## ALONG THE WAY...

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at the FX Frontline conference in Minneapolis, MN, he spent time with Anna and her family in Chicago, and Charis and family, Taylor, and Jenna in Greenville, SC. While in Greenville, JD came to the office for several hours to talk to Jeff Davis and me. It was a good time of fellowship. Pray for JD as he continues to write and publish books that will be beneficial to all Khmer language speakers. The Lord has given JD a unique and vital ministry through writing and teaching.

Joshua Jensen and missionary friend, Andrew Carson, have been working on writing an alphabet for the Kachok tribal language. They were finally able to present the project to a group of 15 Kachok speakers who are mostly literate in the Khmer language. Some minor changes were suggested, but basically the alphabet was accepted. The new alphabet, based on the Khmer character set will now need government approval. Joshua and Andrew became aware of a possible problem caused by a Christian leader from Vietnam who travels to Cambodia to preach to the Jarai and Kachok (similar language groups). He is spreading the word that accepting the new alphabet based on Sanskrit rather than the Vietnamese Jarai script (based on Latin letters) will destroy the Jarai and Kachok languages. Josh and Andrew are hoping to have a meeting with this gentleman to discuss their differences.



The 4 Farmer boys in Cambodia

In case you haven't heard, Jeremy and Bonnie Ruth Farmer now have eight children. Elisha Chesterton made his grand appearance on October 28. He weighed 8 lbs and was 21.5 inches long (tall). Mom and Elisha are doing well. And, once again, it is great to have Brooke Illsley there to help with the children.

Concerning the Far East, Joan and I will be flying to that part of the world beginning November 21. We plan to first stop off in Beijing for a day and leave items for the Steve & Charity and store our winter clothes for a couple of weeks. The next day we fly south to Siem Reap, Cambodia, to begin a 2-week visit with our five missionary families, who are now spread out in four towns. Should be interesting. Then we

return to Beijing, China, for a week with Steve & Charity's family. It will be good to learn about their new locations and ministries. We leave China on December 14. Two days after returning home we plan – for now – to attend the wedding of a dear friend in Indiana that Saturday. (Sounds like a lot more traveling when I write it down!)

Earlier in the fall we learned that Josh and Amy Jensen will be flying their family to the States for the wedding of Amy's "baby" sister in York, PA. They will be leaving on the same day Joan and I leave Beijing. They will also be attending the wedding in Indiana that we will be attending. The bride was Amy's maid-of-honor. They will then drive to our house, arriving on Monday the 19th and be with us until Christmas Eve when they fly to York. On January 6, the Josh Jensen family of six fly out of Washington, DC, back to Cambodia – weather permitting!

John Mark and Deborah Steel and their two children arrived in Greenville, SC, from Montevideo, Uruguay, on October 20 for a short furlough during which JM took another class towards his doctorate at BJU. They are also visiting Deborah's father and step-mother in Florida for a few days. We will be having lunch with them on Thursday, November 10. They head back to Montevideo on December 8.

Michael and Liz Cole need a newer, reliable vehicle that is built for at least six passengers. They are also looking for a different house to rent. Their current abode has a moisture (humidity) problem that even dehumidifiers cannot solve. Michael and at least a couple of the children are allergic to the mold caused by the humidity in the house. And the feeling of having a constant cold is getting rather discouraging.

Jeff Davis is currently on a major trip to India where he will be preaching and teaching at the first 360 Conference in Hyderabad, the hometown of missionary Billy J. (When I write this name I feel like I should always remind the readers that Billy is 100% Indian.) Jeff left on Saturday, November 5, and arrives home on Sunday, November 20, the



Jeff on his way to India

day before we leave for China/Cambodia. The December EMU Newsletter will have a report about Jeff's adventures in India. The Davises still have their house on the market for sale in Anderson, SC. Pray that the house will sell soon – unless God has a better plan.

Ted was scheduled to fly with Jeff to India and, also, participate in the 360 Conference. However, Ted underwent a scheduled heart ablation operation in the 3rd week of October. Instead of the four ablations that the surgeon expected to do, there were nine. Because of the high number of heart ablations, the doctor, without knowing about Ted's planned trip to India, told Ted that he could not travel outside of the USA for at least three months. He said that stress and heat are the worst conditions after a heart ablation, and the work of the surgery could be negated by these two conditions. India just happens to yield a lot of stress and heat. So, Ted cancelled his India trip. Billy was able to have other men cover Ted's speaking slots, so all has worked out fine.

My brother Rick's trip to Camp Emmanuel in Uruguay with three other Americans was another substantial travel event for EMU. You can read Rick's article in this newsletter. I do want to thank those of you who responded to last month's article about the material needs for the projects of Rick's Team at Camp Emmanuel. We (camp director Pedro Donzé and I) were amazed at the generosity of those who gave, and the needs were wonderfully met.

In closing I want to thank you for "electing" to read the newsletter. (Makes me feel like a winner!) We appreciate your continued interest in EMU International. And we trust that your Thanksgiving Day will be God focused and God honoring. We certainly do have so much for which to be thankful. \$\frac{1}{4}\$

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new pads for the distribution boxes. These two also did most of the tree cutting. Most of my time was spent boring holes for the mortise-and-tenon joints on the bunk beds, cutting wood for the ladders and rails, making jigs for the router work, and hooking up the distribution boxes. The Uruguayans were busy assembling and painting the beds, painting cabins, and welding.

It was a great blessing to work alongside these people who love the Lord and the ministry at Camp Emanuel. They were a blessing and encouragement to us as, I hope, we were to them. The last evening after supper, Pat asked to hear everyone's testimonies. It was a blessing to hear how the Lord had worked in each of their lives. I believe all but one of the Uruguayans had been saved at camp or after returning home from camp. They had been in church and heard the Gospel, but it was at camp that their salvation decision was made. Thanks to those of you who prayed

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