



# FAMILY CARE CAMBODIA

2024  
First Quarter  
Activity Report

Welcome to our first news update for 2024. We've had an amazing start to what promises to be a fruitful and inspiring year. Thanks for your continued concern and generosity. It truly makes miracles happen!



*The Field of Dreams*



*If you build it, they will come!*



*Thy, Alex & Ann: weekly jobsite meeting*

## New Children's Safe Home

For over 12 years, we partnered with CCPCR (a local charity) to help in the recovery & restoration of more than 2000 trafficked and abused children. Due to a shift in global donor priorities, plus housing challenges, the project had to close a few years ago. Yet, the need for safe homes for vulnerable kids continued to rise, especially post pandemic. And we always dreamed to re-start the shelter in a more secure location.

Then our dear friend & sponsor of many years, Mr. Bernard, decided to launch a fundraiser with the Singapore YPO's, to open a new Children's safe house. The response was phenomenal! By the end of January, 5 years worth of building and operations budget was secured and construction began in February. Wow!

We're partnering again with Mr. Thy, the director of CCPCR. He now owns a farm about 40 minutes from us & kindly offered one hectare of his land

to build the shelter on. The rest of the land has 700 fruit trees, 2 ponds for raising fish. The Shelter will have the capacity to eventually care for up to 40 resident children.



## Equipment Upgrade for Siem Reap

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, we were able to upgrade our classrooms in Siem Reap with 2 new study tables for the English classrooms, 5 new PC's (computer/ monitors) for the IT Labs & 2 new large screen TV's! On behalf of the 375 students who benefit daily from our free education programs, we are truly grateful!!



## Art and Sports Supplies for Kampong Speu

The Mira Scholars team visited our Ruby School in January, with several suitcases full of jump ropes, rubber balls, soccer balls, play dough & Sharpies. They also brought 2 new laptops & several HDMI cords, plus reading books & magnetic alphabet tiles! Ms. Daniella W. brought 2 giant sets of quality color pencils from Germany. The results? Hours of creativity during class time & lots of outdoor games & exercise. Exactly what our children need to develop healthy minds & bodies!



## ... And More Good News!

**Multitudes of Mangos :** It's mango season and we were blessed to receive hundreds of kilos of delicious organic mangos from Dr. Steven & Cindy's farm. We shared them with our staff & their families, the 200 students at our village school, the families of the construction crew who are building the shelter, and the 70 children at the Preh Chum Orphanage.



**Building Capacity:** This quarter we welcomed 3 new staff members to our Ruby School team; A Khmer Kindy teacher, an English Teacher's assistant and an accountant. We provide job training oversight, plus weekly meetings to help our teachers develop capacity & personal growth. Discussion were held on the importance of dedication, classroom control, innovative & engaging teaching methods and the dangers of too much

screen time vs. personal interaction time.

**Special Olympic General Assembly:** Alex was invited to the General Assembly for the Cambodian Special Olympics, which was chaired by the Minister of Social Affairs. It was great to meet many of our old friends with whom we've partnered for over a decade. We reviewed the progress made in helping improve the quality of life for youth with cognitive challenges and heard presentations on how to improve & proceed for the future!



**Preparing for Internships Abroad** We've opened our school to host weekend Korean classes for the villagers who've applied for an organic farming internship in S. Korea. All have recently come to faith in God & asked for Bible classes. It's daunting to move to a distant country with a strange language & culture. We're so glad to help build up their faith & ground then in God's Word before they go.



**22 Years in Cambodia**  
Can you believe it? We thank God for all of the wonderful people we've met, the many blessings weve received & the opportunity to be of service.

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