



Community Support Association Newsletter

Our achievements so far:-

- English classes up & running with 110 enrolled students
- 10 Families under the sponsorship program
- 20 wells completed
- 11 duck farms Sponsored
- 2 Toilets completed
- 23 bicycles for the "sponsor a bike for a secondary student program"
- Emergency funds used for medical treatment.

Donations & sponsorships can be made towards:

- Sponsoring a family or child
- High School Scholarship program - \$320 per year per student
- \$150 to provide a pump well
- \$500 to build a proper toilet
- \$20 to buy a water filter
- \$45 to buy a bike for a child or family
- \$50 to start a family size chicken or duck farm
- \$100 to start a family size pig farm
- \$50 to start a family size vegetable garden

Hello to all our CSA Family & Friends

Since our last newsletter, our great work continues within the association, and the CSA team has been very busy in the villages of Bos & Somrong. We have also played host to some of our wonderful supporters, who were recently able to visit out to the projects..

Karen Willshaw and her daughter, Kire & Marie Lee and her family, , have been long times friends and supporters of CSA, were welcomed out at the village. They all did Eco Bike Tour, and by all accounts had a wonderful holiday in Cambodia.

One of our most exciting additions to the **English Classes** has been the completion of the **new library room**. With our very kind donor, Jake Coke, foundations were laid and the library was completed. With posters and many extra book purchases it is a welcome addition to the learning resources offered to our students. **Thank you** to one and all who have contributed and made this a reality for our students.

Our **Eco Bicycle Tour** has a wonderful new website - do check it out when you have the chance. www.siemreapride.com We also have some great reviews already up on Tripadvisor.

A **huge thank you** goes out to Karen Willshaw Photography. Karen has very kindly donated some of her beautiful photographs taken in village area to be used for the printing of postcard packs. These will be printed in Siem Reap and hopefully prove to be a great fund raiser for the association. AND there's more Karen has also put together a calendar which can be purchased through her website and profits from the sale of these calendars go directly to CSA. Visit Karen's website - www.karenwillshaw.com

A **call for help** went up onto our face book page to purchase bikes to help with students accessing school. There was a wonderful response, and a total of some 23 bikes have been purchased and distributed to students.. How wonderful to see the looks on the children's faces when they received their new bike!! **Thanks to all** who were able to dig deep and contribute to this great initiative!!

Thanks to all our friends/sponsors/followers/supporters, for their kindness & generosity. The great work being done in the villages of Bos & Somrong continues due to your support. *Kind regards from the CSA Team*



Bicycles - Donated for school students...



So far 23 students from Khar Pou Secondary School have received a new bike!!



Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors, Val, Jake, Carol, Melissa, Natalie, Maria & family & Karen - who donated bikes to our "Sponsor a bike for a school student program". *Continued access to education for these students means a brighter future!!*

Chansor Village School - welcomed our volunteers to help with the English Lessons...

The English Classes, had a very special treat when Marie and her family helped out at the English lessons and around the Bos village area. Also Karen and Kire donated some digital camera's for the students to use, and this also proved a great learning curve for many of our students. Thank you for your help & support. **We hope to welcome you all back again soon!!**



Left:- Kire taking time out to show a couple of the students the workings of a digital camera which she and her mum, Karen had donated.



Our visitors, Maria & her children, interacting with the students and enjoying their time in the English Classes.

Micro Finance - Setting up small business's in Bos & Somrong Villages.

“Cricket Farm Future Fund” - From our last newsletter, our network of CSA family and friends were aware that a future fund had been established, for when enough funds were available, to offer an opportunity for a cricket farm enterprise to a village family. Over the last few months Rathany has been carrying out **further investigations** and liaising amongst the villagers to gauge the interest in taking on such a big commitment as a cricket farm. There seems to be some hesitation on the part of many of the farmers/ villagers to take on this commitment. This hesitation is mainly based on the farmers concerned about taking on a micro finance debt when they have had no experience in the farming of crickets. These concerns are very reasonable, so it has been decided to concentrate on working with the villagers on **improving their farming practices** which they are already knowledgeable about. CSA will offer an **informative education program** on agricultural practices to assist them, and therefore improving their knowledge base. Then chicken/duck/pig farms and improved farming tools will be offered to those villagers prepared to take the next step towards a more commercial enterprise. Rathany hopes to begin this program over the next few weeks. **Thanks Rathany for all your hard work towards this program.**



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Working together with communities towards sustainable and positive change.



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On the 16th August, Bos Village said farewell to one of its much loved residents, Mrs Hout, aged 70 years. The Touch Family lost a mother, grandmother & friend. Hout was an integral part of our Eco Cycle Tour, as she made the rice noodles to sample along the way. ***Her presence will be sadly missed by her Family, the CSA team and the Bos Village community.***

Chansor Commune School -Library Room Completed.

Our Free English Classes, continue to be widely and very well supported. The students come over two groups. One group from 5 to 6 pm and the second group from 6 to 7 pm. These times are structured to **maximize** the amount of students who can attend after state school finishes.

Mr Hean, continues as our **volunteer** English teacher. Hean is also continuing his studies in Siem Reap at University level english on the weekends. **A big thank you is extended to Hean** for his dedication to the students and his continued support within the CSA organization.

Our new Bamboo Library Room (built under Hean's house) is now completed and is a very exciting and welcome addition to expanding our resources to help the students.

Jake Coke, a colleague of Bophays, raised funds in Cambodia to build the library. With some working bees and hard work the Library was completed. **The library book shelves** were donated by Jake & Annette. **We also received donations for book purchases**, which Rathany & Billy went shopping for in Siem Reap, and we thank Olive, Val & Ali for your donations towards those lovely new books on the Library shelves.

The students are now involved in a borrowing system, and are encouraged to borrow books as often as they like. **Congratulations to everyone involved in the Library Room Project, a great team effort!!**



Above:- Chansor Village School, new library room. Some lovely donated new library shelves for our growing book collection. And new books on the shelves!!

Left:- Some of our volunteers checking out the book collection.

Secondary School Student Sponsorship Program

This scholarship program is to assist students to continue their Education to High School level, for years 10, 11 & 12. To access High School the students have to travel 1 1/2hrs by bicycle to Bakong District. This **scholarship** would pay for their uniform & resources, at a cost **of \$320 per school year**. If any of our Community Support family and friends would like to know more about our Sponsorship program please contact **Rathany or Ali**.

From all the Community Support Team - Rathany, Bophay & Ali - we thank you for your continued support and interest in providing this "helping hand" to the people of Bos & Somrong Villages.

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