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**To:** Becky Ruppel  
**Subject:** Update from the Ruppels

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers.

We got some very good news a couple of months back, but I was supposed to "keep a lid on it" for a time. :) Sometime in the last few years I asked you all to pray for a developing problem that was threatening the free exercise of religion here in Cambodia. (I know I wrote of it, because some of you have asked me.) A short review of the problem: A "protestant" group has been gaining power all over the country over the last few years and at the head of this group is a government official that works at the Ministry of Cults and Religions. Christian (non-Catholic) ministries have found it increasingly difficult to work in this country without their permission. Like other countries in Asia, the restraints on Christianity were coming from other Christian groups. The Ministry of Cults and Religions has taken away all of this group's ability to restrain and/or to permit religious work. They can now bark all they want, but they have no teeth to bite. This is an answer to our prayers. Please continue to pray for God to preserve our religious freedom in Cambodia.

Please also pray for a man named Sarun.. The Lord gave me the opportunity to lead his son to Christ about 7 years ago. The son is blind but sees the truth of God clearly. He has faithfully been a testimony to his dad. Pastor Tho and I have tried to witness to Sarun, but he will just stand up and walk away while we are mid-sentence...until recently. Sarun is now dying of cancer. His son is begging him to accept Christ. Pastor Tho has prayed with Sarun many times, and Sarun is now attentively listening as we present the Gospel to him. Please pray for Sarun to get saved. His wife also needs your prayers for her salvation as well.

Thank you all for praying for Becky and I and our ministry here in Cambodia.

God Bless,  
Rodney Ruppel