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JGG DONATES LIBRARY AND MEETING AREA TO SIEM REAP PRIMARY SCHOOL

The impact of Covid on JGG activities and Cambodia’s economy was significant. With schools not operating much of the time, JGG permanently closed its English Outreach program. Meanwhile, the decline and uncertainty in Wall Street caused JGG to take a cautious approach to spending. Activities were limited to operating its two dormitories in Phnom Penh and the one dormitory in Siem Reap.

While things are still recovering, in March 2024 JGG met with Mr. Pean Pol, the principal of the Kok Khnang primary school, located in rural Siem Reap. The discussion focused on the completion of a library on the school grounds.



Construction of the library had stalled during Covid as funding became unavailable.

JGG wished to add covered outdoor seating to the product which would serve multiple uses both for the students and the community. Agreement was reached on adding these changes. Construction will be initiated in the 2nd quarter of this year.

Following the meeting, JGG's Founder and JGG's Chairman, along with two former JGG Student Teachers, distributed 3 notebooks and 2 pens to each of the 528 students.



This is the second JGG project with Mr. Pean's involvement. In 2011 JGG founded a three-room schoolhouse in Kok Trach village, Reul commune about 30 km from the city of Siem Reap. Mr. Pean, who at that time was the founder and chairman of the Cambodian

charity Working for Children, successfully created and supervised the project.

JGG DORMITORIES FILL UP WITH NON-STUDENT TEACHERS

With the last former JGG Student Teachers quickly coming to the end of their university careers, as well as their stay at the JGG dormitories, students who were not involved in JGG's English Outreach program are moving in to replace them. Many of these new students come from provinces other than Pursat.

In March 2024, the JGG Founder and JGG Chairman met many of these new recruits in both Phnom Penh and Siem Reap. Besides a warm welcome, the students, old and new, gathered for discussions regarding dormitory rules, their careers, and advice for their future.



UPDATE ON JGG'S "BLIND GIRL" STUDENT TEACHER

In 2015, Chitta Meas was in the 9th grade and teaching English for JGG to her own class five days a week after school. One day she noticed one of her students, Sok Heng Theang, in tears at the end of her English lesson.

The issue was that Theang could not see the whiteboard. She explained that this had been an increasing problem over a period of two years. Chitta reported the incident to JGG's Director who contacted Theang's grandmother, who was raising Theang. She told JGG's Director that Theang was either going blind, which was not unheard of in rural Cambodia, or just lazy and using "blindness" as an excuse.

JGG arranged for the young girl to see an eye doctor. As you likely guessed, and with great relief, it was discovered that she was only in desperate need of eyeglasses.

This simple story is remarkable in that Theang's problem went on for two years with none of her adult, professional teachers identifying such an important issue and providing assistance. It took the youngest teacher Theang had, ninth grader Chitta Meas, to bring into action the help she needed.

JGG decided to follow up on this story when it learned that Chitta recently attended a graduation ceremony where she received a law degree from The University of Management in Phnom Penh. She had completed her law studies earlier, but the ceremony was delayed due to covid.



Chitta, in addition to her work with a law firm continues to pursue a degree in Chinese language study. With such a busy



schedule, she no longer works as a radio news announcer. That's something she did for two years while attending law school. JGG is certainly proud of our former Student Teacher!

A Reunion with Former Student Teachers





STUDENTS IN JGG DORMITORIES IN 2024

JGG dormitory provides room for former JGG Student Teachers and for other students who can't afford a place to stay while they study in university in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap city.

- TOTAL : _____ 35 STUDENTS
- SIEM REAP DORMITORY: _____ 8 GIRLS AND 4 BOYS
- PHNOM PENH DORMITORY: _____ 15 GIRLS AND 8 BOYS
- RICE SUPPORT AND BASIC NEEDS: _____ 35 STUDENTS

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