

Team to Cambodia 2018.9.24~2018.9.28

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Thank you for your intercessory prayer. I have joined the Cambodia team for my first time. Even though I had some anxiety to go to tropical country especially for the first time after many years, God had protected me perfectly in the points that I worried. One of the points was the weather when we were to have fun at the beach and having BBQ, especially because it is rainy season now in Cambodia. It was raining on the first day and that made our meeting cool and comfortable. When we were having fun at the beach, it was fine weather, while it rained on our way back from the beach. We even saw a moment of rainbow. When we were having BBQ, it was about to rain, but did not rain. We only had comfortable wind. With all these, I have seen the perfect protection of the weather from God.

There were two nights holy meetings during this dispatch. We praised and had holy communion services together, and both Japan and Cambodia praise teams sang gospel. Then messengers of each meeting delivered God's messages. Two of the orphanage graduates came and joined us. I felt that children has been growing in the protection and training of the church, because they are the members of an online church of Tokyo Antioch church, TLCCC. This time, I was touched hearing the song composed and sung live by the children.

On the second day, children, staffs and the team went to AEON mall to play ice skating and bowling.

We had BBQ in the afternoon, when we could have fun time with the children. During BBQ, I had been trying to stop my tears coming out alone, because I was touched by God's love toward the children. I have never seen such a clear manifestation that God's love is shown. We can call this a crystal of God's love, I think.

Lastly, I would like to write about a verse spoken to me by God individually. It was "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Ephesians 5:14. When I was leaving Cambodia, I wanted to come back from my heart. It was the first oversea dispatch after so many years. My mind was not in my prayer when I had been praying for attending oversea mission team, because I have actually given it up. I have become a dead man in terms of "praying from my heart". I praise God, who made me want to go for overseas mission again!

■ Kinue Chida (TLCCC Tokyo Antioch Church)

I praise the name of the Lord. I have joined the team of 20 which was sent from The Water Flowing From The Sanctuary Mission from 24 September to the 28th. It was the first oversea mission experience for me. This dispatch was to visit Cornerstone Orphanage in Cambodia to witness children's spiritual and actual growth and to actually join God's work. I give thanks to God who guided me to this mission team. I had been praying so that I was able to join in any

of the mission dispatch team of God's choice for me since the beginning of this year. Prayer is blessing. God showed me the way, spoke to me and guided me, while I asked Him what and how I should do.

When I had fear and anxiety about the dispatch because this is my first one, God spoke to me, "Do not be afraid" from book of Joshua during one of the Sunday worship messages. So I expected His blessing for this dispatch on me and attended it. Before the dispatch, I prayed so that I was able to receive what God was trying to show me and speak to me during this dispatch.

In Cambodia, children's smiles welcomed us. I was healed by their straight smiles with no prejudice. They approached to us and greeted to us. They were so polite and have good facial expressions, by which I felt that they are loved by God. The orphanage building seemed a bit crowded, but the compound was well maintained and clean. The floor in the house was well-mopped and shiny. I think it is always clean, not that they cleaned it to be seen by the team. I felt so by the way children behaved. In the meeting, the praising that children gave toward the Lord was wonderful. I shed tears because I felt the Lord's presence abundantly.

There was abundant blessing of worship service and God spoke to me that we were one body when we were having Holy Communion service together. I was filled with joy. I saw children listening to the message very attentively. I saw growth of children's faith as part of on line church of Tokyo Antioch Church, TLCCC. I could hear live "Pureya sonkuruwa" worship, which was selected to be one of the songs in volume 6 of Kaze no Hibiki. God has spoken to the previous team to Cambodia to give a composing and lyrics writing seminar to the children. It was done through walking by faith in the last Cambodia team, and then, this song was made by the children as an assignment. Sister R gave testimony, "When assignment was given to the children, they stepped out one step. And God worked on it, even if it was a small step." The Lord's direct pastoring based on church is really wonderful. And this time there were seminars of composing, lyrics writing again, video shooting and guitar. I saw children learning attentively.

During the composing and lyrics writing seminar this time, the seminar speaker said, "Don't you want to tell people who doesn't know Jesus about Jesus through praising? You should not keep the joy in yourselves. Let us flow out our joy to many other people." I felt that the work of God has got into the next step. I would like to expect from God that more new gospels targetted for non-Christians will be born. I remember that we saw a rainbow on the way back from the beach.

That was the moment when someone finished singing "Hakuba" with karaoke, while we were having karaoke singing contest in the bus. The meaning of rainbow is promise of God. In our church, oversea mission and orphanage is considered as one work of God. I want to see how God's plan will develop from now on. This time, God opened the door to unexpected stage for our praising work. God showed us that He works and shows His glory when we obey Him. He also spoke to me individually during this dispatch through scriptures. He showed me prayer points concretely.

God showed me revision that basic 4 points about oversea mission, namely, prayer, go, give, and internet. I give thanks to God, who guided the team dispatch again.