

# MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR





Siem Reap, Cambodia, December 2013

Dear Benefactors and Friends,

Another year comes to the end and makes way to welcome a new one. If we stop to think about what happened to our Blue Planet this year 2013, our eyes would fill with tears of happiness and tears of sadness. We feel at times jubilant and sometimes as if the light of a candle went out. Therefore, from here, from the corner in the world we occupy as TFC, I want to send you all a very strong and intense embrace, to the point of feeling our hearts beat together. We cornered one more year and we'll take a new one.

During this year there have been many challenges. We have covered all sectors: Social, Academic, Economic, and Professional. We changed schools for the dear children living in our care, we expanded the DiamonD Age program, we attended several community children's health programmes, increased direct sales from our handbags sewing workshop. We also started architectural and engineering plans and budgets for a dream called The Children's Land - Dei Koma. In this process we have strictly complied with our budgets and debts, mailing hundreds of letters to committed benefactors and we received wonderful visits from some of them and wonderful volunteers too. We conjugate verbs involving much action, involving commitment, but above all, involving Love!.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2014**

**The TFC Team wish you a New Year full of Health and Joy as your traveling companions, and full of dreams becoming Real!.**

**LINDE GINESTA Lidia – President**

**OUK Piseth – Executive Director**

**HON Vanntha– Assistant Manager & Translator**

**SUON ProlingSerey – Accountant**

**PHEUN Sopheak – Computer Teacher**

**DOUNG Chanlyneth – English Teacher**

**CHHOUN Sreyroth – Social Worker**

**BUL Vanna – Caregiver Team Leader**

**SOKUN Ratanak – Caregiver**

**SONG Som Ath – Caregiver**

**CHHERT Deen – Cook & Cleaner**

**PHIM Sitha – Cook Assistant**

**SOUN Rangsy – Driver & Sports Coordinator**

**SEAT Sophal – Driver & House Maintenance**

**BENG Viriak – Security**

**CHEAM Neang – Cloth Bags & Polo Shirts Sewing**

**LAY Nee – Cloth Bags Sewing**

**EAR Sra Ya – Cloth Bags Sewing**

**HO Sar – Cloth Bags Sewing**

**ING Srey Neath – Cloth Bags Sewing**



## EDUCATION

The official opening of the new building for secondary school students of Future Bright International was held. Modern, spacious premises, with direct sunlight and good ventilation, recreational spaces, parking, meeting room, etc.. All very well structured. Each day we are more pleased with the decision to move to this wonderful institution where good education is their first priority.



Lidia and Piseth with FBIS President, diverse authorities and some of our 38 students at this center from Mon to Sat

\*- At the Children's Club have developed several interesting activities including:

- Role playing on the family, school, gender equality.
- Book of Drawings by groups, so they feel more involved in this skill.
- Puzzle words, to improve knowledge of the meaning of words.



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\*- In The World and ME we have covered topics such as:

- The Waste and Environmental Effects.
- The Moon and its influence on our planet.
- Nelson Mandela. A before and after. Unity is strength.

\*- Spanish classes continue their course, lessons have focused on oral practice and games.



## SPORT

\*- Football is back with its annual league games. Globalteer coordinates the participation of TFC this year with four teams, three male's teams by age and a female's team. The enthusiasm for the sport leads them to practice in the evenings when they finish their classes.



Thanks to the Foundation Real Madrid and Ajax Club donating sports equipments.



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\*- Every Saturday, the basketball coach continues to come for an hour to improve their practice with good techniques.

\*- At school with the subject of sport they practice Tae-Kwondo.



### SEWING WORKSHOP

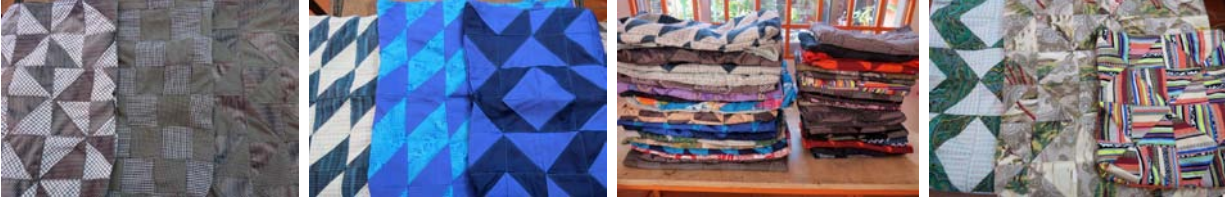
\*- During this period in addition to the monthly order we received from our Benefactors from Spotlight Australia, we have increased orders from Siem Reap, including laundry and newspaper bags for the Hotel La Résidence d' Angkor. Bags were also ordered for the Angkor Photo Festival plus Patch bags that are sold directly to the public.



Above working with Spotlight's bags. Below bags for Angkor Photo Festival. They did so well!.



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Above Patch bags and below the newspaper's bags requested by Hotel La Résidence



\*- We have also reinstated an employee, Neath, who left the workshop to address motherhood. Soon Neang will leave us to have her new son.



L. Neath measuring bags for Angkor Photo Festival and R. Neang sewing polo shirts for Andrezza.

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## SOCIAL WORK

\*- We continue to visit a number of Grandmothers regularly to help with food, hygiene, medicine, listening to their problems, their plans, bringing hope and rice wrapped in a smile. Granny Thoet has recently been added to our visit and she lives in a community in the city of Siem Reap. We want to focus on helping grandmothers in Siem Reap so that we can make more regular visits with weekly monitoring, checking and better support for their health and hygiene.



Pictures during the assessment and Sreyroth bringing some food.

## EMPLOYEES

\*- Many staff continues with their English classes and computer tuition because staff training is considered very important. When a vacancy arises we do internal promotion as a professional incentive. We are always assessing the skills of those who may be good candidates. Recently, the team leader of the Children's House, Sreyroth, has been promoted to social worker. And one of the caregivers, Vanna, promoted to supervisor. Both, in their respective positions, have continuously received compliments for their skill, dedication, commitment, loyalty and encouragement to excel.



Sreyroth L and Vanna R are getting respective promotion letters



\*- Sreyroth , after completing the last months of training as a counselor therapist through HAGA, continues to be supervised in her fieldwork.



\*- A new student, Sor, works in the sewing workshop and is doing English classes three times a week.

## VOLUNTEER

\*- Arjan, a master carpenter and volunteer coordinator in this field, has offered to come every Sunday afternoon to teach young people interested in this work. They showed their natural skills during the visit of the Dutch volunteers last July. And so, for a few hours a week he is teaching the children the art of working with wood.



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## CHILDREN'S LAND – DEI KOMA

\*- A new "push" has been received in this dream, through various charitable campaigns:

- The sale of the cookbook Food for the Soul by Michael Kramer in Australia, New Zealand and Siem Reap, especially through the Spotlight chain of stores.

- The sale of golf balls Together For Cambodia promoted by Carmen Carmona in Spain .

- The charity dinner organized by Victoria Sinclair in Australia .

- The musical " Blue Magic " of Siguiendo Tus Pasos in Spain .

- Other personal donations from Australia (Hardy family and Kuhl), Spain (Soler family), United States (Casper family) .

\*- The debt to the original owner for the land purchase will very soon be paid and we have established a new contract with the builder Mr Sieng for completion of wall and installation of doors.

\*- Soon will come new phases with the construction of buildings, domestic water piping, landscaping, furniture and much more to dream ! .



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**Dreams are for Dreamers, for they make Dreams a Reality!**

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Thank you to EVERYONE that through the Child Sponsorship Program, Scholarship Program and donations for different projects altogether make it possible that we stay on budget.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH to ALL the Colleagues and Staff members for their work and to ALL the Benefactors who give us Hope.

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH - AUKUN CHARAN - MUCHAS GRACIAS

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