

# CHRIST CENTRAL MISSIONS NEWS

## WINTER 2019



### UPDATE FROM HP

Greetings! It has been a rather "muted" year in both the good & the bad. No rushing and running everywhere, no burning the midnight oil, no nail-biting moments preparing my boys for exams .... But there was also no elation from those earnest talks with my students, no tears of joy upon receiving exam scores, no laughing till tears running down at my students' comments, and above all, the awesome knowledge that I'm daily serving as his instrument.

However, it wasn't a completely barren year. I had shared how God had placed in me the need to bear all of the Korean Peninsula in my heart, not just the northern half, and that's precisely what happened. Seoul has come to offer familiarity and comfort as never before and I've also been privy to sufferings unique to that city. I have been blessed with new friends and a church who will make me look forward to long layovers in the future. That I genuinely grieved while packing up to move back to the US attests to the blessing that Seoul had been to me in 2018.

Many concerned partners have asked regarding my future plans and at the risk of sounding utterly irresponsible, I just don't have plans for 2019 right now. What I would love to see is the US travel ban ease up in February, so that we can get back to work in March, even as I continue to grapple whether seeking another mission field in the meantime is wisdom or faithlessness. Returning to the embrace of friends and family for Christmas has been as sweet as ever, being showered with gifts & affection. For the present, I'm laying aside all the fears regarding the future to just enjoy all the blessings he has given me. For 2019, I pray for a year in which each of us can sense him working in us and through us every single day.



## **UPDATE BY TIM LIM**

2018 has been a challenging year for Tim's family and the Cambodia team. Some team members have left the field and they are in need of more help. They have experienced moments of isolation and depression being so far from friends and family. But despite these challenges, God is still faithful, sending timely encouragements from friends and pastors.

## **MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

Currently, they are developing their mercy ministries as well as focusing on education and women's discipleship. With more people heading to the city to attend schools, the dormitory ministry has also become a huge blessing to many. There is also a medical ministry helping out at a family clinic to provide services to the local community, especially human trafficking victims. In helping care for the rescued girls, the clinic is establishing a Christian reputation and presence in the community. Tim is currently helping teach an intensive Bible course program and church planting classes, which has been bearing much fruit. Moonsook's women's prayer group has also been a blessing, as one lady has expressed how much her husband and children have changed by God's grace!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1)** Pray for Moonsook and Tim's marriage to grow stronger. Pray for Irene to grow in faith and to learn to trust in God amidst many changes.
- 2)** Pray for Konica and Soriya as they minister at the clinic and school, particularly as they minister to at risk women and children.
- 3)** Pray for our church planting candidates (Pheakeday, Pech, Vanna). Pray especially that their marriages will be strong in the Lord.
- 4)** Pray for more workers to join our Mission team in South-east Asia. And that God would grant unity and clear vision/direction as we plan for 2019