



FAMILY CARE CAMBODIA

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First Quarter
Activity Report

Love Can Make Things Right



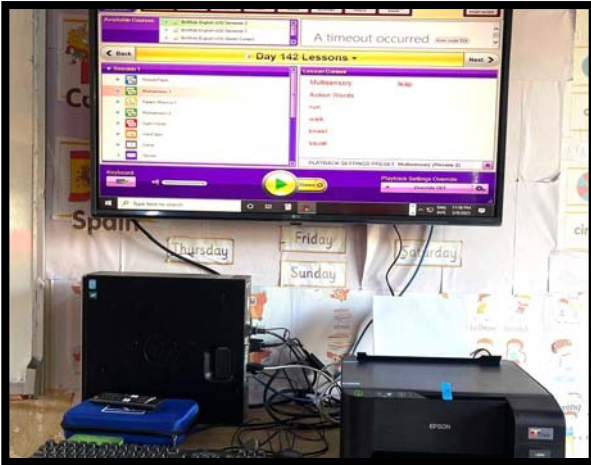
At our Ruby Children's Home, our 7 resident girls are getting healthier, happier and more secure by the day! Most have gained some weight & all are doing much better with their studies. Our youngest girl, age 6, came from a serious situation and at first refused to speak at all. By day she was silent and by night she suffered screaming nightmares and bedwetting. But slowly that's changed. She began sleeping more peacefully at night. Then she spoke her first words. She said, "*Sah-at nah!*" to her new "sisters", which means, "So pretty!" Isn't that sweet? The problems caused by their broken backgrounds is beautifully transformed as they have their basic needs for food, clothing, shelter met, and learn to rest with a sense of security ie; no one is going to hurt them, scream at them, or abuse them. They become part of a family, bonding with their shelter sisters and staff. Finally, they can focus on their unique calling and purpose in life. Such is the transformative power of love!

The vegetable gardens we planted have turned into a food jungle so quickly! Salad greens, mustard greens, long beans, pumpkins and zucchini are ready to harvest daily. We've also begun construction to finish our final dorm building. Sand and bricks have been delivered and work is underway. With 2 extra bedrooms and bathrooms we'll soon have capacity to take in more children.



New Equipment & Graduation for Rural Students

Replacing equipment is a constant need given the wear and tear of the hundreds of children who attend our free education classes daily. To start off the new year we upgraded our Siem Reap IT labs and classrooms with new chairs, 2 new speakers, 2 new TV's, 10 computers and 10 monitors. That should keep us going for awhile!



Meanwhile, at our Ruby International School in Kampong Speu, we held a graduation ceremony for our fulltime students who had completed their course work. We suspended classes for the day and all staff dressed in formal suits to celebrate the solid achievement of our 6 to 13 year olds. Each child was presented with a framed certificate of completion and had their photo taken with their teachers and/or school Administrators. It was a happy day!



Building Up Communities Across the Nation



This quarter, we travelled to Rattanakiri and Tpoing Khmum (distant provinces) to help build up remote communities. At the invitation of rural pastors, village elders, or other co-workers, we came to provide faith-based training for the parents, and children's programs for the youth. We led Bible studies, art projects and fun activities in each location and distributed packets of school supplies for the students, and illustrated books, clothing, and snacks for all. We try to go whenever and wherever we are invited, so long as the roads are passable and we can raise funds for gas, food & lodging. *Freely have ye received; freely give.*



The Value of Volunteers

We've been honored to host some amazing volunteers recently. At our village school in Kampong Speu we welcomed Jen from Singapore, Arturo from Argentina and Marie from Denmark; all of whom travelled far and gave freely of their time and energy to help our work. They taught English classes to children and teens, organized outdoor games and indoor art and music activities, helped with school clean ups, repairs, and maintenance, and spent many hours conversing with and encouraging our students. Their input was a priceless gift to our staff and students! If you would like to share some of your time and talent where it's truly needed, come and volunteer with us!



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**We look forward to hearing from you!
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