

PRAYER FOCUS

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CAMBODIA

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF CAMBODIA

Nisai was only five years old when she was enrolled at our Functional English Center (FEC) in Siem Reap. She is the eldest daughter of Pastor Abraham, the school administrator.

Even at her young age, her teachers soon noticed her distinct leadership qualities. She would help her teacher manage her younger classmates, making sure they understood instructions well. She was always involved in school activities. She was very friendly and full of enthusiasm. Starting with very little English, she became the school's interpreter after only two years of learning. Whenever foreign guests visited and taught in the school, her face beamed with joy while interpreting for them. It was amazing how she learned to understand the accents of different English speakers. Her parents were truly proud of her fast-learning abilities.

Nisai's parents made sure she was founded on God's Word. She often heard stories about Jesus. At ten years old, her understanding of how much Jesus loved her and died for her was very clear. She finally accepted Jesus during their Sunday School Class.

Aside from learning at the FEC, Nisai also attended regular Khmer school where Buddhism was taught once a week. In one of her classes, the monk told them to bow down to Buddha. Knowing that she



Nisai, interpreting for her Canadian teacher.

only had to bow down to God, she boldly told her teacher that she was a Christian, and that she cannot bow. She was nervous but defended her faith.

Nisai's faith was challenged once more. On her way to FEC, an old Buddhist man asked her if she was one of the students at the Christian school. She happily answered yes. The old man then said that if she believed in Jesus, she would go to hell. Despite her young age, Nisai thought she had to answer. She told the old man that if he would not believe in Jesus, he was the one who would go to hell. Nisai understood her faith well. She would share



Jesus to her friends and classmates and invite them to their Sunday School class.

Now at age 14, Nisai has become a young leader in school where she continues to be an interpreter. At Pathway of Life Church, which is the fruit of FEC's mission to share the Gospel to the students and their families and to build relationship among the villagers, she serves as a guitarist and worship leader.

She dreams of becoming a successful Mathematics teacher and one day be a teacher at FEC so she can help the school fulfill its vision of helping her people build healthy foundation for their future, develop honorable character and habits that are essential to becoming productive citizens of her country.

Let us pray for Nisai and FEC as the school builds a strong foundation of faith among the students. Through the Word of God, they can become honorable citizens who will shape the future of Cambodia. This is FEC's dream and contribution to the re-building of the nation, one student at a time.

“Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from Him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are the children born in one's youth.” Psalm 127:3-4 (NIV)

Prayer Calendar July 2022

1 (FRI) CAMBODIA Pray that our Functional English Center continues to impact more young lives to become an asset to their communities.

2/3 (SAT/SUN) CAMBODIA Pray that more Christian women will be appointed in key government roles to impact the nation with sound values.

4 (MON) MYANMAR According to reports, 250,000 children were displaced by fighting, and at least 382 were killed or maimed by air strikes. Pray for God's touch upon these children who have suffered much in this war.

5 (TUE) MYANMAR At least two in five young men in all eighteen townships of the Kachin State use illicit drugs. Pray that the church will reach out to them with practical and spiritual help.

6 (WED) MYANMAR Pray for the young upcoming leaders who have been appointed as coordinators in critical areas for the distribution of the Myanmar English New Testaments.

7 (THU) SRI LANKA Pray that the fifty trainees be able to travel to the north for their Sow for the Harvest Trainer's Course from 8 – 11 July.

8 (FRI) SRI LANKA Pray for government leaders to make the right decisions in solving the ongoing economic crisis.

9/10 (SAT/SUN) VIETNAM Economic pressures have contributed to domestic violence during the pandemic. Pray for children to be healed from traumatic experiences perpetrated by their loved ones.

11 (MON) KAREN BORDER COMMUNITIES Pray for wisdom as the Karen Teens for Christ (KT4C) Core Team sets out to fulfill the vision to

reach the 500,000 teens along the Thai-Myanmar borders with the Gospel.

12 (TUE) KAREN BORDER COMMUNITIES Pray for safety as Ethnos Asia's main coordinator connects with Karen border community leaders for the work of the ministry.

13 (WED) KAREN BORDER COMMUNITIES Pray for the 17 young women trainees who recently attended a Discipleship Training course. May they be able to train others also.

14 (THU) CHINA A cash reward of up to US\$15,000 is being offered by the government for information about people who endanger national security. Pray that Christians will not fall victims to tip-offs.

15 (FRI) CHINA Pray for an end to the oppression by the government against the Uyghurs who continue to suffer in "re-education" camps. Leaked files from Xinjiang showed evidence of police atrocities against them.

16/17 (SAT/SUN) NE INDIA The states in NE India have had heavy rainfall these past three months. Pray for strength and provision for those who have been affected.

18 (MON) NE INDIA Pray as our Country Working Team targets the young generation and key leaders in Discipleship and church planting training in different regions.

19 (TUE) BHUTAN An increasing number of minors and youth in Thimphu are seen abusing inhalants or solvents. Pray that these young people will realize the ill effects of these substances.

20 (WED) NORTH KOREA Pray for strength upon secret believers who remain faithful despite suffering in labor camps.

21 (THU) NORTH KOREA Pray that this nation will finally be delivered from the current oppressive

regime so that the Gospel may be freely propagated.

22 (FRI) PAKISTAN Pray for churches to work together in unity.

23/24 (SAT/SUN) PAKISTAN According to official data, more than 14,000 women have been raped in Pakistan – nearly 11 a day – in the past four years, but fewer than three percent of the offenders were convicted. Pray that all victims will find justice.

25 (MON) PAKISTAN Pray for the stability of the new government. Pray that they will find ways to stop the soaring prices of commodities, making life difficult for ordinary citizens.

26 (TUE) AFGHANISTAN Pray for this nation. International analysts say the risk of a resurgence in violence remains.

27 (WED) AFGHANISTAN According to an NGO, almost 50 percent of the population needs urgent help to survive despite food aid. Pray that more concerned nations will help address this need.

28 (THU) LAOS Pray as tribal Bru leaders are selected and prepared to participate in a month-long spiritual, agricultural and business training.

29/30 (FRI/SAT) LAOS The People's Committee has proposed that 18-year-olds with enough financial capacity be allowed to play in casinos to promote tourism. Pray the authorities will consider the negative impacts of gambling.

31 (SUN) BANGLADESH Majority of 39 women who attended our Deborah training last month were Muslim women. They learned about their identity and value as children of God. Pray that they will become witnesses for God's kingdom.