

Strategic Prayer Points for Evangelism

In every culture there are worldview issues that can hinder a person from receiving salvation; religions or belief systems in which many lies counter to God's Word have taken root and deceived generations. In modern Cambodia, folk-Buddhism (a mixture of Theravada Buddhism and animism/witchcraft) is the most common belief system. Below are some points to cover in intercession that will help to combat this worldview and increase the effectiveness of evangelism.

1. Pray that Cambodians would receive revelation that the Buddhist saying "If you have a body, you have suffering" is a result of man's fallen nature.
 - a. Pray that they would be able to see that "karma", with its concept of earning merit through good actions and thoughts, is fruitless even for the very rich or very religious, and therefore is an intrinsically flawed system of salvation.
2. Pray that Cambodians would understand the difference between "nirvana", a place without suffering or emotion, and the reality of heaven as described in the Bible; that they would understand that Jesus invites us there to be with Him, not into eternal numbness.
 - a. Pray that they would receive revelation that the karmic road to nirvana is defined as a quest for perfection in all areas of life, something that no person is capable of, and that Buddha's teaching that you must save yourself is unattainable.
3. Pray that they would understand that Jesus' approach to them is compassionate and merciful, coming down to where they are instead of waiting for them to achieve perfection. His love is not conditional and his offer of salvation from sin and eternal life is free to all people.
4. Pray that those who choose to receive Jesus as Savior would do so wholeheartedly, without reservation or hindrance, that all old foundations of past beliefs would be uprooted and that the Truth would replace all lies.

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