to start developing relationships that hopefully will help Dr. Mary Broeckert as she continues witnessing to them. He was able to show a power-point on OB/GYN pathology that includes his testimony and stories of Togolese & Bengali patients who became Christians. After telling the story of Yawa, who accepted Christ and then died within the year, two of the ladies had tears in their eyes. The staff graciously encouraged us to return soon.

Sunday am (Sat. 10pm EST) we fly; to Bangkok and then to Dhaka Monday am. We then take the night bus from there down to Memorial Christian Hospital, arriving Tuesday am.

**Carol's Report:** Well, this has been another exciting week. I had the privilege of having several formal and informal Bible studies with some of the young people – the formal ones taking place at an ice cream shop!! One is not saved. Another unsaved teen stopped by one of the formal Bible studies and started asking questions. I have also been able to have some English classes with some of the teens. Hard to leave them!

Today (Saturday) we spent the day touring Phnom Penh! We visited some ABWE missionaries, did a little shopping at the Russian market, visited the Killing Fields and the museum telling the story and honoring those killed during the Pol Pot years, and saw other points of interest. Oh yes!! We had lunch at KFC!! Tonight we will enjoy going out to dinner with Dan and Rosé Ellen Blosser, our hosts in Phnom Penh.

**Ken's Medical Report:** After no surgery week #1, I had 6 operations week #2. The lady with the blue shawl heard by loud-speaker that I was in Koh Kong. One patient was a 69 year old lady widowed by the Pol Pot atrocities in the 70's. Communication was a challenge in the operating room—I speak no Khmer & they spoke very little English. I also learned patience—an 8am start time may actually be 10am. I had an ectopic pregnancy, 3 hysterectomies, one myomectomy, & one LaForte procedure. Mary and I were able to pray with each family before surgery & give literature in Khmer. All were appreciative that they could receive care without having to go to Phnom Penh. I also had my first delivery in a year—breech / vertex delivery of twin boys. The lady with the ectopic (tubal) pregnancy had been treated at a clinic equivalent to Planned Parenthood & had a perforated uterus from inappropriate surgery. (Note: Obama lifted the restriction on aid to international abortion groups the same week.)



**Praise::**

1. **Operations accomplished safely** and many **consults provided** to Cambodian ladies
2. **Ken's opportunities to witness** to patients and medical staff in Koh Kong.
3. **Carol's opportunities to witness** to unsaved young adults in Koh Kong.

**Requests:**

1. **Medical staff and patients** in Koh Kong to accept the free gift of salvation
2. **Dr. Mary & Hubert Broeckert's** Koh Kong ministry.
3. **Safety** for our airline and bus travel—and **luggage** to arrive *with us*
4. **Effective ministry in Bangladesh**

In His Harvest Field,

*Ken and Carol Petersen*