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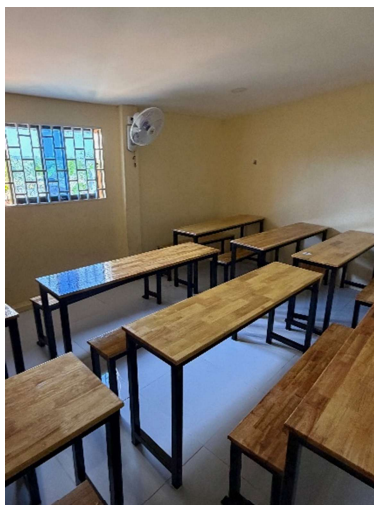
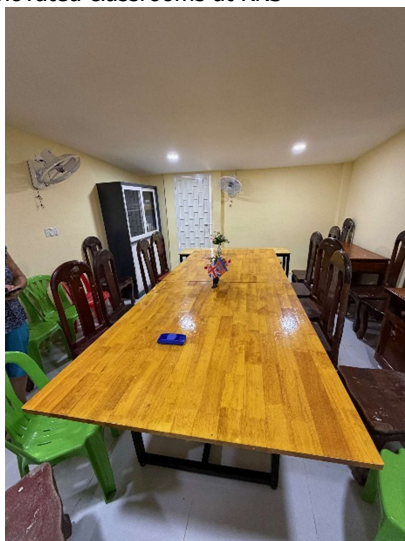
The last visit to Cambodia was now almost a month ago. In total 13 Kidshelp members attended. During our visit we were able to see how things have progressed with all the projects we support. Khemara Kidshelp School, where refurbishments of all classrooms and electrics were underway.



New entrance area at Khemara Kidshelp School



Renovated classrooms at KKS



New rooms behind the KKS, with the office and staff room on the left and another classroom on the right.

The Graduation Day with students, teachers and guests was once again a great success this year.



The meeting with the alumni and the student party in the dormitory were opportunities to meet all current students and to learn of progress of our alumni group. Since the student party in the dormitory, we are also pleased that all bedrooms, bathrooms and kitchens have been inspected and refurbished where necessary.



Renovated bathroom and rooms in the female student residence

Refurbishment of KKS classrooms, desks and reception is completed. The two volunteer rooms in KKS are refurbished including a private bathroom in each.

But the highlight of the visit was the inauguration of the new English school in Roka Kaong, which bears the name Kidshelp English School (KES).



Entrance gate to the new English school New Englishschool - KES

After the Ground Breaking Ceremony on September 13, 2024, construction began, and the building was handed over as early as May 27, 2025. The contractually agreed costs and milestones were met, and individual construction phases were even completed earlier than planned.

From July 2025, the children from the surrounding area were invited to register for English lessons. The response exceeded all expectations: instead of the calculated almost 200 students, more than 340 registered. In the first three months, the lessons were free of charge, but since November a fee has been charged. This does not apply to the 25 children from families with a so-called poverty card, who can attend classes free of charge.

The official inauguration of the new English school took place on 12th January 2026. Numerous guests, including contractors, local village leaders, neighbours, teachers and of course all visiting Kidshelp members, accepted the invitation. In total around 120 guests. It was a special honour for us to welcome Their Excellencies, the British Ambassador Dominic Williams and the German Ambassador Stefan Messerer, as well as the Country Director of DHL Express, Prayag Chitrakar.

Steve Wells from DHL Express, Singapore led through the program. The day began with a joint lunch. Afterwards, the project manager of the English school and chairman of the board of Kidshelp England, Patrick Byron, gave a speech. Speeches by the two ambassadors followed.



Moderator Steve Wells



Project Manager Patrick Byron



H. E. Ambassador Dominic Williams



H. E. Ambassador Stefan Messerer

A former student, Chhon Reaksmeay, who now works as a social worker, and the current sixth-year medical student, Nov Livuoch, also addressed moving words to the guests.



Chhon Reaksmeay



Nov Livuoch

After short speeches by Nanette Langfeldt, Chairwoman of the Board of Kidshelp Cambodia e.V. Germany, and the school director Hun Tharith, the unveiling of the sponsor boards



the ribbon was officially cut and the sponsor signs were unveiled. This marked the worthy conclusion of the ceremonial inauguration of the English school.



From left to right: Prayag Chitrakar, Patrick Byron, Nov Livuoch, Kath Khemara, H.E. Ambassador Dominic Williams, Chhon Reaksmeay, H. E. Ambassador Stefan Messerer, Steve Wells, Hun Tharith, Nanette Langfeldt

The second highlight of this special day was the ceremonial inauguration of a new playground in the schoolyard of the new school. This project was made possible by the generous support of the Klemps family. The playground was dedicated to Klaus-Jürgen Klemps, a long-time friend and supporter of Kidshelp Cambodia e.V., who visited Cambodia many times until his death in May 2020 together with his wife Renate Klemps, who was also present on this special day.



On his travels, he always brought a suitcase full of gifts for the children and was therefore affectionately called "Santa Claus". In memory of his warmth and commitment, the playground now bears the name **"Santa Claus Playground"**.

Irina Radszuweit, the eldest daughter of Klaus-Jürgen Klemps, came to Cambodia in person for the inauguration. In her moving speech, she told how the playground came into being and paid tribute to her father's work. Afterwards, the name plate was ceremoniously unveiled



Ceremonial unveiling of the sign



From left to right: Patrick Byron, Irina Radszuweit, H.E. Ambassador Stefan Messerer, H. E. Ambassador Dominic Williams, Michael Radszuweit, Renate Klemps

Finally, a special surprise caused great enthusiasm: Renate Klemps and Michael Radszuweit rained down sweets from the second floor of the school. The children collected them with beaming faces – a happy moment that brought the spirit of "Santa Claus" to life in a wonderful way.



It's raining candy





Inauguration of the swing, which is used extensively by children from the neighborhood and school

We would like to thank all of the sponsors who made this project possible. The children in Cambodia will benefit from this school just as many before them have benefited from the KKS, which has been in operation since the end of 2010 – whether it be through improving their English skills enough to get a better job or even a place at university.

Warm regards, Your team in Cambodia, England, and Germany

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