



## Kidshelp Kambodscha e.V. Newsletter, Issue July 2017

Dear members, dear godparents and supporters,

In our last newsletter we explained our financial situation and asked existing godparents to also consider becoming “supporting members” of the NGO in order to better distribute the costs for running the organisation among all supporters. We would then also be less dependent on the surplus from exchanging Euro into US Dollars.

This plea was answered by several people. A big thanks to each and every one of them!

The next logical step towards a more sustainable financial model for the organisation was the recalculation of the monthly contribution for the school sponsorships. To ensure that there is always enough money to take care of all godchildren as well as the various projects and initiatives on the ground, every sponsor should bear part of the cost.

We therefore decided to raise the monthly contribution for new sponsorships from 12 to 17 Euro per month. The raise by 5 Euro is based on the analysis of our cost over the past two years. **Existing sponsorships are not affected by these changes.** We would of course be very happy if everyone voluntarily raised their monthly contribution by 5 Euro and so shared the burden of the operational costs.

There is absolutely no reason to be worried about the quality of support our children and students receive. We have enough savings to ensure the smooth continuation of all of our projects for the next four to five years. We are merely shifting to a different payment model right now to guarantee the long-term financial sustainability of our work.

In case you still have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us via [info@kidshelp-kambodscha.org](mailto:info@kidshelp-kambodscha.org) or [Facebook](#).



**High time to look at what happened during the last two months:**

**Crowdfunding for guitar lessons:**



In the past there was one volunteer at the school who brought a guitar and started giving music lessons. Matthias planned to continue this tradition but quickly realised that there were a lot more children interested in playing than actual guitars at the school. He therefore started what quickly became a very successful crowdfunding campaign that ultimately enabled us to purchase 10 guitars including accessories for the school. The whole campaign ended up being so successful that we now actually have enough funds to make sure that, when needed, the guitars can be fixed or replaced.

The schoolchildren are hyped! Many thanks to Matthias and everyone who contributed funds.



## **New staff at the school**

Our second volunteer Anastasia had to leave the school a little bit early since she got invited to an important job interview in her home country.

Although her time at the school was limited, she did a great job overall and was able to make good use of her qualifications by providing one on one counselling sessions to some of the students. Thanks a lot for this!

It was only a few days later when Philipp, our new volunteer, arrived. He is 27 years old, a teacher by profession and will stay with us for four months.



**Welcome to Kidshelp, Phil!**

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## **Visit to DHL Express Cambodia**



Kidshelp has traditionally had a good working relationship with Deutsche Post and DHL Express, as many of our supporters currently are or have worked with



the company. We are now trying to leverage these ties, for example by identifying ways for our students to start a career with them.

Thanks to the help of a very active member, Raphael and later Michael were able to start a conversation with the management of their Cambodia office. One of the early fruits of this exchange was a visit of our students to the company headquarters in Phnom Penh.

On a Wednesday evening, a total number of almost 30 students followed an invitation by the DHL Express Country Director and his team to receive an introduction on the work of the company and an overview of possible career paths within the organisation.

Especially the latter was very interesting for our students and we are hoping to place a few of them as interns with DHL Express very soon. This might then become the beginning of a long-lasting partnership and could potentially open up many opportunities for both organisations.

### **Visit of Raven and Leona – Olympic Games at the school**



At the end of June, two well-known faces paid a visit to the school. Raven and Leona, who had volunteered with us in 2016, are currently travelling South-East Asia and they used this opportunity to revisit the children and their former colleagues.

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This is why we had four volunteers staying at the school during the last week of June. They immediately agreed that we should make good use of this opportunity and initiated an Olympic Games themed project week.

This meant that aside from competing in a number of sports, the younger children designed and created their own medals while the

older classes learned about the history of the Olympics.

Even though the biggest sports complex of the country is called “Olympic Stadium”, “the Games” never actually took place in Cambodia and none of the children had even heard of them before. This did of course not curb their enthusiasm in any way and while the school already is a place of joy, the project week and its activities led to even more laughter and happy faces.

Many thanks to Leona, Raven, Matthias and Phil for organizing and conducting this amazing activity!



More news about Kidshelp and pictures from our recent activities can be found at [Facebook](#) and our [Blog](#).

– Your Kidshelp Kambodscha e.V. Team in Cambodia and Germany –



**Please allow us to end this newsletter with a little advertisement:**

If you follow us on Facebook, you will have already noticed that our children have been busy creating their own Christmas designs. These drawings serve as the basis for the very first edition of Kidshelp Christmas Cards, that you can order from now onwards via [info@kidshelp-kambodscha.org](mailto:info@kidshelp-kambodscha.org).



One set contains 12 cards with different motives chosen from all the designs you can see on the poster on the next page and comes with matching envelopes. The cost for these sets (including post and package – if ordered to an address in Germany) are as follows:

- 1 Set            €12
- 2 Sets          €23
- 3 Sets          €33
- 4 Sets          €43

If you order 5 packs or more we will charge €10 per pack and Kidshelp will cover the cost for post and package. Cards collected from Nanette will also only cost €10 per set. All profits will be used for our projects in Cambodia!



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und ein  
Glückliches Neues Jahr*

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