

# Ly Family

From the Killing Fields to the Missions Field




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*An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. (Luke 2:9-10, NIV).*

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## The Christmas Story

Dear Friends,

In a nation where fewer than one percent profess faith in Christ, where Buddhism shapes the worldview of nearly every household, and where countless people have never heard the greatest story ever told—the miraculous birth of our Savior—the children in our schools are becoming bold witnesses. Through their Christmas plays and songs, they retold the story as Scripture records it, sharing the message of hope with clarity and joy.

In Luke 2:9-10, we read how the angels appeared to the shepherds, and fear overwhelmed them. Yet the angel's first words were a proclamation of peace. Today, the people of Cambodia also live with deep fears—fear of an uncertain future, fear stirred by renewed conflict along the Cambodia–Thailand border, and fear of the spiritual forces they believe may harm them. But as our students share the Christmas story, they are declaring God's peace over this nation. In their simple yet powerful presentation of the gospel, these young voices are shining the light of Christ into a land longing for hope.



# Good News of Great Joy

## Praise and Prayer

- ❖ The tensions along the Cambodia–Thailand border have escalated once again, forcing thousands of families to flee their homes. Among the displaced are many of our own brothers and sisters from the churches located in the area. We ask you to join us in earnest prayer for peace to be restored and for the Lord's protection and provision to cover His people during this uncertain time.
- ❖ As we approach Christmas, our schools and churches are preparing for their annual Christmas celebrations and outreaches. Each year, these gatherings open a door for us to proclaim the true meaning of Christmas and share the life-giving message of Jesus Christ. Pray with us that every gospel seed sown will fall on good soil, take deep root, and remain untouched by the enemy.



It has taken time, but the good news of Jesus Christ has finally reached the ears and hearts of the people living in Chaab, Preah Vihear. In this remote corner of northwest Cambodia, a small but steadfast fellowship of believers gathers faithfully. They are learning to walk in the love of God and to proclaim His truth with courage to their families, neighbors, and friends. Even in the face of opposition and persecution, their faith remains firm, and their desire to make Christ known continues to grow.

We are deeply grateful for your partnership, which enables us to bring the “good news of great joy” to Chaab and to many others who might otherwise never hear the message of salvation. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, may His everlasting peace and enduring hope fill your hearts and homes in this season and throughout the year ahead. Merry Christmas!

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