



## **Kidshelp Kambodscha e.V. Newsletter, Issue December 2018**

Dear members, dear godparents and supporters,

At the end of the year we wanted to get back to you with a short update and festive greetings:

We were once again impressed by how many sponsors contacted us in a very short amount of time and how quickly our new students found sponsors. On behalf of all scholarship holders of the new year, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks. Meanwhile all of them are already enrolled and begin to learn what it means to live and self-organize, far away from their family. In autumn/winter next year we will send the first reports about their development.



Meanwhile all are already enrolled - The new students 2018

### **Funding by the LRF 2018 and 2019**

The abbreviation LRF stands for the Living Responsibility Fund of Deutsche Post DHL. Employees of Deutsche Post can apply for funds from this fund if they are involved in social projects. Since several of our members have worked and work for Deutsche Post DHL, we take this opportunity every year to raise funds for special projects.

We are very pleased to announce that we have again, this year, been awarded the contract by DHL. In 2019, thanks to the additional funds, we will be able to



finance the training of teachers at the English School at an institute in Phnom Penh.



During planning (top left) / the new filters (top right) / children at the new washbasin (bottom)



Last year we successfully applied for funds to purchase new water filters and to improve the sanitary facilities at the school. Thanks to the advice and help of BORDA, an aid organisation based in Bremen, we have not only been able to purchase locally tested water filters, but have also been able to extend the sanitary facilities and build new wash basins outside the school. And by a donation of the Eco-Soap Bank from Siem Reap, the supply with soap for a full year is also secured.

The water filters and the washbasin were very well received and used by the children right from the start. Many thanks to Deutsche Post DHL, BORDA and Eco-Soap Bank.

### **Change of volunteers**

It is once again time to say good-bye and hello to some of our volunteers. Uta Hanfeld and Florian Linecker, who were at school for 3 and 6 months respectively, leave us with a heavy heart.

Both did a great job and left a lasting impression on us and the children.

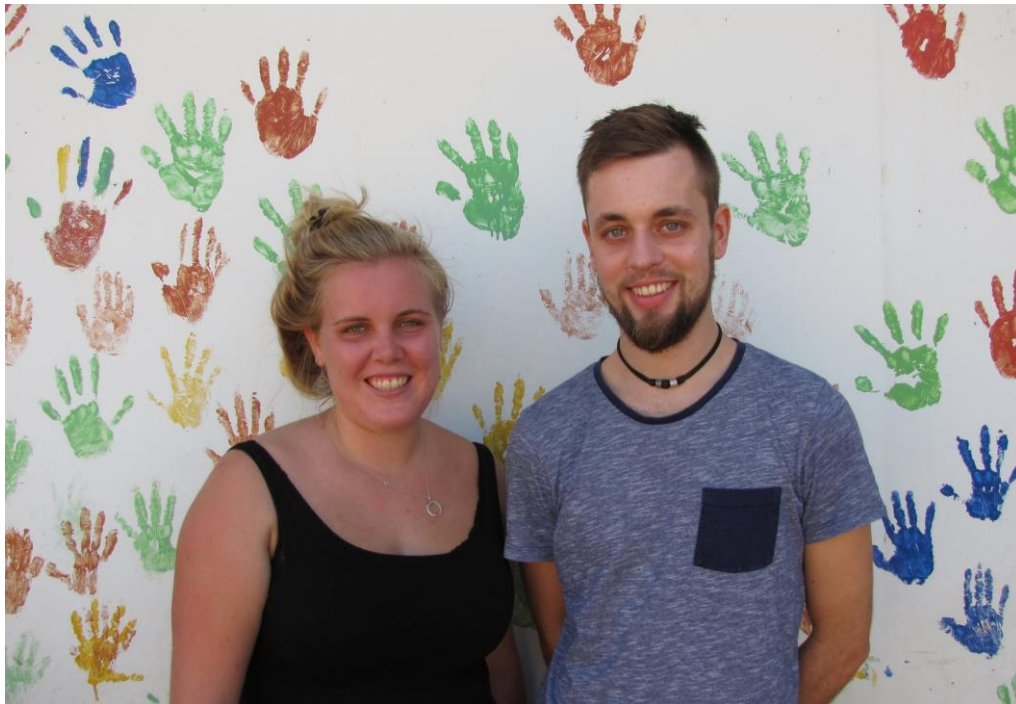
Florian also worked regularly with the students and in various workshops on topics such as sex education and conflict management, making the best out of his many years of professional experience.

As a trained lawyer, Uta had already looked at our child protection policy & code of conduct before her arrival with Michael and helped to revise it. Both policies now published on our website. Many thanks to her for that!

All the best to Uta and Florian. We wish you much success on all your ways. Thank you very much!



New at the school are Jannic and Lea. Both have already gained their first experience at German teaching institutions and not only want to gain experience abroad, but also learn if and how working with children differs in different cultures.



Welcome Lea and Jannic! To a good cooperation.



## **New Books for the English School**

At our English school two series of English textbooks have been used so far. The "New Headway Series" for students in the higher classes and the "Up and Away Series" for lower to intermediate levels. This is necessary because the "New Headway Series" is designed for teenagers and young adults and the younger children need materials appropriate to their age.

As the "Up and Away Series" was American English, by now seriously outdated and there were very limited teaching materials available, our teachers and volunteers had asked for new books. We had promised to follow up on their request as soon as we would collect the necessary donations.

After DHL Express agreed to donate the necessary amount in spring 2018, we spent several months researching books and discussing our suggestions with teachers from England and Germany. Of course, the teachers at our school in Cambodia had the last word. Their choice fell on the "Family and Friends Series". A series of books which our teachers already knew from other schools in Cambodia and with which they are accordingly familiar. The books have now been in use for a month and both the students and the teachers are very satisfied. Especially the many additional materials and audio samples are very well received.

Once again, a big thank you to DHL Express and our supporters from Kidshelp Cambodia - England, who both mobilized the donation and were significantly involved in the research of the new books.



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We would like to once again express our sincerest thanks to all of our supporters

Our whole team, the students and the pupils wish you, your friends and family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

