



Suosdai! (Hello)

We were sent by the Japan Baptist Convention in March 2015 and have been doing missionary work in Cambodia for 8 years until March 2023. In April 2023, we received an invitation from CBU (Cambodia Baptist Union) to continue missionary work in Cambodia through the Lord's leading and His Word.

What's new?

We are always grateful for your prayers and support. Since our return to Cambodia last August, our health has been blessed and the Lord has been leading our ministry here. January and February were hotter than usual here, and March is getting hotter as the end of the dry season approaches.

Following the Noto Peninsula earthquake at the beginning of the year, we have been following the news of the earthquakes that have been occurring in various parts of Japan. We continue to pray for the Lord's help and encouragement to all those affected.



January Birthday Party. The children join Pastor Chun in prayer.

**For you, Lord, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.**

Psalm 116:8-9(NIV)

Sunday School

In January, as a new attempt, Lita, a youth staff member, started a class for children's leaders. The new class starts at 1:00 p.m., one hour earlier than the start of usual Sunday School, for upper elementary to junior high school students. This is a time given in her prayer and a place where children who become leaders can further grow spiritually. First, the children's leaders learn the Bible and worship songs from Lita. Then, at the regular Sunday School class starting at 2:00, the children's leaders will try to share the blessings they have received with the younger elementary school students and newer children.



Children listening to Lita's story



Children leaders reading on the 7 Days of Creation

In the first new class, the children's leaders studied the 7-day article of creation. Then in the regular class at 2:00pm, The leaders read from the Bible and posed questions to the children. They listened eagerly to the stories and questions.

Children are usually taught many things by adults at home or at school. However, in church, it is not only "adult to child" teaching. There are many children who want to listen to and follow the Lord's words and join the Lord's work, even if they are very young. This is exactly the form of "children to children evangelism" that we are aiming for. We would appreciate your prayer for further growth of the new class.

The long-awaited "Children's Market"

On Sunday, February 18, the long-awaited "Children's Market" for children was held. The market is not a shopping event, but a festive event with bingo games, a lottery, target shooting, ball games, and so on. It is a gift from God to the children who usually study hard in Sunday school every week.

The Children's Market was started with the hope that children, who do not have many opportunities for entertainment in their daily lives, would enjoy and create happy memories.



Children joining the bingo game. The five-colored bags in the back are bingo prizes.



**The most popular game, lottery.
The prizes are mainly clothes.**

When we were short of staff to handle each game, the youth rushed to help us. We express our sincere thanks to the youth who helped out. The children's market was a great success, with a line of children waiting in line for each game. The scheduled one and a half hour event ended in a flash. We thank God for this opportunity.

Until the day of the event, the children had been asking me every week, "When are we going to have the children's market?" We were able to prepare many prizes for this day, including items that were donated. Thank you to everyone who donated items. Over 40 children participated, including some who came for the first time.



The distance to the target is changed according to age.(Shooting Game)

Japanese class

We have continued to have Japanese classes after the worship service. The class is divided into two, with Yuki in charge of the youth class and Kaoru in charge of the children's class. In the youth class, students were able to learn up to the last Hiragana in February. In the children's class, Karuta and other games are actively incorporated, and the class is full of laughter and fun.



Becoming Familiar with the Japanese Language through Karuta game

Ministry Supporting women "Thread of Hope"



**Adjusting the length of the threads
Khema (left) and Sreymom (right)**

Thank you for remembering in your prayers "Threads of Hope," ministry for supporting women using macrame art. In January, a mission team that visited Cambodia purchased our products, and we also received a new order from churches in Japan. We thank God for leading the ministry little by little in this way. Khema and Sreymom are enjoying and working hard to create macramé. In addition to the regular size products, they are trying to create smaller sizes for the Japanese market. We hope you will continue to pray for us.

Youtube Channel "Living Field Group"

In January, a Youtube channel "Living Field Group" was launched to report on our mission in Cambodia. Since our return to Cambodia last August, we have been discussing and praying together with Tokiwadai Baptist Church and other support churches toward the launch of the supporting group. In January, the supporting group "Living Field Group" was launched in the form of a Youtube channel. We are introducing our ministry through video clips. We thank all the supporting churches who prayed and worked with us for the opening of the channel.



Youtube channel screen (PC)
You can access from the QR code
on the left.

School Life of Kurosu and Eisu

In January, the annual "Sports Day" was held at Hope International School. In addition to familiar events such as the sprint race, there are also track and field events such as the long jump and the shot put. Teams were divided into four colors (red, blue, green, and yellow), just like in Japanese athletic meets, and the yellow team, to which Kurosu and Eisu are members, came in second place. Both Kurosu and Eisu joined various competitions and were able to give it their all.



Kurosu (left) running hard in the relay race
Eisu (right) running as fast as he can in the
short-distance race.

<Prayer requests>

1. The Children and youth of the CBU office church grow by the Lord's grace.
2. The community near Killingfield and neighboring areas will be transformed by the gospel.
3. "Thread of Hope" will be blessed and support for Khema and other women be expanded.
4. The needs for our ministry, living, and school fees for Kurosu and Eisu be met.

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