

The Creels Adventures in Mekong Land – Autumn 2024

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always concerning you...” I Corinthians 1:3-4 (NKJV)

Greetings from Southeast Asia! We hope that all is well with you as we move into this autumn season. Although we miss seeing the beautiful changing of the leaves in North America, we are enjoying the slightly cooler weather that the rainy season brings to the tropical climate of Cambodia. It is a refreshing change from the 100F+ temperatures that we were experiencing just a few months ago.

A lot has happened since our previous prayer letter, so here is an update of recent ministry news.



DISMANTLING THE OLD TOWER

However, a few last-minute challenges have arisen. When it came time to move the transmission line to the new tower, it was found to be a bit short, so more transmission line had to be ordered. We also discovered that there is a nitrogen leak somewhere in the pressurized transmission line which will need to be resolved. And finally, we also found that, for some reason, the reflected power is higher than expected which could prevent the transmitter from operating at full power. **Please pray the Lord will give us wisdom in dealing with these challenges so that the FM signal can be back on air soon.**

The self-supporting tower project for Phnom Penh is almost finished. Work on the new generator building and the new transmitter building is complete. The antenna has been moved to the new tower, and the tower lighting has been installed.

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JOY 4U RADIO

Recently, FEBC Cambodia entered into a partnership agreement with Joy 4U Radio in Banteay Meanchey to provide programming for the listeners in this province near the border with Thailand. FEBC Cambodia also plans to provide the station with a Nautel 2.5 kW transmitter which was previously used at Kampong Thom to provide better and more reliable coverage. In August, together with the technical team of FEBC Cambodia, we traveled to Banteay Meanchey province to investigate the technical aspects of this new venture and to do some technical training. It was a pleasure to meet the staff of the station and to hear about the impact their broadcasts are having in the lives of listeners. One challenge has arisen, however, with the Nautel transmitter. One of its power supplies recently failed, and unfortunately, they are obsolete. So, David did some research for a solution and found a retrofit replacement power supply kit. **Please pray that this kit arrives soon so that this transmitter can be put on air at Banteay Meanchey soon.**

On September 1st, retiring FEBC New Zealand missionary Owen Gabbie came to Phnom Penh for a visit and to assist with engineering needs. David and Owen used to work together in Saipan and in the International Service Team several years ago, so it was great to be able to work together again. Since Owen has many years of experience climbing towers and doing tower maintenance, the visit afforded a great opportunity for him to share about tower safety and maintenance with the FEBC Cambodia technical team.

On September 9-23, we along with Owen went to FEBC Indonesia to assist with some of their engineering needs. Together with the local technicians, we were able to replace the transmitter's touchscreen and install a new audio codec at Heartline FM, the



HEARTLINE FM STUDIOS IN JAKARTA

most of metro-Jakarta can hear the Gospel clearly. Later, we traveled to Lampung to replace a defective



DAVID, LOCAL TECHNICIAN YONO, AND OWEN IN LAMPUNG

audio codec and to upgrade the transmitter's software. The most satisfying accomplishment for David was finishing repairs on the Nautel VS2.5 transmitter which serves Makassar. This transmitter had been out of commission for quite some time leaving the station to operate on a lower-power standby transmitter. After earnestly praying for wisdom, David finally found main problem which was inhibiting the transmitter from producing power. **Praise God for this answer to prayer!** While in Jakarta, Vicki also led a seminar on how to effectively use online evangelism, using her experience volunteering with another ministry. We really enjoyed our time in Indonesia, especially seeing our staff and old friends.

LISTENER RESPONSE

"Tuning in on the voice of life program makes me feel excited to do my activities. As a vegetable trader in the market, my daily life and activities are always

flagship station in Jakarta. With the aid of some specialized technical equipment, we also did a drive-around test of the station's signal strength to make sure



accompanied by the broadcast of Heartline FM Samarinda. From this broadcast, I listen to spiritual songs that strengthen me and get a warm greeting from the radio broadcaster.

That's what makes me feel happy and excited to go selling. As a mom who sells vegetables at the market, I continue to experience joy. I am grateful every day because I feel blessed through the spiritual songs that are played and through the word verses shared. In carrying out my activities, I never want to be sad, I continue to stay energized and joyful enjoying God's blessings, plus Heartline Radio's spiritual broadcasts continue to accompany me."

Your partnership in our radio/media ministry enables many others like this listener to hear about Jesus and experience the life-changing power of the Gospel. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. We are truly blessed by your support of our ministry. May God bless you as you help us proclaim Christ to the world by media "until all have heard."

For more photos and updates, see thecreels.org.



"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

Philippians 4:23 (NKJV)

In Christ,

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