



**John Givonetti Giving
A Charitable Organization
Quarterly Progress Update
October - December 2018**

OPENING DAY OF STATE SCHOOL YEAR 2018 - 2019

Opening Day of the School Year 2018 - 2019 was celebrated 1st November 2018. All students were welcomed back to school. The new 6-year old kindergarten students were excited to join the ceremony for the first time. JGG representatives participated in the celebrations at Bakchinhchien and Romlech Hun Sen High Schools in Pursat where JGG runs its English Outreach programs.



Opening Day 2018-2019 celebrated at Bakchinhchien Hun Sen High School

The ceremony was presided over by His Excellency Dr. Ty Thany. H.E encouraged all students to study very hard so they can gain the knowledge and skills required to help themselves and their family to move out of poverty and, also, to help develop their communities.

VISIT OF FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN TO JGG CAMBODIA



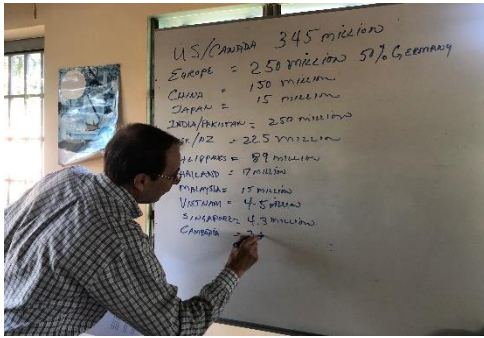
Chairman's Monitoring at JGG in Romlech School

In December 2018, JGG's Founder, John, and Chairman, Sokhary, visited Cambodia. The chairman spent over two weeks training and evaluating JGG's Student Teachers and their students in the English Outreach programs at Romlech and Bakchinhchien.



Founder speaking to Student Teachers

The Founder spoke to the Student Teachers at both locations about the importance of Cambodians being able to speak English. He pointed out that only one quarter of one percent of the world speaks Khmer. At the same, English is the most widely



Founder talks to Student Teachers

spoken language in the world. Almost all countries have a significant population that speaks English as a first or second language. So, the Student Teachers must continue to develop their English after high school by getting jobs (along with attending university) that require them to use English every day, especially in conversation. Fortunately, such positions are not difficult to find for candidates with the English skills of JGG's Student Teachers.

The Founder and Chairman also visited JGG's dormitories in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap. One of the highlights of these visits was to meet with the former JGG Student Teachers who have just begun their university studies. In Phnom Penh five former Student Teachers who recently graduated university were invited to share with the new university students their experiences and views about university life and choosing a study major. They also discussed job-related skills such as interviewing, job selection, and how to be a successful employee.



Chairman's Meeting with Former Student Teachers at Phnom Penh Dormitory

ENGLISH OUTREACH PROGRAM UPDATE

JGG's student population was 547 students during the reporting period. This represented a decline of 87 students from the previous quarter due to a combination of performance and attendance issues. Also, the travel distance causes some students to leave the program. Following studying English with JGG from 5 PM to 6 PM after school, many of these students have a 1 to 2 hour bicycle ride to their homes in the dark. It is amazing how so many students and their families value the education offered by JGG that they willingly make this difficult journey every weekday.



Regular English Outreach Program at Romlech Hun Sen High School held from 5-6PM

JGG's Student Teacher population totaled 50, declining from last period's 54. The decline reflected performance and attendance issues, as well as one Student Teacher relocating to a new high school.

JGG STUDENT POPULATION					JGG STUDENT TEACHER POPULATION				
Locations	Q3 2018	In	Out	Q4 2018	Locations	Q3 2018	In	Out	Q4 2018
Bakchinhchien	397	0	59	338	Bakchinhchien	30	0	2	28
Romlech	237	0	28	209	Romlech	24	0	2	22
TOTAL	634	0	87	547	TOTAL	54	0	4	50

THREE STUDENT TEACHERS WIN THE DICTATION/TRANSLATION CONTEST

How well a Student Teacher can correctly write down English dictation with few spelling errors and then translate that English document into Khmer directly relates their ability to successfully teach English. So, this type of exercise is a key training focus of the JGG Director and his staff.

In order to encourage the Student Teachers to develop this important skill, a dictation/translation contest is held each month. Prizes are given to the Student Teachers with the best scores.

In December the JGG Chairman conducted this contest for the 50 Student Teachers. Three Student Teachers achieved perfect scores and received their prizes.



Student Teachers received prizes

QUARTERLY MEETING WITH STUDENT TEACHER PARENTS



Student Teachers' Parent Meeting

In October 2018, JGG conducted a quarterly meeting with the parents of Student Teachers at JGG Learning Center's in Bakchinhchien and Romlech. The meetings updated them on JGG's current and future activities. It also provided information related to how their children were performing as Student Teachers. Finally, it stressed to the parents the importance of learning English and requested that they encourage their children to work hard as Student Teachers to achieve this goal.

STUDENT TEACHERS OF THE MONTH - FOURTH QUARTER 2018



SREYLOENG is a Student Teacher of the Month

During the fourth quarter of 2018, six Student Teachers received a "Student Teacher of the Month Award." This award reflects their excellent teaching, good attendance and their adherence to JGG's rules and policies. The "Student Teacher of the Month" award is a motivation for all the Student Teachers to reach a standard of excellence now and in the future.

These outstanding Student Teachers were: **Le Torm, Ay Sam Em, It Chanry, Sut Sreyloeng, Be Sreynith, and Phan Phatsa.**

THE CASE STUDY OF SAVOEURN DAVIN

Darvin's Hard Work is Leading to Success

Savoern Davin, is 19 years old and a former JGG Student Teacher from Romlech Hun Sen High School. He joined JGG as a Student Teacher in 2014 when he was in the 9th grade. At that time, Davin lived with his family in Brolayromdeng village, Romlech Commune, Bakan District, Pursat Province. His mother, who is a widow, is a farmer and a food seller in the community.

When Davin was selected to be a Student Teacher, he said he had poor study habits. However, JGG's training and the responsibilities of being a Student Teacher greatly improved his commitment to learning. He said, "All student teachers have to work hard. Being lazy is not allowed. Lazy Student Teachers will be fired."



Davin's Studies at Leagis Polytechnic Academy

Through his teaching experience, Davin became comfortable speaking publicly in front of groups of students, teachers, and members of the community. Of course, his English improved dramatically over his four years in high school to where he could read, speak, and translate very well. He loved to learn all his high school subjects, but especially English. "English made me feel very special," he said, "With JGG, I was able to learn a lot and I could share what I learned with the younger generation by teaching English and the computer. JGG changed my life."

As with all JGG Student Teachers, Davin's school day started early at 6:00 AM when he cleaned his house and assisted his mother with other tasks before preparing himself for going to school. At the end of the school day, he taught English in JGG's program from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM every weekday. On the weekends he attended JGG training in English, the computer, and leadership skills.

When he reached the 12th grade, Davin didn't teach English during the week anymore, but he remained active in the JGG program. He attended after school classes provided by JGG in key subjects to prepare himself for the 12th grade comprehensive examination. He also received training in preparing a CV and how to



Davin and his classmates at Leagis Polytechnic Academy

interview for a job. On the weekends he taught computer skills to the younger generation of Student Teachers.

Davin graduated high school in August 2018. He moved to Phnom Penh in September 2018 and lives at the JGG dormitory. He is halfway through his first year of studying Civil Engineering at Norton University, which is about 8 kilometers from the dormitory. Classes run from 7:00 AM to 12:00 noon. He has to get up very early because the traffic is so jammed in the morning.

In addition, Davin studies a short course in Civil Engineering at Leagis Polytechnic Academy from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and an English Short Course at Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. He hopes to learn Chinese on the weekend in the future.

Davin says that “Without JGG, my knowledge, especially of English, would never be as good as it has become.” JGG not only helped me in High School, but it continues to support me while at university. I am so grateful to JGG”

FOREIGN VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

JGG is seeking Foreign Volunteers to spend at least six weeks working with JGG’s program in Bakchinhchien and Romlech. The Foreign Volunteer will help Student Teachers improve their English teaching, conversation, and pronunciation skills. No teaching experience is required.

This is a self-funded position with the Foreign Volunteer paying for transportation to Cambodia and \$10 a day fee to cover room and board. For more information please visit the JGG website shown below. All expenses are US tax deductible.

The experience will be amazing! See www.jggcharity.org and Facebook page www.facebook.com/jggcharity.org

GIFT FROM MR. TEP MONYROTHA AND HIS FAMILY TO JGG IN DECEMBER 2018

In December 2018, Mr. Tep Monyrotha and his wife’s family generously donated over 700 bottles of shampoo to JGG. With this kind and generous donation, JGG was able to distribute the shampoo to the students in Bakchinhchien and Romlech Hun Sen High School.

All students were so happy to receive the shampoo!

THANKS FOR THEIR SUPPORT !!!



FURTHER ACTIVITIES BY PICTURES IN THE MONTH



Class inspection by JGG Chairman



Class inspection by Director



Class inspection by JGG staff



Student Teachers' Weekly Meeting



Monthly Staff Meeting



Student Teacher (ST) Teaching ST



JGG Chairman with some of the Romlech high school Student Teachers

JGG's English Program in Bakchinhchien and Romlech Hun Sen High School are Supported by JGG, Wings of Hope, Nathan Yip Foundation and Friends of JGG.

