



Sunshine News

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A New Chapter Begins ...

I am privileged to share some of the successes and challenges from the past six months.

With Sunshine's centre-based model ceasing on 31 July 2012 we worked hard to ensure all the children and parents understood the change - including staff, who would lose their jobs. Everyone supported the change and the farewell retreat and party were happy occasions filled with words of encouragement and good memories. Some staff quickly found new jobs and others stayed until the last day, demonstrating much loyalty. Now we have a new, highly motivated team which has come together in a short time.

Several local and international organizations have asked us about our transition from centre to community-based, and how to use fewer resources with greater impact. With your ongoing support, a little group like Sunshine is able to influence and empower others!

The new model was launched last month, and the children have happily come back from holidays for the twice-weekly kids clubs. Family visitation has resumed and community training plans are underway.

Your support also enables us to sponsor our two best students to study full time at a private high school and thirteen of our best English students are continuing their English lessons at another private school. Read some of their stories overleaf.

Thank you for your interest and support for Cambodian families. And a BIG thank you to Hannah Robinson for our great new logo and colour scheme—do you like it? Enjoy reading the rest of this newsletter and don't forget to "like" our FB page "Sunshine Cambodia"!

Channy Nop
Sunshine Cambodia Project Director

Having



Fun!

Sunshine Children's Clubs are here!



Story books!

Computers!



Music!

"How your support makes a difference..."



SA and R have been with Sunshine for a few years and besides their budding talent as guitarists, have also shown great aptitude for English and are among 13 students Sunshine sponsors to study English at a private school.

"Here is where my life changed! Here is where I was reborn and I thank God for bringing me to Sunshine!" Nary is 16 and lives with her widowed mother and 3 sisters. Life was hard but since 2005 they have been supported by Sunshine. "Besides the extra tuition, computer and English lessons, I've also learnt life skills and how to serve other young children. Even though our family left Phnom Penh suddenly for several months, I really thank Sunshine for not forgetting me. I am amazed at the opportunity to study at a private high school and this gives me hope for a brighter future. I know I haven't got this far by myself, but Sunshine and God have been with me constantly.

I want to become a doctor and serve poor and needy people, just like Sunshine does. Sunshine is my example! Thank you for supporting us with your money, strength, wisdom and kind hearts. Please remember us all in your prayers."



MEET SOME NEW STAFF...



Lim Chan Ol is the new Admin & Account Manager. She also enjoys working with kids so will also teach them computer and lead devotions.

Soy Mom is our new Family worker with many years of experience in community development, She has three children and lives in the local community.



THANK YOU to all who donated towards **SUNSHINE DAY!** which raised nearly \$2000 via FB friends!



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