

# The Cambodian School Project, Inc.

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Dear Friends,

Enclosed is our Spring 2012 Progress Report, put together after Kathleen and Roger visited the project sites in February. Old programs were continued, with one sad exception, and two new ones were evaluated - flood relief and the technical school.

Our flood relief project had good success as the seed rice we donated is growing well and nearing harvest. We replaced the washed out school garden at Poum Steung with a new and larger garden. Sadly, we had to discontinue our mushroom project because our local expert passed away. We have no replacement for his skills and knowledge.

We are now seeing positive results of our bicycle donations as high school attendance is much higher than ever before. We have bicycle repair programs in place, supervised by the principal of each school. This year we gave bikes to our sewing girls, and at their request enrolled them in our new sewing class at JHP Skola.

English classes continue to go well, both daytime and evening (using battery powered lights). Volunteers from The Crossing at UW, who carried computers to the new school, also taught English there (and at Poum Steung and Rainbow Orphanage). These volunteers were a breath of fresh air, and we are seeing clear gains in English competency now. A visiting ESL expert (thanks to Susan O'leary) said what is needed now is more conversation practice. We hope for more volunteers this year.

Our new computer class is in full swing, with the 19 students showing surprisingly quick competency and our new teacher proving to be excellent. We have gardens in there, already producing food for students. We have selected students and teacher for sewing class and are now fund raising for the needed sewing machines and supplies. We hope to start the class after the New Year (April 19-21<sup>st</sup>). The students are a great pleasure to work with, highly motivated, helpful to each other and happy to be there.

Thank you all for your generosity to the flooded families, for the new school and for maintaining the ongoing support of 1,700 primary school students. Our money is being well spent and we are seeing concrete results. We would love for you to see this yourself and again invite you all to come and visit.

Sincerely,

Roger Garms, Secretary

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