



FAMILY CARE CAMBODIA

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Activity Report

Welcome Home Little Ones



Getting to know you!



Memory Matching Game

The Ruby Children's Home opened its doors to our first little girls. Eleven children, ages 5-15, have registered and will be settling in this week. Local authorities confirmed these children at risk for either Rape/Molestation/Online Sexual Exploitation; Domestic violence; Abandonment—due to their parents being in jail, in hospital, missing, or working abroad; or Human Trafficking—including forced labor or abduction. We put the finishing touches on the bedrooms, classroom & dining room. Then Ann engaged the

girls in some creative art interventions to help them relax and enjoy their new home. After we left, Mr. Thy reported that 4 more little girls, randomly showed up at the gate to ask if they could live here too. We've managed shelters for children for many years, but that's the first time we'd ever seen that! Clearly many children are longing for a safe, loving home. A heartfelt thanks to all who helped make this possible!



Come & Dine!



Happy day for Alex, Ann & Thy

A Happy Student Competition and Graduation



In Siem Reap, our teachers and students engaged in an "Around the Town" role play. They set up places like a Library, Hotel, Restaurant, Souvenir shop and took turns conversing as the owner or guests.



On September 23rd, we organized a "Friendly Competition" for our Level 3 and 4 students from both schools- 40 students altogether. In the morning we held an English competition comprised of a spelling bee, dictation & impromptu speeches on selected topics. In the afternoon the event was moved to the computer lab as the students

competed in speed typing in English & Khmer, and programming excel formulas. Alex led the events which were also attended by parents and the school directors. Prizes included vouchers for school supplies and a



meal out.

FCC was invited to attend the end of year graduation for both Sandan & Phum Tnahl Primary



schools. Alex was honored to be asked to award certificates to this year's graduates. They've completed 6th grade and will now attend Junior High School. We're so proud of them!

"The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away from you."

"An educated person is respected everywhere."

"Education has the ability to transform lives; it opens doors to endless opportunities."

Friday Funday: Tackling Too Much Screen Time

We took some decisive action to mitigate the negative effects of too much screen time on our young students at our Ruby School in Kampong Speu. Yes, even in remote rural areas, smart phones, and screen addiction has been on the rise for the past few years. There's been a noticeable decline in children's physical development, curiosity, creativity, hand to eye coordination and the ability to comprehend & follow detailed instructions. Meanwhile, apathy & lethargy were on the rise.

So after several meetings to discuss the issue, we decided to institute Friday Funday! For the last class period each Friday, rather than watch an English video cartoon as was previously done, our staff conduct a variety of learning activities instead. These now include



story time & role play; dancing or outdoor

games; music & singing; or art.

We made a list of possible activities for each topic and spent a few weeks teaching our teachers how to manage them. Now on Friday there's a different activity going on in each of our 5 levels. Within 5 weeks, every student rotates through various multi-sensory approaches to learning.



The results have been awesome! Kids who were previously bored or lethargic in their studies can't

wait to see what will happen on Friday.

Many of the kids have told us that the class is too short or that they don't want to stop when its time to go home! There's a whole lot more laughter; communication and appreciation flowing, all of which build character and intelligence!



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Alex and Ann Soldner