

"Pray like this:

Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven."

Matthew 6:9-10

你们应当这样祷告,

我们天上的父, 愿人们都尊崇你的圣名, 愿你的国度降临, 愿你的旨意在地上成就, 就像在天上成就一样。

马太福音 6:9-10

Hi friends,

Remember the Winter Olympics...? It's hard to believe that was only 3 weeks ago.

We love the Olympics and are drawn to them because they represent many of the things we long to experience in this broken world – peace, harmony, excellence, joy, victory.

Here in this country, many people were distracted from the joy of the Olympics by the shocking story of a mother of eight children who was found last month with a chain around her neck, forced to live in a small, cold hut just feet from the proper home where her husband and children lived. Their village is in the same province as Coco's hometown, so this one hit close to home for her. Their story brought to light sad realities and a national discussion about mental health, human trafficking, and government corruption.

Now, of course, the brokenness of this family's story is completely overshadowed by the immense scale of pain and suffering for millions of families who are facing war, violence, and a refugee crisis because of the present conflict in Ukraine.

In so many ways, we are reminded that life is not the Olympics. In this season of Lent, we mourn the brokenness we see in the world, we repent of our own sin, and we hold on to the Hope of the Resurrection. We are confident in this hope, and we can share this good news with our friends: the King of the Universe has won the victory over evil! And one day, when the time is right, He will return to make all things right. He will finally, completely, answer the prayer He taught us to pray:

"Your kingdom come..."on earth as it is in heaven."

God Answers Prayers

As you pray for everyone in Ukraine, thank you for your continued commitment to pray for the work God is doing here in this place, and for our family as we participate in His work.

In our last update, we asked you to pray for a solution to a setback we encountered at the end of 2021 related to government approval of CWEF's planned work in this country's southwestern region during 2022. Perhaps it should come as no surprise...**He answers prayers**!

Earlier this week, our team received the good news that in the coming few days, we can expect to receive the final seal of approval for CWEF's 2022 Activity Plan from the provincial government department that serves as our oversight authority. Thank you, Lord!

It took some time, but our team was able to establish a new relationship with a different local non-profit partner that enjoys strong relationships in another area of the same province. Working with this partner organization, we have successfully identified a new location for our planned work in 2022, which I will refer to as "YJ County."



This area of the country is a very mountainous and remote region that has been slow to develop economically. Even as many people in urban parts of the country have escaped poverty and enjoyed new opportunities in recent decades, many families in YJ continue to face the daily realities of poverty, including limited education opportunities and poor holistic health -- physical, mental, and spiritual.

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With support from you and many other generous partners, our CWEF team and local partners are grateful to be a vessel of God's mercy and compassion, as we prepare to move forward with the following work in YJ and other areas during 2022:

- A pilot program to enhance Early Childhood Education, through teacher training and literacy support, with the hope to expand later to more schools in the region.
 - o 2 kindergartens, 25 teachers, 320 students.
- HEAL ("Health Education, Advocacy & Literacy") a program that combines health-related resources, such as water filters and solar-heated showers, together with training and support for a small team of local health advocates.
 - o 2 primary schools, 31 teachers, 426 students.
- Migrant Student Mental Health Education
 - 1 school for migrant students on the outskirts of the provincial capital, 12 teachers, 305 students.
- Youth Education & Development
 - Scholarships to help students finish high school, plus workshops to encourage social-emotional growth for resilience in life after school.
 - 120 students from low-income families.
- University Scholarships in Cambodia
 - 17 students from low-income rural families.
 - o Includes housing and spiritual community in dorms run by a Christian partner organization.

Stories

In addition to the above 'stats' that give you a bigger picture of CWEF's work in 2022, here are two recent personal stories of the people being impacted by your support:

"It Was Just Like a Dream" - Ruth's story

No Longer 'Underwater' (Thanks to Clean Water) - Maiy's story

PRAYER POINTS

- Thank God for providing a way forward for CWEF's work!
- Continued prayers for Coco and her Alpha Parenting team, as they just started a new course with a new group of parents this month.
- For our old friends Mr. Z* and his wife. We gave them a Bible 10 years ago. He recently told us that he has been reading it every day. Pray they receive the gift of faith!
- Ask for wisdom and courage for Josh as he prepares the next message for our congregation. The date is April 3, and the text is Hebrews 9.
- For faith and courage for all our CWEF team members as they go about the work God has called them to do.
- Thank God that we were able to be with Coco's family in her hometown for the big Spring Festival holiday at the beginning of February. It's the first time since early 2019 we were able to be there. As always, join us in praying for the gift of faith for Coco's parents, and for their physical and mental well-being.
- Finally, for Coco and Josh pray for an abundance of faith, hope, and love from the Lord and for each other.

In His Love, Josh & Coco, John & Sophie

Would you join us by committing to support the work God is doing here with your regular prayers and gifts?

We currently have 38 partners, and we hope to reach 50.

Click **here** to join us as we join JC on his mission. Thank you!

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