

# THE KINGDOM OF GOD

*in the Kingdom of Cambodia*

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## His Kingdom is Forever

It just happened that our second session of Pastors School coincided with the 500th anniversary of the official beginning of the Protestant Reformation, October 31, 1517. Not only did the dates coincide, but also the subject matter, as we continued our study of Systematic Theology, delving into doctrines such as Christ's Work, Salvation, the Holy Spirit, and the Church.

The church leaders were transfixed by the history of the moral and doctrinal decline of the Roman Church in the Middle Ages, and the courage of the men and women who reclaimed the gospel and the Scriptures at great cost.

The students had never known before about the tens of thousands who gave their lives to preserve the gospel and give us the Bible in our own languages. Half of these students are involved in tribal Bible translation projects, and they were encouraged to see their own projects at the end of a long list of Bible translations since the time of the early church.

The names of Martin Luther, John Wycliffe, John Calvin, William Farel, and others are now familiar to them, as well as the Five Solas of the Reformation: Faith Alone, Grace Alone, Scripture Alone, Christ Alone, and the Glory of God Alone. Each day they lifted up their voices to God, singing Martin Luther's *A Mighty Fortress is our God*—it was a moment of heaven on earth. (You can hear them sing at this link: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/k02pd8q6ctd7frv/Mighty%20Fortress.mp4?dl=0> Hat tip to Brian Kane)

In the next session this May we will begin a unit on Biblical Theology, written by our own Jeremy Farmer. Pray!

## God keeps answering your prayers

• We leave for the States this week to join in the happiness of **Zak and Jenna** as they become husband and wife on November 22. Many of you have faithfully prayed for God's blessing on Jenna, and now He has provided a committed Christian husband. Your prayers are powerful and effective.



*This is the first time most of the students have studied history and geography.*

• On November 2 Ethan and Emily welcomed **Shiloh Kalyana Onalenna** into this world. Kalyana is Khmer/Sanskrit for beautiful and blessed. Onalenna means "God has protected me" in Tswana, a language of South Africa, where Emily grew up. Shiloh is our 7th grandchild.

Pray that she would indeed be blessed and protected!

• **Commentary on Romans for Vietnam** just passed the government censors without a single red line! I admit I was a bit disappointed that nothing in my book offended the VN government. Harbor Church in Hawaii has paid for all of the translation and printing costs for 3000 copies. Soon the books will be in the hands of pastors. Pray!

• We have an opportunity to produce a 20-minute daily **Tampuan gospel broadcast**. A faithful young church leader has been chosen to lead the project, if we can raise \$100 a month for salary and airtime. That's just a quarter a minute! Please pray and give as you can.



*Jacqueline J., a Swiss-French Bible translator working on one of the local languages, gave a riveting account of the blood-baptized French Bible of 1535, underwritten by the persecuted Waldensians, and translated by John Calvin's cousin, Pierre-Robert Olivetan, who was later rewarded for his work by being poisoned to death in Rome. (Behind Jacqueline is a map of Reformation Europe.)*