



Kampuchea
House

Newsletter House #4 - Special Edition

We are delighted to advise our members and supporters that the newly constructed House #4 is complete and now home to a further 8 children (their details follow).

Special thanks are due to Arup Pty Ltd for their pro-bono engineering consulting services in both structural design and in overseeing construction of this house.

Between February and May 2011, Mithra Rajaratnam and Eli Firestone (both Arup engineers and also Kampuchea House Youth Committee members), spent 15 weeks at the orphanage working with the local builder to construct House #4 to the Arup design, and impart Australian design and construction knowledge to the local building team.

Mithra and Eli were supported on-site by Kheng (KH Orphanage Manager) and Sokhoeun (KH Director), who worked continually in both translating and providing local advice. Towards the end of Mithra and Eli's time, the construction of House #5 commenced, with the local construction team mimicking the design for House #4. The result is two new houses of a high standard of construction, ensuring they are suited to the needs of the children and durable for the local environment.

We are enormously indebted to Arup for their support, and to Eli and Mithra for their dedication and hard work in overseeing the construction of these two new houses.

Sponsors Required

With the completion of houses 4 and 5 we are now seeking sponsors for the new children.

Sponsorship of AUD\$50 per month covers expenses such as food, clothing, education and basic medical requirements.

To avoid any potential for conflict or favouritism the children are sponsored in age order (the oldest child first).

Should you wish to sponsor a child please email our Secretary, Belinda Lightfoot, (belinda@kampucheahouse.org) for further information.



Samnang Chen is an only child and was born on 18th September 2009. His mother, who worked for other people to earn a living, died five days after giving birth to him due to a combination of birth problems and a storm which came through the village destroying many houses and killing some of the villagers including her. After her funeral Samnang's father did not know what to do with his newborn son and because he had no employment he returned to his original family leaving Samnang with his elderly grandmother. (Samnang, whose name means "lucky", was named by Sokhoeun (our Director) in response to a query from a doctor who asked for his name). His grandmother is happy for Kampuchea House to take care of him as, due to her ill health, she is unable to properly take care of Samnang.

Yoeun Deap was born on 23rd April 1998. Her mother died in 2009 after been beaten by her husband. Her father, who was a drunk and violent man, died in 2010 following a stroke due to high blood pressure. She has an older brother and an older sister. Her sister has had poliomyelitis since she was one year old and is unable to move. Sokhoeun, our Director, took Yoeun and registered her at school in 2008 and also supported the family with rice and other items as needed during that time. After returning home from school she would clean the house, wash clothes for her sister, brother and father, do the cooking and look after her ill father. During a recent visit to the family Sokhoeun discovered her father died and her situation had become worse as no-one was looking after her. (No-one had informed him of her father's death and the family's situation). After discussions with her older siblings the decision was made to bring Yoeun to KH.



Ros Run was born in 2000 and he has three older brothers and two sisters. (As his birth certificate only has the year he was born, we have given him a birth date of the day and month he came to live at KH – so his birthday is now 15th July 2000). His mother was died in 2007 as a result of sustained beatings by his father, who subsequently died of a bladder disease. He and his siblings lived together as one big family, with one of his sisters having a child and two of the older brothers also having children. However their situation is very poor and they struggle on a daily basis to feed and clothe themselves. They decided to let Ros come to KH in the hope that he will have a better future than they have had – most of them only went to school until grade 3 and cannot read or write Khmer.

Muny Prum was born on 12th February 2000. His father, a policeman, died in 2007. His mother is employed in Siem Reap but is seriously ill following an intestinal operation in 2010 and has now developed a severe urinary infection. Muny's young brother has heart disease and is waiting to have an operation. Due to the difficult situation with the family the Department of Social Affairs contacted us to provide assistance – a decision was made to take Muny to KH. His sister, Nu, is also at KH.



Nu Prum was born on 16th November 2001. Her father, a policeman, died in 2007. Her mother is employed in Siem Reap but is seriously ill following an intestinal operation in 2010 and has now developed a severe urinary infection. Nu's young brother has heart disease and is waiting to have an operation. Due to the difficult situation with the family the Department of Social Affairs contacted KH to provide assistance – a decision was made to take Nu to KH. Her brother, Muny, is also at KH.

Nuth Moeun was born on 16th October 2000. Her father died of malaria in 2002 and their mother went to work in Thailand and has not returned. She and her two sisters were regularly beaten by their aunty so they came to live with their elderly grandparents. Her grandfather works as a bicycle repairer and her grandmother works as a cook at weddings and funerals. Due to their poor financial position and age the grandparents are now struggling to take proper care of Nuth and her sisters, so all three have come to KH.



Nith Moeun was born on 14th July 1998. Her father died of malaria in 2002 and their mother went to work in Thailand and has not returned. She and her two sisters were regularly beaten by their aunty so they came to live with their elderly grandparents. Her grandfather works as a bicycle repairer and her grandmother works as a cook at weddings and funerals. Due to their poor financial position and age the grandparents are now struggling to take proper care of Nith and her sisters, so all three have come to KH.

Pich Moeun was born on 7th March 2002. Her father died of malaria in 2002 and their mother went to work in Thailand and has not returned. She and her two sisters were regularly beaten by their aunty so they came to live with their elderly grandparents. Her grandfather works as a bicycle repairer and her grandmother works as a cook at weddings and funerals. Due to their poor financial position and age the grandparents are now struggling to take proper care of Pich and her sisters, so all three have come to KH.

