## **Cambodian School Project**

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It is an uncertain time everywhere and in Cambodia there is little news. For the second time this year the government has closed all schools in an effort to contain the virus. Our pupils are home now, waiting for schools to reopen in 2021. They have spoken of a few cases of the virus in some villages, but we have no idea of the scope of Covid-19 spread in Cambodia.

JHP Skola briefly welcomed students back before the second closing, but eaching by cell phone continued through the year. We asked Thieng Pol, Sarith's assistant, to interview some of the students and ask what they are proud of having accomplished during this disrupted year:



Srey, age 21, with 3 sisters, is proud of her improvement: "When I finish study here I can get a good job, making money to study at University."



Snor, age 20, "I am proud... that I get good knowledge. Especially--I can speak English, reading (and) writing better than before."



Chantrea, 21. "I can speak English and I can use the computer. When I finish studying here I can find a job & make money by myself."



Pisey, age 17: "Yes; I am proud of myself. I have good experience...I studied English and computer." Pisey's experience was as one of our two teaching assistants. Her pronunciation is excellent.



Nanat, age 20. "I have a good relationship with my friends. I understand about writing, speaking, and reading (a little)."

Our school year is over for 2020. We will see what 2021 brings. Where possible we plan to work with our JHP students to compete for jobs. This class has worked hard in the face of adversity and has done very well in these difficult conditions. We are proud of them, and of our teachers and assistants.

Thank you, generous donors, for sustaining our schools in this troubled time. We hope you are proud of our students as well. Aukuhn Shahran.