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Fellow Laborers in the Gospel,

On behalf of the congregation of Hampton Park Baptist Church, please let me commend to you Josh and Amy Jensen, missionaries with EMU International preparing with their family to serve the gospel needs of the Jarai people of Cambodia. We are delighted in God's leading in their lives and in His having prepared them for the field where they plan to serve.

Josh, a third generation missionary, grew up in our church. We have watched him grow into a well-equipped man of the word, with special skill in Bible translation and pastoral work. He has served short-term in Cambodia already and has a strong relationship with the families already serving there (Crowleys, Kaness, and Farmers). His wife, Amy, brings developed gifts in music, education, and writing, along with missionary experience assisting Bible translation in Suriname and teaching in Macedonia. Both of them have completed doctorates in their preparation for this important work.

Their long-range goals are to assist the Jarai church by translating the Bible into their dialect and to join the team of Bible teachers in the province of Ratanakari who help Jarai pastors grow in their study and communication of God's Word to their people. Further language study in Cambodia's dominant language, Khmer, will require time in the capital city of Phnom Penh during the first half of their first term, with the remainder of the first term devoted to studying Jarai in the northeast province Ratanakari and doing the organizational work necessary for translation. By the second term, they hope to immerse themselves in the Bible translation project.

We are sure that you will find Joshua and Amy a tremendous spiritual encouragement to you and your congregation. Your joining us in backing their great commission work with your prayers would make a difference in many lives. And should God lead you to aid in their financial support, we are confident it will be well spent for the advance of the gospel and the glory of Christ.

Your servant for the Savior's cause,

Drew Conley
Senior Pastor

Life by the Book