



# FAMILY CARE CAMBODIA

2016 4th Quarter  
Activity Report

Happy New Year to all of our dear friends! So many good things happened in the last 3 months of 2016 that we could fill several newsletters with the details. We hope you enjoy this brief summary, and we sincerely thank you for your concern and generosity, which made it all possible! 2017...Here we come!



## Village Learning Center Expansion

This quarter, 4 new rooms were added to the village Learning Center in Kampong Speu. These rooms will accommodate teachers, interns & volunteers, who play an integral part in the program. AMC Co., from Singapore, sponsored the buildings in honor of a colleague, the late Herry Sahak. A crew of 16 came to help mix cement, lay the foundation, and build pillars, all by hand! They also provided 2 month's of food supplies for 60 of the poorest elderly from the nearby community.

A team of 16 Australian High School students, from World Challenge (the first volunteers to use one of the new cottages) finished off the flooring and helped lay the outer sidewalks. A grant from Mira Scholars put the final touches on with lovely plaster ceilings. It was teamwork at its best! Thanks to all who helped make it happen.



We were blessed with the help of volunteer teachers, Ryan and Lena, who came up from NZ to assist the preschool & primary classes, teach daily academics to the resident kids, and introduce music lessons on the recorder! NUS interns, Jessica and Amelia, spent one month of their semester break with us and were a great help with English language instruction.

And last, but not least, we equipped our IT Lab with 8 desks, 8 computers and a large screen TV to begin daily computer classes for the village children. The students begin with learning the keyboard and how to touch type, first in Khmer and then in English. Microsoft Word and Excel programs will follow!



NUS Interns



IT Lab equipped and open for classes

## Special Olympic Games

We were honored to help the National Special Olympics Committee of Cambodia host the 2016 games. 200 youth from Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and Myanmar had 2 days of soccer competitions. We were responsible for lunch and drinking water for all of the athletes and their coaches. Our sincere thanks to Ms. Marilyn Tong of Pho de Paris, and Mr. Pol Koy of K-Link for providing healthy lunch boxes; and Mr. Hong Sourn of the Hi-Tech Water company who donated 1000 bottles of water! The event was a big encouragement to all the participants, many



struggling with mental and emotional challenges. It helped foster teamwork, camaraderie, and confidence among the young athletes and build bridges across various countries and cultures.

*"Sport has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. Sport can awaken hope when there was previously only despair"* —Nelson Mandela

## Holiday Art Fun

Any season is a good season for children to create art! In Phnom Penh or in the rural areas, in schools, shelters or villages we had a blast bringing the joy of art to little folks; learning about different holidays and what they mean around the world. Check out some of their amazing work...(clockwise from right)



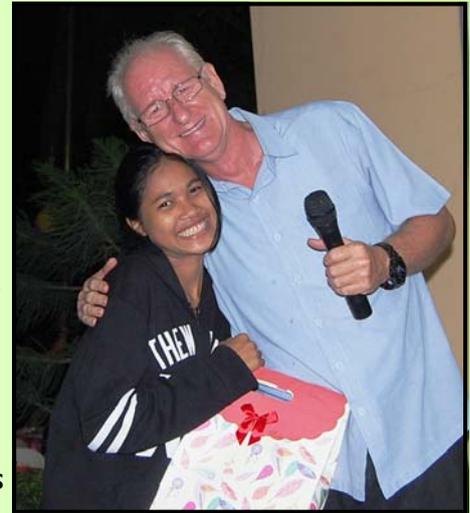
1. Christmas tree with handmade ornaments
2. New Year Party hats
3. Shadow profiles.
4. Snowmen- like kids in cold countries make
5. Paper mosaic flags for Cambodian Constitution Day



## Another Beautiful Christmas in Cambodia



Many thanks to all who helped contribute to our Christmas celebrations in December. Your generosity provided delicious meals and snacks, special gifts and needed supplies for the 25 girls at the Shelter, 70 village elders and 140 students at the Learning Center. We could actually write a whole story about each event as they were so diverse yet so happy and meaningful. We enjoyed song and dance performances



and a Nativity play by the children. There were fun games from tug of war with the students, to musical chairs with the elderly, to balloon darts with the teen girls. We enjoyed each others company, laughed, danced and laughed and danced some more! We took a team from the Girl's Shelter to the market, each with a list of names of the other girls, and watched them learn the joy of giving as they chose gifts for their "sisters" with love and great care. Many of the elderly live an isolated life, with no one to talk to. A gathering of their peers is so exciting, that some started walking before sunrise (they walk very slowly) to make sure they would arrive on time. It was a



beautiful ending to a great year. Thanks again to all of our dear friends. Your love, prayers and support made 2016 an amazing year for many. God bless us all with an even more amazing 2017!



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*We look forward to hearing from you!  
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