

*“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.”
Ps 116:15*

Dear Friends,

On August 10th, 2017, Becky’s mom went to be with the Lord. It was a precious event in so many ways! First, we are rejoicing that Mom’s faith has become sight. She was longing to give “her Jesus” a hug. Second, God’s timing was perfect. She celebrated about 3 hours of her 49th wedding anniversary before passing. God also arranged for Becky and I to be home at this time, so we could share Mom’s final days with her and the family. God used the events of this past summer to grow our family and bring us all closer together.

While Becky and I were helping her dad after the funeral, another special lady went home to be with our Savior. Back in Cambodia, Sum fell from a ladder, hit her head on a cement wall, and went into a coma. The doctors in Cambodia could not save her, and she went to be with the Lord just five days after the incident. Her adult daughter, Theory, is living in the Atlanta area, so Becky and I had the opportunity to spend a few days with her. Theory was saved through our ministry in Cambodia in 2001. She is very close to our family. What a blessing it was to be close enough to spend some time with her during this very difficult time! Becky was able to give much comfort to Theory. It was also very encouraging to hear Theory counseling her siblings in Cambodia (by phone) to stay faithful to God and to be careful of unsaved relatives casting doubts on their faith in Christ. Becky’s mom met Ming Sum in Cambodia many times, but they are finally able to communicate clearly without a translator. Precious!

Though the homegoing of these dear ladies is precious to the Lord, it has left a huge hole in the hearts of the bereaving families. Please continue to pray for Becky’s dad. He and his wife did everything together. Pray also for Becky and her siblings. I am so glad to be a part of this family and to be able to witness (close up) just how strong their faith is and how sweet their love is for each other.

Becky and I are now headed back to Cambodia. We should be arriving in Cambodia on June 27th. Pray for Becky and I as we get back into active ministry in Cambodia. There is much to do for the Lord in Cambodia. Please pray that God will give us wisdom and direction to do all that God would have us to do, and please pray for us to be filled with the Holy Spirit that we would do all to glorify His name!

In our last prayer letter, we asked you to pray for God to be glorified through Becky’s mom’s illness and death, and He was! We asked you to pray for believers in Cambodia to “step-up,” and they did! We asked prayer for God to use us where we were, and He gave me the opportunity to preach at summer camp in Tennessee. We asked you to pray for God to help me finish a discipleship series, and much progress was made. With God’s help, it will be finished soon. God also gave me the opportunity to begin translation on a book that will be very helpful to national pastors.

Thank you for your prayers! Without God’s help, we can do nothing! Please continue to pray for God’s grace in our lives! Wonderful grace!

Heading back to Cambodia,



Rodney Ruppel