



# FAMILY CARE CAMBODIA

2024  
Second Quarter  
Activity Report

We are halfway through the year already! This quarter the country celebrated the Cambodian New year. We celebrated some new beginnings and milestones too!

## Ruby Children's Home: Ribbon Cutting and Reunion!



*Michelle cuts ribbon on behalf of YPO Singapore*

On June 2nd we rolled out the red carpet to celebrate the new Ruby Children's Home. We completed Phase 1 - construction of the first 3 buildings. A delegation of about 25 YPO sponsors from Singapore joined us for lunch, a tour of the buildings and a question/answer time about the need for safe houses for vulnerable children and our long-term goals.

A special part of the event was that we were also joined by some of the girls who grew up in our former CCPCR shelter. We had not seen them in 6 or 7 years and it



*Tour of buildings and Question/Answer time*

was a joyful reunion! Several of them are now married with children of their own. Most lived with us for 5 -10 years during a particularly vulnerable time in their lives. They shared with all of the guests what they are doing now....careers as accountants, teachers at Christian Schools, working for international



*Happy reunion with our former shelter family*

charities like Prison Fellowship, running a yoga studio, working for a multinational company, etc. Each life is a miracle and proof of the power of love to restore and give renewed hope. They have done so well and we are so proud of them! We look forward to helping a new generation of at risk children to a better future too. *Isn't it wonderful what love can do? In spite of all the evil in this world, love can make things right!*



## A Happy Cambodian New Year with our RIS Students

In Cambodia, the New Year is celebrated during the hot season. And this year was one of the hottest in memory! Nevertheless, we had a fantastic time celebrating with our

200 students in Kampong Speu. The morning was full of indoor arts and crafts followed by outdoor water splash play, sack races and tug of war games for the primary grade students. In the late afternoon we had a party with our highschool students with a fried chicken dinner, dancing and blindfold pinata, though here we use bamboo poles to break clay pots filled with powder and cash prizes! May God bless us all with joy, gratitude and friendship throughout the coming year!





## Instilling a Love for Learning!

We have found through many years of helping improve education in rural areas, that its just as important to inspire a love for learning, as it is to cover the material in a given curriculum.



How to achieve this? By using every means to make classes interesting and fun! Our Siem Reap teaching team did that this quarter with a creative idea. Their students organized a market place in the English classroom. They wrote out signs for prices, items and sales

promotions like, "Discount 50% for the first 6 people!" The students had a great time bargaining, buying and selling, while using their newly acquired English skills! At our village school in K.Speu during our weekly native English speaker class we learned the song "If you'll be kind to others" and how to dance the Macarena and the Virgina Reel! The kids made a giant paper quilt by each adding their own unique square as a visual model of how we're all different, yet so beautiful when joined together in unity and friendship. So much learning fun!



### International High School Diploma

Congratulations to our High School scholarship student, Suon, for completing his US correspondence course. This quarter he took his final exam and achieved the highest possible level of "Academic Diploma". His graduation certificate was apostilled by the Commonwealth of Virginia! At the start of 11th grade the chance of getting to finish high school seemed rather bleak due to local high schools being closed during lockdowns. That's when we enrolled Suon in the distance learning home school course. His time and effort paid off. Well done, Suon!

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**We look forward to hearing from you!  
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