



# FAMILY CARE CAMBODIA

2023  
Second Quarter  
Activity Report

Here we are, half way through 2023 already! Welcome to our 2nd quarterly news update. Thanks for all of your friendship and tangible support. We couldn't do what we do, without each of you.

## Training Teachers—Guiding and Protecting our Children

Each week we conduct trainings for our teachers at Ruby School, in Kampong Speu. Besides sharing helpful teaching tips we also focus on the qualities of a good teacher. Our staff are more than just English or Preschool teachers. They play a crucial role in guiding & protecting our 150 students. We covered topics like controlling our moods, being role models in our behavior, the power of gratitude, giving each class our very best, providing order & a sense of safety to our students. In June, the local news and social media were buzzing with reports of strangers on motorbikes accosting children, or offering candy to get a child to follow them. We did a series of trainings on how to teach kids personal safety without causing fear. We translated a list of safety rules into Khmer and gave all teachers a copy to review with their classes, on how to be



wise and look out for each other. *"Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:21*

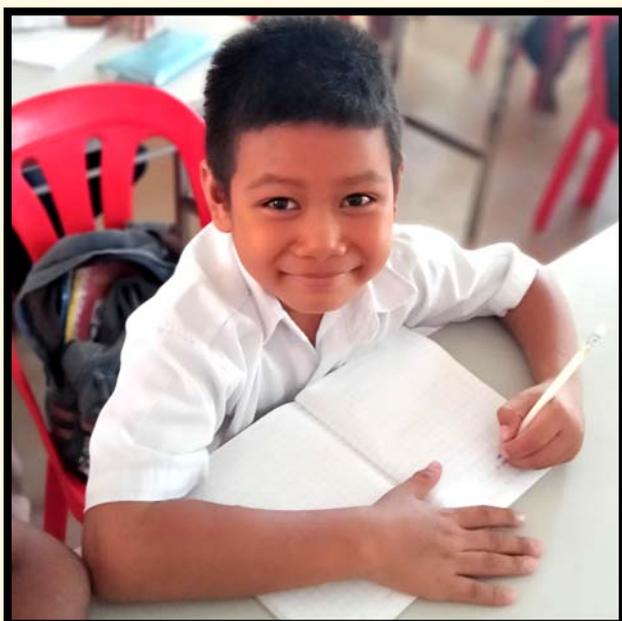


*One loving thought or act can stop a flood of evil forces. Personal growth comes through love & service to others. Selfishness is a hindrance to a fulfilling and happy life. We must teach our children this important truth.*



## A Brighter Future

It is so rewarding to see the bright faces of the students in our free education programs in Siem Reap. The children choose to join our English and IT classes, instead of taking extra tuition in other subjects. They are eager to improve their lives and really make the most of the opportunity to develop computer skills and learn to read, write and speak English. We began this program 17 years ago, teaching English to a handful of kids during the lunch break, which was the only time when a classroom was available. Now we are fully set up in 2 different public primary schools with our own classrooms for all day lessons in English; and IT labs for all day computer training. A total of 340 children, grades 4 to 6, are doing their best to realize a brighter future for themselves and their families. *"Education is the movement from darkness to light"*—Allan Bloom



## Revisiting our Community Orphanage

The director of a nearby orphanage visited us twice more to say he'd cleared out a big hall for us to use, and to invite us again to help him teach and train the children in his care. So, one Sunday, a team of us went to do a program with the teenaged kids, ages 12-18. There were 25 youth waiting for us when we arrived! We had a great time together, starting off with some fun games and ice-breakers, then learning songs together and finally sharing the fascinating account of world empires found in the book of Daniel chapter 2. There's something magical about singing, laughing and learning together. The teens made us promise to come back soon. We surely will!



## Building Community, Step by Step



We'll close our update with some photos taken at a community fellowship we recently hosted for our local "tribe". Over 50 of our friends and co-workers, along with their families, joined us. Each family brought a dish for our shared, pot-luck dinner and everyone participated in the songs and joyful celebration. Most folks came from surrounding villages, though some travelled all the way from Phnom Penh to join us. Amidst the challenges and difficulties of this present world, its such a blessing to be there for each other and help each other in friendship, concern, and prayers. "*Behold how good and how pleasant it is for the brethren to dwell together in unity.*"Ps 133:1



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**We look forward to hearing from you!  
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