

Kidshelp Kambodscha e.V. newsletter, issue February 2016

Dear members, godfathers and supporters,

In our first newsletter in 2016 we would like to inform you about the last edificial changes at our English school and the latest development in our livestock project. In addition we will introduce our new supporting membership.

Renovations at the English school

After our school got a whole new and fresh appearance thanks to the paintings and refurbishment by Akzo Nobel it was time to do some long overdue maintenance. The newly installed doors on the toilet were very instable, most classrooms did not have enough lighting and many fans had stopped working since we installed them.



Russel (left) and Nigel (center and right) working on the doors and the food stall

Thanks to our new colleague Russell Watkins we had the chance to get some help from Nigel Howarth, a craftsman from Australia who was willing to volunteer at our place for one week.

Russell describes the commitment in his own words:

“The adage that 'Time is money' was demonstrated recently at our school with help coming from Nigel Howarth of Australia. Nigel used some of his annual leave in Australia to come up here to install much needed extra lighting, new fans, new toilet doors, some plumbing, and - to the delight of our on-sight snack seller - a new kiosk. Even though tools are in short supply, and finding the needed fittings

was a translator's nightmare, we managed to get the job done to a standard that left the people of the Kingdom of Wonder¹ that were watching Nigel do his work, still wondering."



The farming project

Apart from our constant efforts to help improve Cambodia's education system Kidshelp Kambodscha e.V. also runs a small livestock project. At the time of writing it consists of four families that have been granted one cow each by sponsors. One condition of the agreement we made with these families states that the first offspring has to be handed over to Kidshelp Kambodscha e.V. in order to help another family. As we bought very young calves, we had to wait some time to reap the benefits of this condition. It takes about nine months more until the calf can be separated from its mother and be given to help another family. On average we can expect around ten offspring for each cow during their lifetime. For the families it is a nice extra income which makes them more independent from other more unstable sources of income like the cultivation of land. We hope that we can see more pictures like these in the upcoming months.



¹ „Kingdom of Wonder“ is the self-chosen slogan in image campaigns by the Cambodian government

New: supporting membership at Kidshelp Kambodscha e.V.

Everyone who has been following our work in the last years has witnessed all the efforts that have been undertaken to improve the quality of the work of Kidshelp Kambodscha e.V. This process is still ongoing and we are determined to continue optimizing it. A big part of our work is done by volunteers, but especially in Cambodia there are always some costs involved. Before we were always able to pay for extra costs for employees, office etc. due to the beneficially high euro exchange rate. As all our spendings in Cambodia are in Dollars and most of our donations are in euro, this income has become much smaller due to the weaker Euro. Therefore we are not able to pay for all the costs of the child sponsorship programme anymore through the spendings of the godparents alone. During the last month our expenses continually exceed our revenues. Therefore we would like to introduce our new supporting membership for all godparents who are not yet members of Kidshelp Kambodscha e.V.

Of course it is not only available to godparents, but to everyone who wants to help us continue our good work. It goes without saying that the amount can be defined individually with a minimum of 5,- € If many help with a small amount we can secure the future of our NGO.

An application for a supporting membership is attached with this newsletter so it would be best if you could fill in the form and just send it to our e-mail address or by post to the following address: Kidshelp Kambodscha e.V., Am Lingenstock 27, 51515 Kürten. Please note that you have to send it by post if you wish to pay by direct debit.

We would like to thank you very much for your support and the interest in our work.

Your Kidshelp Kambodscha e.V. team in Cambodia and Germany.