

Cambodia seasons

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Monsoon

Cambodia has two seasons, not hot and cold but rather two extremes of heat. Monsoon season and drought! Humid or dry, it is always hot with an occasional surprise of pleasantly warm. If you visit in August you would think it never stops raining, the monsoon turns roads into rivers and yet life continues on as normal as we drive through it, walk through it and swim in it to get around. If you take a drive outside the city you will see endless fields of lush green rice patties. You can't frolic in those, but they sure are pretty! If you make it to the mountains thru the muddy roads you will be met with spectacular waterfalls and breath-taking views.



Drought

If you visit Cambodia in February you might assume that it has never rained here, ever! You will see a hard desolate land like you've read about in the psalms of the "dry and thirsty land where there is no water". Though most of the trees don't lose all their leaves completely, they are sad looking covered in so much dirt they are no longer green.





It's at the end of dry season after months of drought that the mango trees have new shoots and light green leaves appear. New life after a season of what appeared to bring death. Then the humidity rises but little to no rain for months, April hits us with what feels like Florida humidity mixed with Vegas heat! It's like living in a sauna and the sun is so strong that sometimes I think I hear skin sizzle. That's when fruit appears, and mango season is in full swing! They are their sweetest in April. How can a dry and thirsty land of 6 months produce new life and such sweet fruit?!

I share this because it is a fitting picture of life here. There are times when life is beautiful and everything seems to be going well, kids growing, healing and full of joy. Then there are seasons when so much is going wrong that it feels nothing was ever good. 2025 was one of the hardest of my life. In March 2025 I whispered through a broken heart that bitterness and seeped into "I won't fight for them anymore" Now March 2026 I've seen the Lord fight for me and for fight for my children. I am merely an observer of God doing great and mighty things that I had not seen before. Through this season of drought I can now see the green leaves beginning to shoot. I know fruit is coming soon. This last year I've been reminded I am but a vapor, but that **God's promises** in His Word will not fail. To **sing praise** before He answers. The power in **fasting and praying**. To **give Him what little I have**, and He will multiply it to feed His children. **He is faithful.**

2 Chronicles 10:12-17 The battle belongs to the Lord, He will fight on our behalf.

Psalm 116-118 God delivers us from death, our souls can return to rest.

Ps 71:16 I will go in the strength of the Lord...I will make mention of His name only!



Psalm 71:20-21

You, who have shown me great and severe troubles, shall revive me again, and bring me up from the depths of the earth. You shall increase my greatness and comfort me on every side

Philippians 1:12

But I want you to know that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel



The discomfort of the seasons may not be over, but I am seeing God do great and mighty things! And I believe more than ever that He will produce fruit in mine and my children's lives. Thank you to those who have prayed for us and those who reached out, it means more than I can ever say! I love to hear from ya'll and I will try to be more faithful to send updates (pray for that miracle)



Prayer request:

For my teenagers: going thru a season of spiritual warfare...for their deliverance from bondage, I see the enemy trying to pull them back into the very thing God desires to save them from. Generational sin broken and new life in Christ.

For GRACE (name changed) as she has graduated culinary school and was set to have a year-long internship at a high-end hotel in Abu Dhabi. She was set to be there this month but with all that is going on over there I cannot send her. Please pray for the path that God will open for her and that she will draw closer to the Lord through this season.

For several of the children to grow and heal emotionally, physically, physiologically and spiritually. There have been learning issues and delayed maturity due to their past. Praying for healing in the Lord and praying for godly therapy options.

Lastly for BY and MY who will take their exit exams for 12th and 9th grade this year. There is a lot of pressure and anxiety in these 2-3 day exams, pray they commit their way to the Lord and are blessed to pass and take the next steps in the path He has for them.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for lovingly praying and supporting us thru all these years. May God bless yall and I would absolutely love to hear from ya'll and how we can be praying for you as well

Katherine and kiddos

Being confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6