



# FAMILY CARE CAMBODIA

2023  
Third Quarter  
Activity Report

Welcome to our 3rd quarter news update. It's been an amazing year thus far, thanks to your friendship & generosity.

## Hosting the "Friendly Competition" in Siem Reap



In August, Alex & our Cambodian teachers organized a student competition in Siem Reap. We called it the "Friendly Competition". The students had spelling bees, gave oral presentations, essay contests and a computer competition for typing and power point. The parents were all invited and there was a great turn out. In fact at the last minute we had to order more chairs and snacks to accommodate everyone! The directors of both schools gave speeches to encourage the students & commend them for their hard work. Different parents also came up to express their thanks & share with everyone how their children had personally benefitted from our free education programs. The winners in each category received vouchers for a special lunch, or they got gift vouchers to a stationary shop so they could select their own school supplies and dictionaries.

Our teaching staff accompanied them the next day to redeem their prizes. A great time was had by all!



*Directors, teachers and top students in level 6*



*Grateful parent*



*Shopping for School Supplies*



*Special Lunch*



## A Joyful Day with our Elderly Neighbors



We organized an event for our elderly neighbors from 4 villages. This time we called it a 5G program, consisting of Greeting, Gospel, Games, Gifts and Goodbye! Our theme was forgiveness and we shared & discussed this verse: ***Romans 12:17-21*** *Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to God." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.* Because of all they've suffered in life, bitterness and unforgiveness are a real burden on many of these dear ones. It robs them of happiness as they live with tragic memories; feeling angry and resentful of people and situations long past. We talked about what a lovely place our villages would be if they, as the elders, decided to forgive and choose kindness over hostility, and love over resentment. Everyone agreed 100%! Afterwards we played musical chairs and Red Light-Green Light. These folks LOVE to participate in games and win prizes! Then we gifted each one with a care package of rice and other food supplies that should last them about a month.





## Remembering the Fatherless

On this visit to our local orphanage we prepared a program for the younger children. We spent a fun morning filled with group games, story time and art. Their dwelling is very basic, and there isn't much in the way of furniture, toys, art supplies or sports equipment for recreation and relaxation. Good thing we have sufficient supplies for a "traveling" Story time, Arts and Crafts. We can bring it anywhere and set up for a great time with kids in any place! The children were so attentive to the story and utterly focused on coloring vases and decorating them with sequins. When they were done, I asked the director if he had a display board or any place to hang their lovely artwork. He replied enthusiastically, "Let's glue them to the walls!" And so we did! The bare open air meeting room was transformed into a glorious art gallery!



## Cause to Celebrate!

One last bit of happy news: this quarter we both celebrated our 66th birthdays and our 41st anniversary, with a surprise trip to visit our daughter in Abu Dhabi. What a great way to celebrate! It had been several years since we were able to visit her there and we had a lovely time. Made lots of new friends too!

We have so much to be thankful for and many blessings to count. We are looking forward with eager anticipation to another year and all that it will bring.

Thanks for our friendship which we truly value. Til next time!

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**We look forward to hearing from you!  
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