



# FAMILY CARE CAMBODIA

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Activity Report

## Educate a Child—Impact a Community



For over a decade we've been developing our free education programs for public primary school kids in Siem Reap. Statistically, we provide 200-400 4th to 6th grade children with English and IT lessons each year. That's a lot of kids attending a lot of classes! Recently we asked the parents of our students to help us gauge the long term impact on their kids & the community. The feedback was amazing! We found some of our students teach their younger siblings & neighbors English. Others help their teachers and family businesses by speaking with foreigners and typing computer documents; skills the older generation do not have. Here are some of their comments:

*"My daughter can use computer to help her father with his work. She loves your program which provides real knowledge of English and IT skills."*



*"My 2 children can type even better than their father. They teach their small siblings basic English words and help type English and Khmer documents. A Big Thank You to the FCC directors, sponsors, and teachers for providing special skills to our children."*

*"I am very proud of our students' IT skills. They are great! Not only me, but other teachers ask them to do the name lists, times-tables and many kinds of documents"*

*"Our daughter helps type computer documents. She also tries to speak English with foreign customers in our shop. I would like to say thank you so much. You are doing very great job!"*

*understand English TV programs. My husband & I are high school teachers & sometimes ask for her help with typing computer files."*

*"My daughter can now read, write, speak and*



*"I am a pastor in the community. When I teach the bible to children in the villages, my son also helps teach English to them. He can help type the songs and print them out for the kids too!"*



## Let the Little Children Come to Me

In September, we were invited to give a training to a group of pastors, youth workers and Christian NGO staff in the Rovieng district of Preah Vihear province, located about 380 miles from Phnom Penh. The topic was how to present the Gospel to children in a meaningful and captivating way. Some of the attendees came from distant villages and towns. All of them work with children in some



capacity and were eager for more resources and practical tips on teaching children Bible stories and character building truths. We brought a suitcase full of kids' booklets, coloring pages, and art supplies to be used as a lending library. We gave live demonstrations of animated story telling, with and without props, using drama, gesticulations, chalk talk, special voices and sound effects. We shared ideas for sensory activities that can be done to reinforce the lessons of a story; things like art projects,

games, quizzes, action songs and more.

The following morning, Ann & Thida led Sunday School for about 40 children from the surrounding villages. We presented the Gospel story of "the great catch of fish", through our big flannelgraph story set. This was followed by a fun art project where the children made fish out of colored paper. It was a simple project, but the kids were amazed at their own creativity!

Our host family, Pastor V and his wife, invited us to address the adult congregation as well. Afterwards they shared that it had been a struggle to carry on in an isolated location without much input or resources to



draw from. They said our visit renewed their inspiration to invest in the children in their community & invited us to come back as often as we can. We hope to do so soon!

*"It is never too early, or too late to lead, guide and walk with children. Take time with them. Teach them to have faith in God. Be a person they can trust. When you are old, nothing else you've done will have mattered as much."*

—Lisa Wingate

## The Wonderful World of Science

**“Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known.” —Carl Sagan**



*Observing and recording the properties of Absorption*



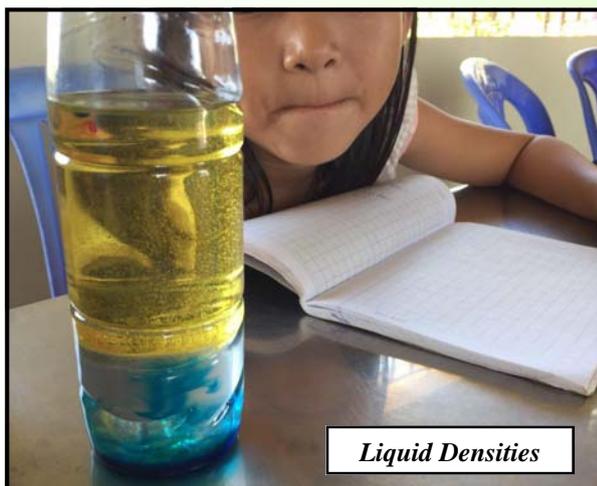
*Balance & structure*

Opening the wonders of science to young, inquisitive minds is an exciting and rewarding project. It is a great way to stimulate curiosity, critical thinking and exploration. At the village Learning Center in Kampong Speu, we have instituted monthly classes for simple science experiments. After explaining the nature of the experiment, the students discuss in teams and then either write or draw a picture in their notebooks of their “hypothesis” or what they think will be the result of the experiment. Then afterwards, they write or draw what actually happened.

This past quarter we learned the properties of absorption and color-mixing as we watched water travel through paper towels. We learned about balance and structure using simple plastic cups and trying different configurations to stack them as tall as possible. We studied the different densities of liquids by mixing water, oil and food coloring to see which would sink and which would float. Then for fun we threw in a fizzy tablet and created our own lava lamps...cool! We learned about the states of matter- solids, liquids and gases - and created enough gas to inflate a balloon by combining solid baking soda with liquid vinegar. It was awesome! With each science experiment, it is a joy to observe the children developing intellectually as they learn not what to think, but how to think!

***The Future belongs to the curious;***

***To the ones who are not afraid to try it, explore it, poke at it, question it and turn it inside out!***



*Liquid Densities*



*Inflating balloons by chemical reaction*

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***We look forward to hearing from you!***

***Alex and Ann Soldner***