

Kampuchea House Newsletter



July 2020

SUSADEY and greetings to all our supporters.

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

Since our last newsletter isolation has ended for our Kampuchea House family. Fortunately, Chinh and Minea have returned to Phnom Penh and resumed their studies in medicine. The other kids are not so lucky, as school is not due to resume until November. Unlike Australia, there are few, if any, resources for on-line study in Cambodia, and schools have no specific programmes for study at home. So it is up to our kids to fill in their time and try to keep active in their learning as best they can. To help with their English, one of our long-time supporters, Mrs Chris, sent the kids some questionnaires about Covid to fill in. If anyone would like to see their drawings and responses, please go to this link:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A60f2deac-cafb-46e2-8392-ab1210f9ce71#pageNum=1>

There is nothing Cambodians enjoy more than a picnic, and they know how to do it in style. Thanks to the generosity of the Murray family, who have been steadfast supporters since the early days of KH, the kids visited a popular local picnic spot renowned for its bbq chicken, which they all love. On the way home, they stopped at West Baray, one of the largest hand cut reservoirs on earth, having a maximum capacity of 53 million square meters of water.

The kids were joined by some of our past residents, Nu, Muny, Ros, Sak and San, and the day was a welcome change from the monotony of days spent at home during a long period of isolation.

June: our kids enjoy a picnic outing – many thanks to our long-term supporters, the Murray family.



Not many of us would associate Angkor Wat with a mini-golf putting venue, but this is one of a range of new activities now available in Siem Reap. In July our kids were treated to an outing to the venue by our supporters, Richard and Yvonne.

It was a brand-new experience for them and they had loads of fun, once they got the hang of it. The course is set amongst shady trees and includes replicas of the temples, including Angkor Wat itself, Ta Promh, Bayon, Banteay Srei, Preah Vihear and the Terrace of the Elephants. Lunch at a pizza café completed a fun outing.



Our thanks to Richard and Yvonne for a great morning at the Angkor Wat mini-golf putting venue and pizza lunch.

THE ANGKOR EYE FERRIS WHEEL

Another novelty for Siem Reap is the 85m tall Eye, recently completed in March this year. It is one of the biggest ferris wheels in the ASEAN region and capable of carrying 192 people.

The Lane family is one of KH's most loyal and long-term supporters. They decided to sponsor a trip for the kids to enable them to experience something unlike anything they had ever done before. Another treat after a long period of lockdown.

There was a certain amount of trepidation as the kids boarded the cabins, but as they soared to 85 metres they all forgot their fears and were astounded at the stunning aerial views of Siem Reap.



Thank you Lane family for a fabulous experience!

HAK'S FAREWELL



Due to a decreasing number of residents at our house in Siem Reap, the Committee found it necessary to terminate the employment of one of our long-time staff members, house mother Hak, who had been with us for 9 years. We were very sad to say good bye to her at the end of June, when Leng and the kids organized a farewell party and presented Hak with a beautiful watch. The children wished her *somnang la'or*, good luck, health and happiness. We sincerely thank Hak for her great contribution to KH.



OUR GIRLS HELP OUT

The Covid pandemic has resulted in a dire situation for many in Cambodia. The massive drop in tourism has meant that many families who relied on this industry for work, people such as tuk-tuk drivers, hotel and restaurant staff etc, are without jobs and have no income with which to provide for their families. A number of organisations in Siem Reap have joined together to package food parcels for those in need. The work was done totally by volunteers and our girls, Yim, Noch, Chayna, Rea and Net, were happy to help out over a couple of days. They found the experience rewarding and we thank them for their efforts, helping to pack over 290 food parcels in one day. Well done girls!



CONGRATULATIONS to CHINH and MINEA on their EXAM RESULTS

Brothers Chinh and Minea have received their results for Semester 1 of their uni exams.

Chinh is in Year 5 of medicine and his results are as follows: Medical pathology: 60/60 Radiology: 60/60 Pediatrics: 57/60 Ear Nose and Throat: 59/60 Ophthalmology: 60/60 Psychiatry: 60/60

Minea is in Year 3 of medicine and his results are as follows: 1 Histology: 53/60 AT Histology: 60/60 Physiology: 45/60 Pathophysiology: 55/60 TP Anatomy: 58/60

So with this fantastic news we leave you and wish you

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