



## Kidshelp Kambodscha e.V. newsletter, issue December 2016



Dear members, sponsors and supporters,

Towards the end of this year, we would like to thank you, give a short overview and have a look at the coming year.



### The present situation at Khemara Kidshelp School

Last year was indeed an eventful one at our English school. During the last months we had three volunteers at the same time for the first time and therefore those months were even more eventful. Among various minor changes, we would like to highlight the new children classes and the project week in particular.

It is always our goal that the volunteers do not replace our existing teachers but rather work as a complementary and help to implement some sustainable changes. Even though those changes usually take much longer than we would wish and sometimes there are some setbacks, we do see that a couple of teachers try to use new teaching techniques and avoid pure lecturing.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers in 2016: Clara, Lisa, Raven and Leona and also Lea, who will stay until the beginning of next year.



Leona and Raven (left picture in the back) stayed at the school from September until December. Lea (center and right image) has been at the school since August and will stay there until February 2017.





Another constant challenge at the school is the omnipresent garbage and dirt.

Therefore we took another attempt in November to get a cleaner and nicer school. We decided to do it on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November which is a public holiday in Cambodia which means that the school is closed. We had help from our staff, the teachers, volunteers, some students and even some university students from our dorms in Phnom Penh.

We did not only clean the complete building. Our volunteers and some of the students also covered some of the walls inside with nice paintings.

We are very happy and grateful that so many people participated in this event!





## **Financial Situation**

Unfortunately the exchange rate of the euro has continued to fall and reached its lowest point for the last 14 years at a rate of less than 1,04 US\$ for one euro. During the last years we had an exchange rate between 1,20 US\$ and 1,30 US\$ for most of the time.

As most of our income is in euro and most of our expenses are in dollar this difference is now missing at our projects in Cambodia. For this reason our expenses exceeded our revenues significantly in the last year.

The main reason why the existence of the NGO is not yet threatened is the fact that we operated economically in a responsible way during the last years and therefore still have some financial reserves. The situation also improved a bit by our promotion for the new supporting memberships lately which got us at least nine new members.

Unfortunately the euro exchange rate will probably not improve much soon. Therefore we would like to take this opportunity to inform you about our supporting membership one more time. With a regular contribution of 5,00 € or more per month you help us to get planning reliability in the long-term for our projects.

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 ([Info@Kidshelp-Kambodscha.org](mailto:Info@Kidshelp-Kambodscha.org)) 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.





Those who prefer to help us with a one-time donation also have the possibility to use the donation platform Donatia.org. The increase by Donatia.org has been raised to 40 %.

The additional increase by the platform is limited to 12,00 € per donation. Therefore it makes most sense to use this platform for donations of up to 30,00 €

If you decide to do a donation of 30,00€ for KidsHelp via their homepage and watch the video of their advertising partner, you will help us with the sum of 42,00 €

If you are interested, just click [here](#).



## **Personell Change in Cambodia in 2017**

As you might have read in our newsletter from July 2017, our longtime overseas employee Raphael Weyel is planning to return to Germany in March 2017.

We are happy to announce, that we found a very promising replacement for him. He will start his training period in February 2017 so that he can take over from March 2017.

You will find more detailed information and a presentation in our next newsletter.

We would like to thank all our supporters for all the help and confidence over the past year.

It only remains for us to say that none of our projects would have been possible without all your sponsorships, one-time donations and material donations. All of this helped us to contribute to a sustainable development in Cambodia.

We wish all of you a happy and peaceful Christmas and all the best for 2017.

Your KidsHelp Kambodscha e.V. team in Cambodia and Germany,

