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**Phnom Penh, Cambodia**



Since 2015, the Hoopers have lived and worked in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. They focus on developing relationships with persons of peace, as well as cultivating a culture of disciple making in existing communities. Kyle has worked as a chaplain and English teacher for a mission school outside of the city, as well as a consultant and assistant to the director for the Shelter of Peace dormitory in Phnom Penh. Rebecca currently teaches first grade at Northbridge International School Cambodia, where their children, Emma Skye (1st grade) and Korban (preschool), attend as students.

**Stories of Hope –**

The past year saw many hardships due to the effects of the pandemic. The schools and dormitory we are affiliated with were forced to close for the majority of the year. However, God has been faithful and provided us many reasons to place our hope in what He is doing in Cambodia.

Hope for the Shelter of Peace dormitory: The director of the dorm, Bunhak, has faced considerable obstacles this year. With the closure of schools, organizations, and businesses, the dorm students had to return to their homes in the countryside. The dorm lost significant financial support due to the hardship faced by many donors. This came at a critical time in the plans for the dormitory—causing everything to be put on hold. However, this also gave Kyle and Bunhak the unique opportunity to spend a significant amount of time in reflection, prayer, and discerning God’s calling for the dorm—sometimes meeting 4-5 days a week. This shift from evangelism to pastoral care significantly strengthened our relationship with Bunhak and his family.

The dorm had to close entirely and move out of the previous rental property. However, a new property was found in December, and some students have returned in January, as we seek to move forward with a new vision—cultivating an environment for these young adults to be disciplined and gain the skills and experience to disciple others in their communities of influence.

Kyle no longer works with the Peace school as an English teacher, since the school moved to online learning in 2020. He still assists from time to time, but is now able to focus more specifically on the students in the dormitory. We are excited to see what God reveals in the near future as more students will be coming to the dorm, and we will begin to expand on what can be done. With students coming from many parts of Cambodia, we’re hopeful that they will grow in their zeal to follow Jesus, and, in turn, multiply disciples throughout the country.