



FAMILY CARE CAMBODIA

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Third Quarter
Activity Report

Steady Progress for Siem Reap Students



Welcome to our 3rd quarter news update!
We were able to continue the upgrade of our IT lab at Phum Thnal Primary school, with 10 new desks. Some of our previous desks had been well used for over a decade and badly needed replacing. The children are excelling in their computer skills. They can successfully navigate software programs like Excel, Microsoft Word and Photoshop. Many can now touch type in both English and Khmer. It was both re-

warding and impressive to see students from 4th-6th grade, touch typing as fast as any qualified secretary! Many students are using their computer skills to help their family's shops & businesses.

FOCUS ON CONVERSATION

In our English classes, we've made a push to help the students improve their conversational skills. It's common to find Cambodian students who've been studying English for years, to have an excellent command of spelling and grammar; beautiful, neat handwriting, yet be unable to carry on a simple conversation. The students practice simple conversation and oral reading of their compositions by pairs, in small groups and one-on-one with the teacher. The more they try, correct themselves, and try again, the more confidence they gain.



*In Loving Memory of Mary
A Thriving Education Hub
for Rural Students*

It was seven years ago, July, that our beloved sister, Mary, passed to her heavenly reward, and endowed a portion of her retirement fund, which we used to build a school in her honor. From our humble beginnings in 2015 until now, hundreds

of children & teens from the surrounding villages have joined our English classes, early learning program, art, music & science classes. High school students have been prepared for college entrance. We've hosted more than 200 volunteers from the UK, USA, NZ, Singapore, Australia, Europe and China.

Our school has been a base to reach out to the community, by repairing homes for the elderly & handicapped, hosting meals, & celebrations for students & sharing supplies with the neglected elderly.



In each project we've made it a goal to teach morality, honesty, kindness, life skills and a knowledge of God's love and His Word. It's beautiful to see how love continues to change our children and our community.

*"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."
—Leo Buscaglia*

"We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures." —Thornton Wilder

A Cause to Celebrate



Our dear friend and scholarship student, Chen Long, finally received his Master's Degree in Education with honors, from Panasastra University. He finished his thesis in 2019, but ceremonies were cancelled until now. There were



3 years of graduates- over 1000 students- and their families gathered. The certificates were awarded from 7 am until 12 noon, and Long did not know when he would be scheduled. But we got to the Hall just as Long approached the stage to receive his award. Perfect timing! We've known Long since he was a rural student fresh out of High School. He is now the Student Affairs Officer for a Medical College and has a lovely wife, Mai.

Congratulations to Long on a job well done!

Another Scholarship Student Surprise

While having dinner in a restaurant, the head chef came out of the kitchen and stood by our table with a big smile. We then realized it was Thoeun, from our program at Kulap-4 Orphanage 20 years ago! We'd awarded him a scholarship then, to an international high school. We learned that he'd gone on to culinary school, married, had a daughter and is now the top chef at a popular café, famous for its European style pastries and desserts. What a surprise! We're so proud of you, Thouen!



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*We look forward to hearing from you!
Alex and Ann Soldner*