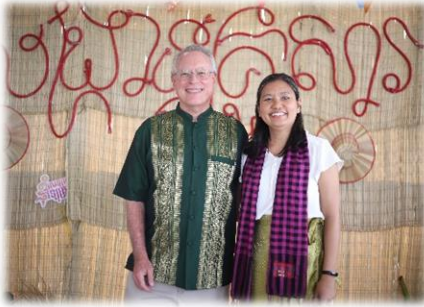


# The Creels Summer 2023 Prayer Letter

## ADVENTURES IN MEKONG LAND



Sua-sdey (hello) from Phnom Penh! We are so thankful for the Lord's help as we continue to adjust to our new field of ministry here in

Cambodia. Much has happened since our previous prayer letter, so here are some highlights:

One of the first things we needed to do upon arrival in Cambodia was finding a good, affordable apartment. We stayed in a temporary apartment for the first month while looking for a permanent place to live. Praise the Lord, with the help of Quality Expat Services, we found a nice apartment not far from the FEBC Cambodia office. **Thanks for praying with us about this need.**

Another pressing matter upon our arrival was extending our temporary visa into a long-term visa. After some initial confusion, we received our permanent visa after waiting for about one-month. **Again, thank you for your prayers.**

One of the hardest adjustments has been learning the Khmer language. We began language studies shortly after our arrival. We are far from being fluent, but at least we know some basic words and phrases that will help us navigate the roads and converse in the local stores. We hope to begin the second round of language studies in August. **Please pray that we will be able to gain fluency as time goes by.**

In addition to these challenges, we are also still trying to find a good church. We have visited several international churches over the past few months but haven't settled on one yet. **Please pray that the Lord will direct us to a church where we will feel at home and be able to put our gifts and talents into the Lord's service.**

In April, people across the country celebrated Cambodian/Khmer New Year. The FEBC Cambodia staff joined in the celebrations by doing a series of

special live broadcasts from the rooftop of the studio building. We really enjoyed celebrating with our staff.



Also in April, we were pleased to accompany the FEBC Cambodia staff on an outreach in Kampong Cham province. We greatly enjoyed meeting the listeners and hearing their stories of how FEBC Cambodia has ministered to them. **Please**

**pray that these listeners will continue to grow in their walk with Jesus.**

Several engineering projects have kept David busy since arriving in Cambodia. One of the first projects was re-tuning many Galcom solar-powered fixed-tuned shortwave radios. These radios were accidentally ordered with the wrong frequency, so each one needed to be re-tuned before distributing them to listeners. Praise the Lord, David was able to complete the task in a relatively short



**period of time. Please pray that lives will be changed by the power of the Gospel as these radios are distributed to listeners in remote provinces of Cambodia.**

In May, we traveled to do some improvements and repairs on FEBC's relay station in Kampong Thom province. The transmitter is located at a shared site and lacked proper grounding and lightning protection. David worked alongside other FEBC engineering personnel and contractors to complete



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the project. It was challenging since the temperature each day was near or above 100 degrees, but thankfully, the team was able to complete the work. **Once again, thank you for your prayers.**

We are also pleased to report that good progress is now being made on the self-supporting tower project. The new transmitter building and the new generator building are about 75% complete. The tower foundation is almost finished, and work to erect the tower should start soon. **Thank you for your prayers for this project.**



In June, we attended the Broadcast Asia exposition in Singapore. This expo is the largest of its kind in Asia, providing a good opportunity to see the latest broadcast equipment and to interact with vendors for upcoming projects.

**Please see our blog at [thecreels.org](http://thecreels.org) for additional photos and details about our recent activities.**

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*"We give thanks to God always for you all..."*

*1 Thessalonians 1:2 (NKJV)*

#### **LISTENER LETTER**

*"I used to be a cruel person. The pain in my life brought out uncontrollable anger. God's mercy brought me out of the depths of despair and healed my broken heart. My soul was inspired by Krusa FM (FEBC Cambodia) to accept Christ as my only hope for overcoming sin. With my newfound faith, the radio team prayed for me. Jesus has had a profound effect on my life. I have experienced healing, forgiveness, and love. Jesus, I thank you. I listen to teaching programs on Krusa FM to help me with my Bible studies. I pray that God abundantly blesses you." (A Listener from Kratie province)*

In closing, we want to thank you for your prayers and financial support. We give glory to God that with your partnership we can proclaim Christ in Asia "until all have heard." May God bless you!

In Christ,

*David & Vicki Creel*

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