

Kampuchea House Newsletter



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SUASDEY and greetings to all our supporters.

Here is an update on our latest news from Kampuchea House.

As lockdown drags on and prevents our children from attending school, our director, Leng, is very aware of doing all she can to keep morale high amongst our students and staff.

While our kids are now adapting well to on-line learning, particularly since we were able to provide each student with his/her own device, it is important to occasionally venture outside the confines of the house and garden, where the law permits, and so Leng organized a picnic to celebrate Noch's birthday in the countryside. They visited an area outside the city where there are no crowds and they were allowed to do so. In this photo the kids and house mother all look very relaxed and happy as Noch holds her birthday cake aloft.





Our kids love getting out to the countryside.

Online learning presents its challenges but our two university students, Yim (right) who is doing Year 3 of her course to become an English language teacher, and Noch (left) who is in Year 2 of her accountancy course, both achieved marks well above the average in their recent end-of-semester exams. Well done girls!



In mid-July, when the Sinopharm vaccine donated by China became available in Siem Reap, Leng took our kids and staff to be vaccinated. They had their second jab two weeks later. The process took almost a whole day as the crowds were huge, with little or no social distancing. Luckily Leng found a way of keeping them all distanced and safe, and they are now proud owners of their vaccination certificates



Below: some of the kids decided to do some craft and build a cardboard house – a simple way of overcoming boredom in lockdown.



SUPPORT FOR FEEDING DREAMS

Belinda our Vice-President writes: We recently made a donation of 300kgs of rice to Feeding Dreams Cambodia which is a community school operating in the urban slums of Siem Reap providing free education, meals and family/community support to over 800 poor children and their families. The school is closed due to lockdown - however they are now supporting many families who have no income due to the decimation of the tourism industry, markets being closed etc. with food, medicine and other essentials as there is no government support. Should you wish to make a tax-deductible donation they would be extremely grateful – A\$50 would buy a 50kgs bag of rice. Below is a post from their Facebook page acknowledging our assistance.



A huge Thank You to Kampuchea House for their very kind and thoughtful donation of 300 kg. of rice. 🧡🙏 Kampuchea House is an Australian-funded and managed educational residence for children in Siem Reap since 2007, and has had a connection with Feeding Dreams Cambodia for over 10 years on a professional and personal level. Kerry and Belinda (KH's Vice-President), met through their NGO work and have supported each other's organisation throughout the years.

Due to the dire situation in Siem Reap, the Committee of Kampuchea House decided to offer assistance to us with supplying food to our local families. Despite the current lockdown and roadblocks in Sala Kamreuk, Ms Leng (Kampuchea House Cambodian Director) was able to deliver the rice to Blaed, who is currently in lockdown at our school, for distribution when possible to our families.

THANK YOU BELINDA and KAMPUCHEA HOUSE for your generosity and support, from all the team at Feeding Dreams. 🧡🇰🇲🙏

"No Child Should Attend School Hungry."

Want to help ? click on the link below to make a general donation:

<https://feedingdreamscambodia.org/donate/>

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For more activities and news about everyday life in Siem Reap check out our **Kampuchea House Facebook** page.

