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Hi Everyone,

Here is a map of the flooding in Cambodia on the 18th. It rained for two more days after this in Poum Steung, although not the last two days. Poum Steung is west of Siem Reap about 20 KM, in the flooded zone. Our other schools are not.

We have collected \$745 for flooding at this point, so I am going to send \$1,000 to Sarith on Monday. This will be used to buy a month's rice (50 kg.) for the 40 poorest families among the 245 families displaced. Rice is a staple for all meals. They will forage for greens and catch whatever fish they can to eat with it. The water in Bangkok is expected to take 6 weeks to drain. We hope it goes quicker here.

Thanks, Roger

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Hello again, Ivan, et. al.,

Since the rain has not let up, the large lake (Tonle Sap) has continued to expand and flood out thousands of hectares in the provinces around it. The continuing rain has also delayed construction and the roof is still not finished at the new school. This delay means that we will not be able to start next month.

Sarith has interviewed two potential computer teachers, both of whom can teach Office and Word (standard software in Cambodia). He says they both know enough about software to be able to "fix it when it doesn't work." Now he must decide which would make the better teacher.

Since we cannot be sure when the school will be ready to open, he has not selected the students yet. Everything in Cambodia has pretty much come to a halt with the flooding. This has serious consequences. Sarith and his family have lost 16 hectares of new rice, and you have the information about the families in Poum Steung. This village is about 4 km from Pouk, where the technical school is being built. Before I went on vacation, Sarith told me the news said this flooding was the worst since 2000. Today he said people in the village are saying this is the worst they have ever seen.

Sorry to send bad news about construction, but this is an unusual weather problem. Sarith assures me that the school will be running by the time Marek and I come. Right now the permanent residents there are staying in town with the director's friends in Pouk because the road is under water. One really amazing thing about Cambodia is just how much people help one another, how communal this culture can be - especially out in the villages. I think you will enjoy seeing that on your visit.

Regards, Roger