



# Sunshine News

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## A Message from the Director



The security of every child's future depends on the strength of their family's situation, and not just on the support of an organization. With this in mind, our new model has seen encouraging growth amongst the parents, with increased numbers of them:

- becoming proactive in responding to the needs of their children
- attending Parents' Days and trainings
- saving money every month in a group and some are developing leadership skills

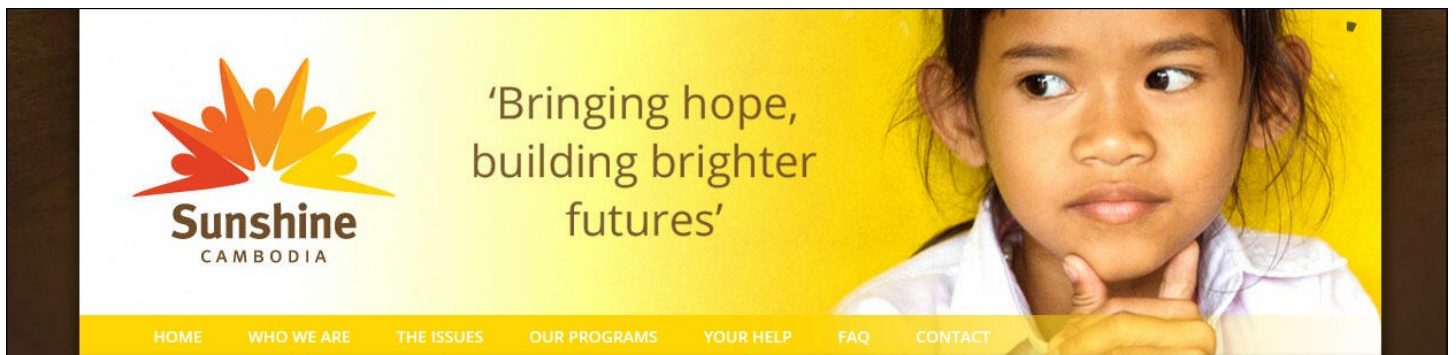
With the more efficient use of our resources, (no daily feeding program, no daily tuition at the centre) we can

take on 70 more children (making a total of nearly 180 children) in the new school year without increasing admin costs.

Thank you very much for your prayers and financial support as we work together to bring hope and build brighter futures for children and families in poverty. Please continue this journey with us!

*Channy Nop  
Project Director*

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Our **New Website** is here! It's been long in the making but we finally went live on 4 March. We hope you will visit [www.sunshinecambodia.org](http://www.sunshinecambodia.org) often and learn everything you always wanted to know—plus more!

Please visit our **Facebook** page also for all the latest news updates - [www.facebook.com/welikesunshine](https://www.facebook.com/welikesunshine) (You don't need to be logged into Facebook to access this page.)

## How your support makes a difference..."

One of Sunshine's most successful initiatives to improve the parents' economic situations has been the savings groups. The first group had 27 members who not only made regular deposits but were also able to take out loans of up to \$250. With the interest earned, a profit of \$230 was shared with all the members! Amazing! The second savings group has 31 members who can buy shares at \$1.25. Sunshine's own savings and credit scheme is a real boon to our families who otherwise cannot access bank or even microfinance loans because they have no collateral.



One of the savings group leaders is Mr Houn Kosal, whose 3 children have been with SC for a number of years. Mr Houn started out as a builder's labourer but through his hard work and leadership qualities is currently a supervisor. He is saving

diligently to buy his own small cement mixer and go into the construction business himself.

## St Matthew's West Pymble Visit

In January, a small team from St Matts' came to visit the Sunshine kids; their families; film interviews and also do a lot of fun activities with the kids. It was a life-changing experience for some of the team and the Sunshine kids had a brilliant time too! Thanks to Peter & Jill, Sarah, Fiona, Mel, Lucinda, Laura and Annabelle for giving so much of yourselves in every way.



### HANDY INFO:

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2. DIRECT BANK DEPOSIT to Global Development Group, BSB 064118, Account 10200094 (Commonwealth Bank of Australia). Email [info@gdg.org.au](mailto:info@gdg.org.au) with details of your deposit, including Project **J529** and name / address for tax receipt.
3. CHEQUES payable to "Global Development Group: Project J529" posted to Global Development Group, 56 Goorari Street, Eight Mile Plains QLD 4113. Include name / address for tax receipt.

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## A long-awaited trip to the beach!

13 secondary students who were consistently high achievers at school plus those with good character were rewarded (thanks to St Matts West Pymble) with an overnight trip to the beach - a 4 hour bus ride away.

They had great fun with singing competitions, enjoying meals together and of course, playing and swimming in the sea - some for the very first time! Taking photos was very popular too and you can see more pics here:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10151783480538098.1073741825.659598097&type=3>

In the evening, the Sunshine staff gave a talk about the teenage years and the importance of making wise decisions. Then the kids were encouraged to dream bigger dreams and to work hard at achieving those dreams!