

News

MART-JAN &
TALITHA
JOY, MICHA
AND AMY

“... to proclaim good news
to the poor...”

Luke 4 verse 18-19



Shalom Valley

I wonder what you think when seeing the picture above. Empty land, maybe a bit tropical? Or, you might see more... In this newsletter we would like to share a little bit of the amazing plans for this piece of land.

Together with Alongsiders we're busy building a camp in Kep, named 'Shalom Valley'. We pray it will be a place of peace, a place where many will find rest in Jesus.

A short impression of what we do:

Mart-Jan: “In this first phase, my work is mainly focused on the design and technical aspects of the camp. How many people do we want to host on the properties, how will the landscape look like, and what materials do we need? Where does our water and electricity come from, what activities would be

great and what are the consequences for example in the field of safety? The team I work with is international. My main colleague is an experienced missionary from New-Zealand. It is a privilege to learn from him. We are delighted to have some great local colleagues who definitely help us to make it a 'real' Cambodian place.

“My 'average' day starts with a ride on the motor to a company providing waste water treatment, than arrive at the office for an air-con'd cool-down and crack my head over the just arrived drawings for the buildings. The work is diverse. I love it!”

Talitha: I work at the office two mornings a week. My role is to mentor Indian leaders and coordinators who go through an online Leadership Academy in order to train other 'Alongsiders' in India. Besides that I assist with administration, medical advise for the team and helping to work out the vision

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for Alongsiders. Right now for me the work on the camp is only little.

“After prayer, together with the team, I listen to some (medical) questions that arose, check the progress of the online training and reply on an incoming module (no, not in Telegu, but in English:-)). I continue to work on an update for the Alongsiders website. These mornings go so fast! I enjoy the diversity, the new contacts, a good Cambodian curry served for lunch, and of course the kids in the afternoon...”

We're thankful for this place and task given to us to serve the Lord.

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FAMILY UPDATE

Living in Cambodia is challenging, but generally speaking we're fine and enjoy being here. These last months we have experienced again how much the heat takes. When the temperature is above your body-temperature for

most of the day, you're just hot. Homeschooling is a lot less interesting than the little bath on the balcony then. But, temperature is coming down a bit and every now and then we have some rain. Nice!

We really do enjoy our work with Alongsiders, but we also look forward to touch base in Holland in about 8 weeks. Meeting family, friends, enjoy nature, quietness, and the coolness! We've planned to do a camp-week at "Vast & Zeker". This is a familiar place

for Joy and Micha. We hope to meet many of you!

We will send out a special newsletter shortly before we leave for the Netherlands including the data and places where we will share about our work and lives here in Cambodia. So much happened these past two years! God has always been there and we look forward to what is to come!

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PRAY FOR:

1. strength, energy, faithfulness in all tasks and relationships every day. Especially after a very hot season. Amy had a lot (and still has some) of heat rash. For the rest she's a happy two year old girl ;-)
2. Shalom Valley: the team, for wisdom how to develop the plans for the camp.
3. protection in the spiritual battle that is going on, especially related to Shalom Valley.
4. finishing-off homeschooling. After a time of testing these days the 'official' schooling is done for this school year! We're proud of them!
5. new VISA (in June).
6. the preparations for our furlough (19 July until 25 October).

All your help, prayers, thanksgiving, encouragements, financial gifts and many more are a huge blessing to us. Thank to be God and also to you!

Blessings,

Mart-Jan & Talitha,
Joy, Micha and Amy

