



To our dear Sunshine Friends and Sponsors,

April 2012

We are delighted to bring news of some exciting developments at the Sunshine Centre.....

NEW NAME

Sunshine Centre
for Children

has become ... **Sunshine Cambodia**

Why?

- because our work is not just with **children**, but **whole families**
- because after much research, interviewing and planning, our future work (with current families) will be less **centre**-based and much more **community**-based. This is CHANGE, and will require adjustment on our part. However, it is best development practice and is also what our families want. They are ready for the next steps towards independence.

"Give a man a fish and he has food for a day. Teach a man to fish and he has food for a lifetime." It works!! And now we look forward to replicating the success of this model with yet more families and communities. See more below ...

NEW LOGO



We are so grateful to Hannah Robinson for our beautiful new logo! We LOVE it because....

- the sun is rising, suggesting a new day and fresh hope
- the hands are joined, symbolising community and working together in partnership
- for the many Christians who support this work, there is the added symbolism of hands raised in worship to God (our vision and prayer) and the crown shape – a reminder that we operate under a higher authority ... *your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.....*

NEW MODEL



For many SC supporters the lunch-line will be a very familiar image. As of August 2012, it will be no more!

Why?

Sunshine families have responded so well to our “hand-up” rather than “hand-out” policy, they are now ready to take the next steps. From August, they will **assume responsibility for feeding their own children**, as well as **taking more responsibility for their children’s education**. SC will still provide financial assistance and very closely monitor each family’s situation. However, it is the right time to encourage greater self-reliance. Training and education for parents will continue.....

Will there be other changes?

Yes – we’ll bring more details in future updates, but the other main one is that **the children will no longer come to the Centre for daily catch-up lessons** (in addition to their state school classes). Again, this is for the best possible reason. Most are basically caught up!! Instead, the children will come to the Centre for extra skills and training in computing, English, soccer coaching, anti-trafficking education, life skills, devotions etc. This will free up Sunshine staff to pursue fresh opportunities amongst the VERY poor – a description which no longer fits our present families.

Already we are considering new target groups of impoverished communities within Cambodia, hoping again to make a significant difference.....

Do we still need your financial support?



Yes! So many Cambodian children continue to live in heart-breaking circumstances, without hope, protection or basic dignity. They don’t have the capacity to change their situations, but we – working together – do. With your ongoing kindness and generosity, we can continue to bring hope and new life to even more children and communities. We also estimate that it will be another 3 years before our present Sunshine families are fully independent. For these reasons, our “average” sponsorship figure will remain at \$500/annum. (“Sunshine Friends” continue to cover all publicity and fund-raising costs in Australia, so you can be assured your money goes directly to the work).

Your changes are all about next-level development progress and I’m thrilled for you and the project and the beneficiary community.”

Greg Cadman, Global Development Group

Thank you....

We are SO grateful for your support in bringing such significant change to this Cambodian community. You have brought hope, opportunity and protection for precious ones, where previously there was none. We look forward, with great excitement to continuing this journey together and using your generous support to bring even more change to even more families.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact us.....

Blessings to you all,

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SC is a project of "Christian Care for Cambodia" in Cambodia and "Global Development Group" in Australia.

Global Development Group have reviewed and wholeheartedly approved these changes and commend Sunshine Cambodia and the Board on the great progress the project (J529) has made, and continues to make with the community in Cambodia.



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