

April 3rd

Mark,

Here are the last two Progress Reports, the Spring 2023 one we sent out yesterday.

We are reviewing the Project at our next Board meeting as it is different now after Roger's death.

JHP is doing well, the students graduate and we find them jobs. We want to have a reunion for all our JHP graduates and get some of their stories of how JHP helped them.

Any ideas you have, let us know

All the best

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The Cambodian School Project, Inc.

PROGRESS REPORT Summer 2022

Dear Friends,

Regrettably, we have some very sad news to share with you. Roger Garms died this summer. He had been in frail health for several years but he maintained his involvement with the Cambodian School Project until the end. He had a large influence throughout our local community and beyond. He and Sarith started the Cambodian School Project in 2002 and Roger was instrumental in starting the Cambodian Buddhist Temple near Madison, as well as working with our Hmong community.



Memorial service gathering at the Cambodian Buddhist Temple in Madison, June 2022.

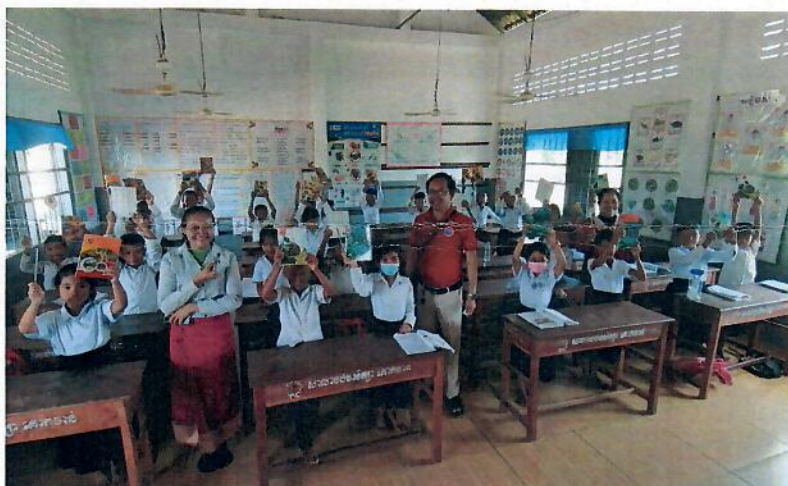
We will miss his positive energy, innovative ideas, and generous heart. He was always coming up with new ideas for the Cambodian School Project such as JHP Technical School, growing organic vegetables for our students, fish ponds, wells for drinking water. He would have an idea for a new project, check with the Board on our finances, and then say "I think I know someone who will come up with the money we need." A few days later, a check for the amount needed would arrive from "Mr. Anonymous Donor", the check being signed by Roger.



Roger's memorial service at JHP School.

Students are wearing shirts Sophat bought for them, using CSP funds.

We will miss Roger's leadership deeply, but will continue the Project as he wanted us to do. Roger's son Jess will join the Board; Jess has traveled to our schools in Cambodia. Edgewood College nursing students will participate in a service learning project in Cambodia next year with CSP Board Members April Yerges and Claude Rochon. They will submit progress reports and suggestions on moving forward. COVID may be waning in Cambodia; we have twenty-five students at JHP which is about the right enrollment for this time.



Elementary students at Kok Chan, getting their new books and pens.

All of our 1,400 elementary school kids got new supplies, and each teacher received \$50, (half of the funding came from Mr. Anonymous).

Aukuhn Shahran, and thank you for your continued support.

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PROGRESS REPORT

Spring 2023

Dear Friends,

Hope springs eternal and we have good news for you. All the 2022 JHP Technical School students graduated and Sarith found jobs for all of them at Siem Reap, so our streak continues, every JHP student has been placed in a job.



JHP has 23 students enrolled in 2023 which, in COVID times, is about the right number.

Families participate in the JHP enrollment, it is a commitment as the kids are at JHP, a boarding school, for a year. These two photos give you an idea of the enrollment process.



Board members April Yerges and Claude Rochon took 18 undergraduate Edgewood College students to Cambodia in January 2023 on an international service-learning program. The students had to first enroll in a pre-immersion classroom course over the fall 2022 semester, exploring Cambodian culture, history, art, religion, and health, and the ethical dimensions of global health. The majority of students were nursing majors, but students from Child Life and Art Therapy also joined in. Child Life Health Professionals work in health settings to help children, youth, and families cope with the stress of illness, injury, and medical treatment. Art Therapy is an integrative health service profession that engages individuals, families, and communities in art creation, the creative process, applied psychological theory, and human experience.



Half their service time in Cambodia was in partnership with The Cambodian School Project, where the Edgewood students provided over 300 children and young adults near Siem Reap with health screening and care, health education, and artistic opportunities.

Over 1,000 hygiene kits were fundraised and made by students and faculty; the kits included a washcloth, bar of soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, and dental floss. These were distributed to area children and schools as well.



Edgewood students visited JHP Technical School for a day. One JHP student told them, "When you know that your health is good, you can focus on other aspects of life, such as school." The principal and students were all extremely grateful for your support and for the role JHP plays in the community.

Last year, we gave each elementary school teacher a \$50 bonus and bought school supplies for each of the elementary school kids. Elementary schools are back, which is great. Our goal this year is to get the school gardens - we fund one at each school - renewed and functioning at pre-pandemic levels. The JHP garden looks wonderful as this photo shows.

*We will have a good year in 2023
and hope you do too.*



Aukuhn Shahrn, and thank you for your continued support from the Board of CSP:
Sarith, April, Claude, Tom, Steve, Jim, Jess, Kate, Kelly, Gray



And from the students and staff of JHP!