



Covid update in Cambodia:

As reported in previous prayer updates, up until February this year, Cambodia seemed to be spared the spread of the deadly virus, Covid-19. That unfortunately is all now history with numbers of cases climbing each and every day. Currently the number who have been infected with Covid is close to 80,000. Added to this is the sad news that close to 1,500 people have lost their lives due to the onslaught of Covid-19.

One of the most concerning news items coming out of Cambodia is the spread of the highly contagious Delta variant. The Ministry of Health has expressed deep concerns about the variant already reaching into the different communities, with the source of a number of cases being classified as *'of an unknown origin.'* The government have done a good job in being able to track and monitor visitors and cross-border travel, but it would seem some cases have slipped through, which is very concerning to the authorities.

With the World Health Organization communiqué that both the Alpha and Delta variants are detected and active in Cambodia, the message remains the same: *'It is everyone's problem and therefore should be everyone's concern to fight this virus together'*.

Cambodia is no stranger to the different curfews and restrictions placed on populations. Travel bans, restricting and closure of markets have all needed to come into place to curb the spread. On 29 July, the government again announced country-wide measures, including a stay-home curfew from 9pm until 3am. This has affected businesses, especially the hard-hit restaurant and hospitality sectors.

Some good news:

Some continued good news is the roll-out of vaccines country wide. Cambodia has been commended for its fast and effective vaccination programme. Over 31% of the total population of 16.5 million have been fully vaccinated, with 71% of the population receiving at least one jab. The United States has stepped up its promise to distribute 80 million doses of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine by sending Cambodia close to 500,000 doses, part of a million plus pledge.

Team update:



A couple who returned to the UK for family reasons in March last year have finally come back to Cambodia after many months of delays. Zoran and Margaret Sulc travelled back in mid-July with all the necessary tests, insurances and paper work. They were well treated, with a smooth transition back to life in the field. After spending 14 days in a hotel in quarantine, they were released to secure an apartment and set up home. Previously, they had stayed in Toul Kork in an apartment block. On contacting the owners, they were able to negotiate a good rental only three stories up from their previous apartment. We praise the Lord for His hand on their getting a visa, the swift and smooth immigration process at the airport, a good and comfortable stay at a hotel and the securing of this apartment. Thank you to all who prayed.



Please pray for:

- Cambodia as a country grappling with the Delta variant.
- These new measures put in place by the government to be effective and for the monitoring programme to be able to catch anyone who is infected.
- Wisdom for administrators and officials who need to deal with people on a day-to-day basis.
- Health workers who tirelessly work each day with a virus that is unfamiliar to them
- Our team members, lifting them up to the Father, for protection, provision and peace.

God Bless

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