

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

in the Kingdom of Cambodia

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Theology For Worship: The Inaugural Session of Ratanakiri Pastors School

Seventy-one church pastors, future pastors, women's teachers, and Bible translators, along with nine professors, met for a week in May to study God and His truth through

Systematic Theology. The theme for the week, emblazoned in large letters at the front, was "Theology for Worship." In His kindness, God allowed this goal to be realized in a powerful way in our hearts.

the unbroken "faith once for all delivered to the saints" as those in the early centuries of the church! God's truth, God's Spirit, and God's Church span the centuries.

From October 29 to November 3, we'll teach the second half of Systematic Theology. That date will be here soon, so **please pray** that God would loom larger and larger and grow dearer and dearer to us through this systematic study of God and His glory.



Visa Crisis

For years missionaries in Cambodia have been able to purchase what is called a Regular Visa. But from this month on, the government will require a document called a work permit that proves valid employment in Cambodia. No permit, no visa. Of course, we missionaries don't work for a local company and don't receive a salary from a local source, so it's impossible for us to obtain a work permit. The Ministry of Religion understands

Here are some titles from the 30 hours of teaching:

- God Reveals Himself to Us
- There is Only One God
- The Father is God
- The Son is God
- The Holy Spirit is God
- God Provides all Good Things & Controls All Bad Things
- Pain and Suffering in the World that God Controls
- Made in God's Image
- What is Sin and How Did It Come?
- The Incarnation
- Jesus Lived in the Spirit's Power
- What the Early Church Taught About Christ
- Bonus session: How to fight pornography

Each class had 30 minutes of teaching in Khmer followed by 20 minutes of table discussion in the minority languages. The highlight was standing together in unity and reciting the Nicene Creed in Khmer, confessing that we here at the ends of the earth are just as much a part of

this problem, and tells us that they're working on a solution, but I doubt that it will come in time for EMU missionaries to renew their visas. Hundreds of missionaries from dozens of mission boards across the country are affected by this. **Please pray.** (Of course, we acknowledge that it might be God's plan to take most of the missionaries out of the country. However, there are many essential long-term projects left undone, especially Bible translations into minority languages.)

Happiness upon Happiness

Our two months in the States were pure joy as we celebrated the marriage of our fifth child, Taylor, to Emmie Vroman. Pray for them as they begin their nursing careers together and serve God at our home church.

Not to be outdone, our fourth child, Jenna, and Zachary Richards, a computer engineer and active member of our church, will wed on November 22! So happiness is flowing like a river for our family.