



## **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.

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## **Temporary return to Japan**

Next month, we will temporarily return to Japan for about two months from June 8 to August 5. The purpose is to visit churches mainly on the Sundays, to share the blessings and grace in Cambodia, and to expand the network of prayer and support.

We already have a schedule for visiting churches on the Sundays, but we would love to visit you at weekday prayer meetings and other occasions. We would appreciate it if you could contact us by e-mail.



**Sunday School in April  
Group photo with Easter crafts in hand**

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**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

Sunday school starts at 2:00 p.m., but many of them came to church more than an hour before, and the early ones even before noon. Everyone loves church.

We did a craft using the children's handprints in Sunday school. The children, who had never seen or used paints before, were really curious and enjoyed the activity. Please pray for the children, that they will continue to rejoice in the Lord and be nurtured in the love of Jesus.



**Paint was applied to the hands and pasted them on the paper.**

## Children in worship



**Their names are called with their picture shown on the screen.**

The presence of children in the church is growing. We adults learn from the smiles and innocence of these active children. And we feel the presence of Jesus.

“And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.” (Matthew 18:5)

Recently, the children's voices have become more powerful in worship and praise, and it encourages us every time. In addition, we have started a new attempt in April. It is to check the attendance of children. We project their pictures on the screen and call out their names. For new children, we not only call their names, but also ask about their grade level and family structure. Naturally, the adults are able to remember the names and faces of the children, and they become more aware of the presence of the children.



**Children singing powerful praise**

## Sharing Blessings



**40 families from nearby village participated. Rice and seasonings were given away.**

On one Sunday, neighbors were invited to the church for a program. They were the families of the children who come to Sunday school, 41 families in total. All of them live in a poor community just a short walk from the church. The day before the program, Khema, a church member, went from door to door in the village with the list of Sunday school children and talked to the families. Even more pleasantly, the village head also joined in this event.



**Rev. Nivath shares the gospel using pictures to the families gathered.**

After sharing rice and condiments in the program, CBU President Nivath, shared the gospel from the Bible, including the life of Jesus Christ. The items given to the families will be of great help as they are all immediately needed in their daily lives.

The church used the offering given by the missionaries for this program. In other words, the blessings given were shared with the residents. Since the children were led to the church from that village about two years ago, a relationship between the church and the residents of the village has gradually been established through the children.

## IJCS Easter Worship Service

On Sunday, March 31, we joined the Easter service of IJCS(International Japanese Church of Singapore) as we did last year. We rejoiced to see church members again and were given the opportunity to share the blessings of Cambodia with them.

On that day, more than 100 people attended the service, more than twice the usual number, including many newcomers. We hope that Singapore and Cambodia will continue to pray for each other and work in their respective missions.



**IJCS (International Japanese Church of Singapore) Group photo with participants in the Easter service**

## Ministry for Supporting women "Thread of Hope"



**"Thread of Hope" products are now available for sale in the handicraft section of the cafe**

Thank you for remembering in your prayers "Threads of Hope", a ministry for supporting women using macramé art. A Christian-operated cafe in Phnom Penh started to display the products of "Threads of Hope". Through a missionary friend of ours, we asked the owner of the cafe to accept our products. The owner said that she loves handicrafts such as macramé art, and she gladly accepted our request. We thank the Lord for His leading.

So far, "Threads of Hope" has been purchased mainly by Japanese churches. As we continue to spread them to the Japanese churches, we pray that the "Thread of Hope" will also spread in Phnom Penh.

## School Life of Kurosu and Eisu

In March and April, the Hope School's high school soccer team held a series of inter-school matches and tournaments. Kurosu, the ninth grader, was one of the youngest members of the team, but was able to play a key role in the games.

In the tournament held in April, there were many close games, and the Hope School team was not able to place high enough to win a prize. However, the experience of practicing hard and playing in games with his classmates and seniors at school must have been a great treasure for Kurosu.



**Eishu's work was selected as a fine work in the contest's Haiku category.**



**High School Soccer Team Eleven  
(Back row, second from left is Kurosu)**

Eisu attends a Japanese language supplementary school every Saturday. A supplementary school is a school for learning Japanese language and culture through Japanese-style classes. Mostly, students who usually attend an international school study there.

Last summer, there was a "Literature and Art Contest for Foreign Schools" and Eisu applied for the Haiku category. As a result, his work was selected as a fine work. We believe that this is the result of his diligent study of kanji and Japanese language at the school. We would like to thank everyone for your prayers and support.

### <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 preparation for the temporary return to Japan to be guided.

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