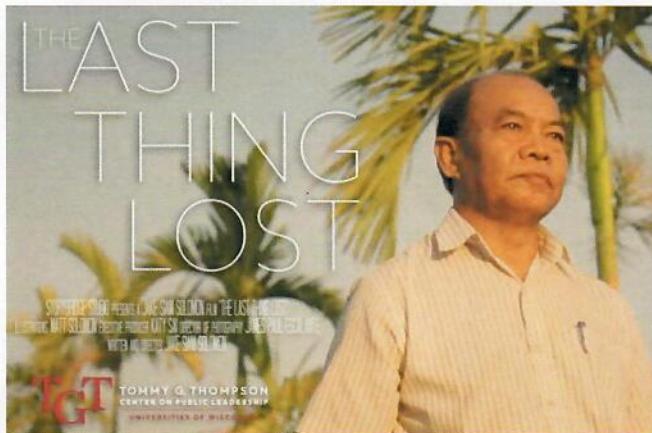


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The documentary about Sarith, *The Last Thing Lost*, was a tremendous success. The 300 seat Thompson Center was full and many more watched the livestream. We hope it will be made available for future streaming. The film was about Sarith's journey from Cambodia to escape the Khmer Rouge. Many in the audience did not know about the death and destruction from the Khmer Rouge regime. Sarith is from a family of seven children, of the nine family members three survived. Roger Garms also featured in the documentary and Sarith and Roger's friendship was apparent. The film made clear why Roger and Sarith worked so hard to establish the Cambodian School Project. Roger said "the damage is done for generations, it is utterly devastating, it just made me want to do something against that evil." We hope the film will make people aware of the terrible times Cambodia went through and why programs such as CSP are so valuable.



JHP Technical School, the focus of CSP, is stronger than ever. We have 60 applicants for the 2026 class and we'll enroll 27 - 28 new students. Head teacher Sophat is taking students to possible job sites for them to see what the work will entail. All the students will be placed by early December, 2025.

Sarith said government run schools often are terrible. Many Cambodian high schools have morning classes but students have to pay for afternoon classes, so of course, poor families cannot afford it. The kids that come to JHP often don't speak English, have not graduated from high school, and have no computer skills. We choose carefully to make sure all the students are from poor families. JHP's may be the only chance these young people have of moving ahead.

And a success story; the two young ladies in the photograph, Lizar Sok and Minh Sotheara, graduated from JHP and we got them jobs. They work full time now and go to classes part-time at the Singapore Helm Institute of English in Siem Reap. They will become English teachers; the sponsor for their classes is Sylvan, Sarith's brother-in-law, who helps teach English conversation at JHP.



Two board members, April and Claude, will be taking Edgewood nursing students to Cambodia in January, 2026. They will bring us photos and reports on our schools, the war with Thailand, and the financial picture in Cambodia.

Finally, we would be remiss not to mention the support of Marek Spinka and his friends in the Czech Republic, who, since 2011, have raised \$8,000 each year for JHP. JHP is named for this group's two mentors.

And as always we thank you. Many of you have supported us since the start and we are enormously grateful, the success of the Project is because of you.

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