

# Jesus

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

## The Creels Adventures in Mekong Land - Christmas 2023

*“Behold, the virgin will be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, God with us.” Matthew 1:23 (NKJV)*



Greetings and Merry Christmas from Phnom Penh, Cambodia! We hope you had a good Thanksgiving celebration and are enjoying this holiday season. As we reflect on the birth of our Savior in this Advent season, let us not forget that there are still 3.4 billion people around the world who have still not heard the story of Jesus’ birth, life, death, and resurrection. Even here in Cambodia, we often meet people who have never heard about Jesus. Thanksgiving and Christmas are not even officially recognized holidays in Cambodia.

Bringing the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ “until all have heard” is Far East Broadcasting Company’s mission. This is the message that FEBC has been proclaiming for the past 78 years via radio and internet-based media. FEBC operates in 50 countries, broadcasting in 152 languages, using 260 radio stations and transmitters. On average, we receive 150 million listener engagements each year. Here in Cambodia, where Buddhism is the predominant religion, God is using FEBC’s broadcasts to introduce many to Christ and help them

grow in their faith. Currently, FEBC broadcasts the Good News to listeners throughout the country using two FM radio stations, shortwave broadcasts from the Philippines, social media, and internet streaming.

Thank you for your prayers as we continue to adjust to life in Cambodia. We recently completed our second eight-week round of Khmer language studies. Learning another language at our ages is difficult, but with the Lord’s help, we are making progress. Of course, learning the culture can also be challenging, but it is also rewarding as we learn how to better understand and relate to the Khmer people.

### CHRISTIAN FAMILY CONFERENCE



On October 18-19, FEBC Cambodia in partnership with SANSA Finland hosted the Cambodia Christian Family Conference in the province of Siem Reap. Over 100 couples from 25 of Cambodia’s provinces attended this 2-day event where they received Biblical instruction on how to raise families, manage finances, etc. The entire event was broadcast live on FEBC Cambodia’s two FM radio stations and on YouTube and Facebook. Participants were then encouraged to share what they learned in small-group settings in their home provinces. **Please pray that the participants will be able to successfully implement**

what they learned and will be able to share the principles with others.

#### TESTIMONY FROM FAMILY CONFERENCE



*"Thank you very much for this Family Conference. It will be extremely helpful for my family, showing us how to live as the light in our*

*community. The speakers also shared the knowledge necessary to be effective and transparent in managing our household spending plan...We are grateful to FEBC Cambodia for providing each of us with the chance to increase our knowledge of family life and how it relates to our walk with God."*

#### SELF-SUPPORTING TOWER PROJECT



We are grateful to the Lord that work on the new Generator and Transmitter Buildings and the self-supporting tower is nearing completion. An unexpected delay was encountered when it was found that a few of the tower braces were inadvertently left out of the shipment. **Please pray for the missing pieces to arrive**

**soon, for a smooth transition to the new tower, and for successful completion of the project.**



NEW TRANSMITTER AND GENERATOR BUILDINGS

David is also assisting FEBC Philippines by procuring some electronic parts for their shortwave radio stations in Bocaue and Iba. FEBC Indonesia has also requested David's assistance in repairing two of their transmitters. **Please pray for wisdom and protection as he and Vicki travel to Indonesia on December 3-10, 2023.** For more updates, see our website at [thecreels.org](http://thecreels.org).

#### CAMBODIA WATER FESTIVAL



On November 26-29, thousands of people from all provinces of Cambodia came

to Phnom Penh for the annual Water Festival. This festival takes place on the Tonle Sap and Mekong Rivers and features boat races and a parade of beautifully lighted boats. FEBC Cambodia broadcast the event live and greeted passers-by with free water and promotional material. **Please pray that many of these people will become regular listeners and will make the decision to follow Christ.**

During this Advent season, FEBC Cambodia and many other FEBC stations around the world will offer special programming to introduce listeners to Christ. Please pray for open and receptive hearts as people hear, some for the first time, the story of Jesus' birth.

As the year 2023 draws to a close, we want to thank you for your faithful partnership in our radio/media ministry as we proclaim Christ to the unreached "until all have heard." We are so grateful for your prayers and financial support. May God bless you! Merry Christmas from Phnom Penh!

In Christ,

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