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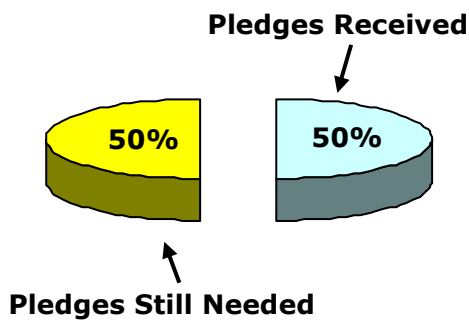
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- Miles Traveled To Date: 27,542
- Number of Services: 146
- Number of States Visited: 10

Pledge Overview



Prayer Requests

- Open doors of opportunity for ministry among our churches
- That our budget would be raised quickly so that we can return to Cambodia in March
- God's protection while traveling
- God's blessing on our services; that (1) the lost would be saved and that (2) people would be called to missions
- That God's people would have the Lord's heart for missions

Suicide For God

Early in October, in Cambodia's eastern province of Prey Veng, two nuns and one monk, members of an extremist Buddhist cult, poured 60 liters of gasoline into three bath-tubs, climbed in, sat down, and set themselves on fire. As they burned to death, three other monks tried, unsuccessfully, to commit suicide by stabbing themselves in the chest.

Why would anyone do something like this? Suicide notes left by the victims said that they believed that ritual suicide was the only way to enter heaven, and that they "committed suicide in the interest of God." In fact, the mother of the monk who died, herself a Buddhist nun, was seen kneeling down and worshipping in front of her blazing son and saying "God bless you."

In this case, as in so many others, a horrible event was made even more tragic by the futile reasons that prompted it. Throughout Cambodia, people go to great lengths to please their gods, and earn their favor. They turn to even the most extreme options to find a way to heaven, when Jesus has already paid the price and made the way for them to not only enter heaven, but to become children of God!

Unfortunately, as Paul points out in Romans 10, faith comes by hearing, and most Cambodians have never heard. How can they believe unless they hear? And how can they hear unless someone preaches to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?

We are honored to be your representatives in Cambodia, sharing the good news of a God who loves them and has already paid the price for their sins. We are excited about what God is doing in Cambodia, but we are even more excited about what He is going to do in the future! But we still need your help!

We hope to leave for the field early next year, but we still have about half of our pledge support to raise. Please pray and ask God what part he wants you to play in helping us reach Cambodia with the message of hope in Jesus Christ.

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