



Kidshelp Kambodscha e.V. Newsletter, issue June 2016

Dear members, sponsors and supporters of Kidshelp Kambodscha e.V.,

Cambodian rainy season has finally started after an extremely hot and dry hot season. Fortunately, any apprehensions that this year might even be drier and the rainy season would start later than last year, have proven wrong and there has already been a fair amount of rain this year. Of course we also continue our struggle to improve our various projects. Besides our new children classes (see Newsletter April 2016), we are trying our best to give all our high school graduates the best preparation for their possible university studies in Phnom Penh.

Our next university students



Like in recent years, there are a couple of high school alumni in our area of operations who we would like give the possibility to study at university. As we have previously reported, it is very challenging for young Cambodians from the countryside to choose the right subject for their studies. The lack of knowledge about the different study courses and job opportunities in a modern society is only one obstacle, the other one is the strong influence by their parents. In general the family plays a much stronger role than in western countries and very often the respect for elders is so strong that the younger ones just accept decisions made by their parents. The vast majority of our students are simple farmers who have barely ever left their villages. From their point of view, only study courses like Banking or Management are useful and other very important courses like Agriculture are being disapproved by many.

For these reasons it is very important that the students have a good basis for their choice, so they can make the right decision and defend it against resistance from others if necessary.



For these reasons we offer them different courses that should help them choosing the right subject. In the previous courses we tried to help them finding their own abilities and preferences. During the next weeks and months there will be many more events. Some of them will be held by the Royal University Phnom Penh who will offer some course guidance at our school. Their courses are specifically designed for young Cambodians from the countryside. The first course will be held in the beginning of July.

It seems that we have been successful in our efforts to improve the qualifications of the young learners at our English school. We are happy to announce, that we have never had as many promising candidates for university as this time.

Probably not all of our 28 alumni will pass the high school exams and be fit for university, but we really want to help as many as possible to start their studies. In the last years we could see that the vast majority of those who got the chance



to study, do all they can to make the best of it and be able to find a job afterwards that gives them independence and also helps their family.

Some of our supporters already granted to take over a sponsorship, but we still need more help to be able to support as many students as possible.

With a monthly donation you can help us giving these young people a future.

It is up to you if you want to pay for the

university fees or the monthly costs at one of our students dorms.

If you want to help one of these young students or you have any questions about our students programme, please refer to our info address: Info@Kidshelp-Kambodscha.org.





Aid Campaign at Khemara Kidshelp School

In the best case scenario, our work can have a snowball effect and the help that we provide does not only help the recipients of the aid, but also motivates them to help others. This is what just happened at “Khemara Kidshelp School” where some teachers and students collected some money to support a family that has been affected by HIV. The father of the family got infected with HIV a couple of years ago and passed it on to his wife. He already passed away and left his wife and son behind. Instead of asking Kidshelp for help, Khemara, our employee and principal at the school, gathered the teachers and students to convince them to help the mother and her son. Of course most of our students are quite poor themselves, but many of them helped with a small amount. Altogether, it was enough to help the family to get by for some time.

They would like to do campaigns like this more regularly in the future.

Of course we are very happy to see that our work can have this kind of effect. We also believe that it confirms our trust in strengthening the education system in Cambodia. Those who experience the help of others for themselves can use their knowledge later to help others around them.





Supporting Memberships

In our newsletter from February this year we promoted our new supporting memberships. We are happy to announce that 12 persons reacted to our request and signed up for a supporting membership.

This is an important contribution to our financial planning. On the other hand we still struggle with the weak euro and general rate of price increases in Cambodia. Therefore we are still looking for supporters who are willing to secure the future of our work. The amount of money you want to contribute per month can be selected freely. It is a very sustainable and effective way of helping us. If you are interested or have any questions you can just refer to our info address: Info@Kidshelp-Kambodscha.org.

We wish all our supporters a pleasant summer time and thank you very much for your support and the interest in our work.

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