

Hi from Cambodia. It's been quite a year already...

Travelling home



This year began with a trip home for Christmas/New Year. It was very special, as my Grandma passed away just a few weeks after I returned to Cambodia.

But I was then blessed to be able to fly back for a week, to attend her funeral. It was a precious chance to celebrate my grandma, and to enjoy time with my extended family.

Life Band CD

I'm SO excited: my church's first live CD has just come out.

The songs were all written by worship leaders at church, and I helped translate some songs into English. (Isn't it cool that Cambodians are blessing foreigners too with their worship!!)

Check out this [YouTube clip](#), with footage from the night it was recorded (no, I didn't know we were being filmed...!), and a taster of each song. Or cut and paste the link:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVPb89LOa_w&feature=youtu.be

And PRAY for New Life Fellowship - including the music ministry, and the new School of Worship (where I teach piano once a week). I believe God wants to do something through New Life that will impact this whole nation, and we can support this with prayer.



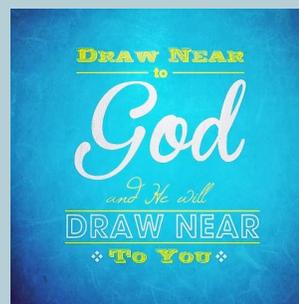
WECC Prayer Retreat

How can I make this sound as thrilling as (I hope) it will be?

WEC Cambodia has our Prayer Retreat next week: from 27th Feb to 2nd March.

As the main organiser, I'm currently a little stressed, but thankful that I'm getting a lot of help from all my teammates.

Our theme is:



I've planned a whole lot of different styles of praying and listening to God ... but the planning isn't worth much without that key ingredient: God Himself.

So please ask the Lord to make this HIS time, not mine, and for HIS plans to be fulfilled.

And do email me if any thoughts or verses come to mind as you pray for us ... I'd love to share them with our team.



Starting the year with a bang

The WEC team is buzzing, with 4 new arrivals in January:



Debbie Corson from NZ, here for 2 years. She'll gradually take over as our Treasurer. Debbie worked in ANZ bank for many years and I'm so delighted to have someone taking on this job who really knows what she's doing!

But she's going to kill me for putting in this photo of her (it's all I had...)

Geoff and Shirley Capon, from Canberra, have just joined us too for 1 year (maybe 2??).

They're good friends of my parents, and it's lovely to have these familiar faces joining me here in Cambodia. :)



Geoff's starting to take over a lot of my Admin work, which is a great help. Shirley is helping 4 Memories guesthouse - part of the Vocational Training Programme (VTP).

Please pray for them all to settle in smoothly ... and be healthy ... along with Etienne Geiser (arrived in January too, to work with VTP), they've almost all had minor health problems here. :(

Pray for good connections with Cambodians and expats, and for this to be a really meaningful time for them working with WEC.

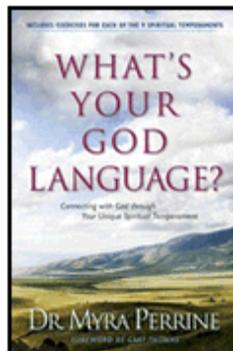
Book recommendation

Last week I told my mum that if I could make everyone I know read ONE new book this year, it would be: *What's Your God Language* by Dr Myra Perrine.

Why? Because it's about us connecting with God, in our unique ways. Something that I'm pretty passionate about.

Actually, I think that 20% of people won't enjoy it (MBK I'm looking at you), but I think 80% will, and I think it could be a revelation for maybe 40% of people. Like it was for me.

So there it is - my HOT recommendation. Consider it. :)



Well, it's way past my bedtime, I'd better send this out. Thanks for all your love, and of course, for your prayers. *Michelle*

The runaway

Last year I asked you to pray for a young woman I know who left an abusive marriage, but then ran away from her family and cut off all contact with them.

A girl in her situation is in terrible danger of trafficking and further abuse. Her family were so worried.

Now I have wonderful news - she is safe! After nearly 10 months, she got in touch with her family again, and is doing OK.

Continue to pray for her emotional healing, and for her to know the Father who has been protecting her ... and join me in celebrating this wonderful answer to prayer.

Good Neighbours

This WEC ministry is in Takeo province, 2 hours from Phnom Penh.

The team planted a small church, and also run a lovely preschool, and music and art classes (below).



I've been thrilled to hear that the number of people coming to church is increasing in this little community.

But please pray for them - for funds needed for both the church and the preschool, and also for a suitable location for the church to meet (there's been a series of headaches about this recently, and I'd love to see an answer.)