

RODNEY & BECKY RUPPEL

CALLING CAMBODIANS TO CHRIST

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Several years ago Rodney met a young man in Pastor Tho's village. Saraun had lost his sight due to a tumor that the doctors had recently removed. He truly lived in darkness and was thrilled to find the light of Christ. He accepted Christ, and although he remained blind physically, the light of Christ became a joy to him. He began attending Pastor Tho's church and enjoyed conferences at New Hope Baptist Church in Phnom Penh. His faith strengthened, and he desired to see his parents accept Christ. Although Saraun's parents did not interfere with his church attendance, they had no desire to accept Christ for themselves. They would often walk away when the Good News of Jesus Christ was discussed.

This past summer Saraun's tumor returned, and he was not given a hopeful diagnosis. Liver cancer was also discovered in his father. Saraun had the assurance of a home in Heaven, but he wanted his father to have that same hope. Rodney and Pastor Tho began a salvation Bible study and were thrilled when Saraun's father sat and listened attentively. Unfortunately, he had a hard time accepting that anyone but himself could save him. He had been taught to trust in his own good works for salvation. Saraun's father passed away in December. As far as we know, he died without accepting Christ. We would love to find one day that he accepted Christ in his last moments without our knowledge. Rodney is SO thankful he was able to share the truth of salvation clearly with this man, but heartbroken that he refused to accept the truth.

On many occasions, Saraun's mother sat in the salvation Bible studies and heard the truth of salvation. On the day her husband chose to trust his own works, she admitted that only Christ can save sinners. This past Sunday we were able to go back to her home where Rodney talked to her about salvation. She was ready to accept Christ. I watched Pastor Tho's wife cry as this lady asked Christ to save her. That afternoon, she attended church for the first time.

Please pray for those who will disciple her and especially pray for Saraun as he helps his mother understand her newfound faith. We truly believe his example of faith in Christ has been the catalyst that helped his mother see the truth of salvation.

A missionary doctor has stepped in to help Saraun as he faces this new tumor and the difficult prognosis he has been given. Through God's grace, we have seen improvement, and we pray for his healing. Only God knows how much longer Saraun will be here on Earth sharing the light of the Gospel, but we thank God for every day he has been given to share his faith with those around him.

I also thank God for a husband who shares the light of Christ with those around him and that God allowed him to meet Saraun and share the Gospel with him all those years ago.


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