

July Update on June 2018 Missionary Letters



Caleb & Courtney Smith – Beautiful Feet Ministry, Cambodia

Now that Caleb and Courtney both work for Children in Families they have gotten to ride together most mornings on the moto. This is lovely because their office is just a few blocks from their home—meaning a little more time for coffee and slow mornings. Caleb has been busy working with a team on a new project for CIF called Rok Kern, which in Khmer means, “Come and See.” The project is focused on educating donors and short term volunteers on ways to ethically participate in orphan care in Cambodia. When he is not in the office, he is usually driving all over Phnom Penh teaching English and music for 12 students. His language skills continue to grow and he’s even translating some documents from English to Khmer these days, with great thanks to his fantastic language tutor. Courtney has been busy this month with CIF’s ABLÉ program. This stands for Accept, Belonging, Loved, and Empowered. It’s core belief is that children with disabilities have a right to grow up in families and not institutions, and that local Cambodian families are the most qualified to care for Cambodian children. As a technical advisor, Courtney often plays a support role to their local therapist and it has been a joy to watch children with disabilities thrive in local foster families, even with complex medical needs. Pray with us for the A.B.L.E. program as they are currently looking for additional funding sources and qualified staff to serve even more children with disabilities and their families. Pray for the Rok Kern program as their team seeks to find ways for the American church to ethically participate in orphan care in Cambodia. Prayers that the American church could join the conversation on orphan care and child protection. Prayers for health and strength for them both as they had an unexpected sickness and they are playing catch up. They both had Dengue Fever, but thankfully it was a mild case and they are both fully recovered physically!

Paul & Vicky Craine – Child Evangelism Fellowship, Ft Leonardwood MO

Pray for our walk with the Lord, that it would be honoring to Him. Pray for our time in God’s word and in prayer. Pray for our summer ministries and travels. Pray for new committee members to serve on our local committee. Pray for Paul as he teaches Christian Youth In Action (C.Y.I.A.) in Warrenton in June. Praise God for the weekly Bible clubs and the great attendance. Praise God for His many blessings! Praise God for going before us and surrounding us with His love. Praise God for the many military children so eager to come to club! Finally praise the Lord for the empty tomb of Christ. I Cor 15:17, 20a

Eugene & Stella Zgodinskiy – Odessa Team, Ukraine

For seven years we were involved in building a student-led spiritual movement as volunteers and last year we joined the Odessa campus team as full-time staff. Neither one of us were born into Godly families. We both heard the gospel through the Ukraine for Christ student movement in Odessa, a part of Campus Crusade for Christ Int. The gospel message of God's love won over our hearts and changed our lives. We started to build our family with Christian values. God reached us when we were young, and we believe He can change the lives of students through us. We appreciate your prayers for this ministry and outreach.

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The Perkov Family – CRU, Ukraine

As a new family, we work among Ukrainian students in the city of Kharkiv. Three years ago we decided to join Campus Ministry because we see a big need that Ukrainian students have. The need to hear that God has created us but that we have sinned and turned away from Him. And He's sent His glorious Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for our sins and to rise to save us from ourselves. Kharkiv is considered as the students capital of Ukraine. There are 200k students studying in 40 Universities of Kharkiv (almost 20k are students from 200 different countries). Today they study here, but in a few years they will get back to hundreds of different countries of the world. We pray that they would carry the Gospel to the end of the earth. We believe this is a wonderful opportunity to carry the Gospel to the whole world without leaving Kharkiv. We cannot reach this vision without financial help. In prayer, will you seek God to send provision for this ministry. And if He lays it on your heart to give, please go to <https://give.cru.org/> then go to give and start a new gift. Enter our account number 0894290 and the amount of giving. We appreciate your partnership in this ministry.