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## Nelsons' News February-March 2009

Thanks so much for your prayers for us over the past couple of months! God has been answering in so many ways!

### Cambodia update



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Thanks for praying for the Global Studies Intensive. We heard that it went very well and impacted the lives of those who attended.

A sponsor was found for the last Bible School student needing scholarship help

Two baptismal services were held recently: 10 new believers from Kampong Cham declared their faith in

Please keep praying for Pastor Samuel Sar. He still has headaches, and is having problems with his eyes. Also, Miu-ling Lee's father has been in the hospital in Hong Kong. She was able to go home for Chinese New Year.



The multi-purpose building is nearing completion! They hope to dedicate it during the mission district meeting, and then Joel and Grace Margin plan to move in!

Several big events are coming up soon. The Annual Mission District Meeting will be held March 12-14 (we'll just miss it), and then Men's & Women's Camp April 6-8. Youth Camp will be April 17-20. Please pray for the right locations for the camps - big enough to house

everyone at a reasonable cost.

One more prayer request - our college grads are having a hard time finding jobs, as factories have closed and other possible job openings have recently dried up.

## **Trip plans**

We are schedule to take off just after midnight on March 6 from San Francisco. We'll have a very brief layover in Hong Kong (no time to visit any friends there), and then arrive in Phnom Penh on Saturday morning, March 7.

March 12 we'll fly to Bangkok for the Asia Leadership Team meetings there. On Monday evening, March 16, David & Sherrill Yardy, Jim, Deb & John Wilson, Don & Kathy Williams, and the two of us will fly to Hyderabad, India. After 2 days visiting Free Methodist ministries there, we'll go by land to Umri and Yavatmal, and spend another 2 days there. March 21 we'll fly to Mumbai, worship Sunday morning in FM churches there, and then Sunday night fly overnight to Bangkok.

Jim & I and the Wilsons will then fly on to Manila on Monday, March 23. We'll be involved in the Asia Pacific Free Methodist Missions Association (APFMMA) Executive Committee meetings through the 26<sup>th</sup>, and then on Friday, March 27, fly down to Butuan City, where Jim is scheduled to speak at the graduation for the Light & Light Bible College and Light & Life Graduate School of Theology on March 29.

Monday, March 30, we'll fly back to Manila, and Tuesday we'll head back home to California (via Hong Kong again, and again with a very short layover), arriving in San Francisco at 11:35 a.m.!

We've put in all this detail so that you can pray for us in all these travels - for safety, good health, effective and Spirit-filled meetings, good fellowship with old and new friends, etc., etc.

## **Family News**

We had a white Christmas at Lake Tahoe with Margaret's sister Nancy, nieces Tiffany & Lindsay, and great-nephew Alex. Nancy finished up her radiation treatments shortly after the new year began, just in time for her to nurse Lindsay through gall bladder surgery and a kidney stone attack! Alex got to spend a week with us in February when he had school vacation.

You can see our snowy Christmas pictures on Facebook at

<<http://www.facebook.com/p.php?i=551858694&k=65LUZYU4VYWM5CMEVG32W4>> You do **not** have to join Facebook to see the pictures - just click on the link in this message and then click on the one photo that shows up on the webpage.

## **Financial update**

Thanks so much for praying with us about our Missionary Support Account (MSA). We were humbled by those who gave generously to help out with the shortfall. We didn't quite make it into the black by the end of the year, but so many of you gave sacrificially to help us continue in our jobs assisting David Yardy with Asia area administrative details. We are very grateful for your support, both financially and more importantly, in prayer! Our needs this year aren't as great, so we expect to catch up before too long.



**Your partnership means a lot to us**

Love in Christ, Jim & Margaret Nelson

(If receiving this letter with pictures is a problem for you, let us know.)