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Prayer Requests

New Plans for the New Year

- **Pray that God would continue to give us creative insights into new ways to use media to affect Cambodia for the Kingdom of God.**
- **Pray that we would be able to find Cambodian Christians who have the skills and the heart for using media to reach out to their people.**
- **Pray for the continued health and safety of our family.**

Why would anyone tie a frog to their jaw? Apparently, it is a cure for a loose tooth, but when Dmetri, our oldest boy, came to us with his top front tooth loose, we just let nature take its course. Now he has a bit of a goofy looking snagle-tooth grin; a perfect reminder of the inevitability of change! It is amazing the number of changes that can take place in a year, both in a seven year old boy and in a country, and there are few places in the world that are changing as rapidly as Cambodia!

Here in Cambodia there have been small changes (like the improved traffic safety and efficiency resulting from the newly installed traffic dividers at various intersections) and big changes (like Cambodia becoming the first country with developing nation status to be granted membership in the World Trade Organization). And with any change comes opportunity. As society changes around us, we, as followers of Jesus Christ, can either ignore the changes and become irrelevant and ineffective, or we can recognize the changes, flow with them, and become a positive force in directing change toward a more Godly perspective.

Well, that all sounds great, but what does that actually mean? Exactly how do you do that? The secret is flexibility. It would be easy to make a media ministries plan and strategy and stick to it no matter what, but if the needs of the people around us change, and we don't change with them, we could end up being ineffective and irrelevant. The truth is that we need to be flexible and adapt our plans as circumstances and needs around us dictate. Some of the media projects we had hoped to do when we arrived have had to be exchanged for new ideas that better fit Cambodia's changing society.

The exciting thing is that God has opened other doors that more effectively target the current needs among the Cambodian church. Here are just a few:

- Development of a media ministries training course for the Bible School
- Working with local churches to help them develop evangelistic radio programs specifically targeting their areas
- Developing a resource team capable of producing high quality, and high impact media ministry tools
- Working with the national church leadership to establish a media advisory committee to help develop and direct future media ministry efforts
- Helping to develop and implement a cassette based training program for leadership development and continuing education

Online Resources!

If you are looking for more pictures, more information, or even Cambodian recipes for your missions convention, or if you just want to be better informed on our ministry, check out our website at:

www.online.com.kh/users/ttabor

Please continue to pray with us as we continue to help Cambodian churches develop new ways to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to the lives of those around them!

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Cambodia Focus

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*What does loosing a
tooth and missions
have in common?
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