

CAMBODIAN SCHOOL PROJECT

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Progress Report for Spring, 2012



Here you see the mother of one of our poorest students at Poup Steung. Hers was among the 246 families flooded out and living on the roadway for a month this year. The rain destroyed the first rice planting and they had no cash for more seed. We gave food and seed rice to the poorest families, hers among them. The results you see growing behind her. Sarith also loaned her husband money for a fish net so the family will also have some protein. On the right is a land mine victim and successful fisherman, adept at using such a net.



We continue to pass out bicycles to those who most need them. The bikes have clearly improved school attendance. This year 75% of the graduates from Poup Steung went on to high school; the most ever. Now we are seeing other bike needs, some close to home. Here are three of our sewing girls getting bikes of their own (Sarith is on the right). This is a happy occasion and even the dignified bike shop owner is laughing. Each sewing girl has a long commute to work and farm. Teri, for example (background left), works a family rice plot that is 10 km. from their home. Up to now she walked those 10 km. No wonder she is smiling!



We put in new and larger gardens at Poup Steung after the old ones were ruined by flooding. We expanded the gardens at Tampoeung. We put in a garden at the new technical school. Each of our 1,700 students got school supplies; paper, pencils and sharpeners. Schools got badminton sets, jump ropes and hacky sacks. We gave out school uniforms at four schools and two schools will get them as they get made.



On the right you see students who have improvised a jump rope. These kids know how to have fun.



JHP Skola, our new technical school, opened with 19 computer/English students. We have signed up students and hired a teacher for the sewing class. These students are much too poor to go to private school, so had few prospects. They are eager to learn, as you see, and grateful to have a chance for a better life. We, and they, thank you for giving them this chance. *Aukuhn shahran.*

