



Siem Reap, Cambodia, August 2017

Dear **Benefactors** and **Friends**,

Good morning from Southeast Asia.

I want to introduce you to **KANYA, 30 years old**, born in Kampong Thom, working in construction sites; that means, loading buckets with sand, bricks and climbing bamboo scaffolding with no helmet, no gloves or any other safety items. In charge of 3 children, they all live in the working place, in a tent. The children have never been to school and all of them have a lovely smile.



But KANYA's story began many years earlier. She married at the age of 20 and had two children, a boy and a girl. She lived with her husband in Battambang, until he went to Thailand, looking for a better salary, but he never came back. One night KANYA received a call telling her that her husband had died. After a while, she remarried, to give a father to her children and to feel safe herself. But what she found was an abuser who beat her and her children like sacks of rice. He is the father of her third child. Tired of being beaten and seeing the risk for her children, one day she decided to flee and reached Siem Reap. She could not ask for help from her family because her parents had died and her siblings were either missing or as poor as she was. And that is how she came to load bricks, wheelbarrows and do hard jobs without any safety. Sometimes she was cheated and would not get paid. She moved from working place to working place with her children, trying to make a living.

One day we met her, she told us her story, she asked us to help her children. The kids, with their knees full of scars and bruises from playing in construction sites and lice-ridden, looked at us with a mixture of excitement, curiosity and fear.



The solution: offer KANYA a job in our social enterprise, the Fabric Bag Workshop. We will teach her to sew, and soon she will complete her first bag, then the second, and then the third will come... she will receive a decent salary, because we only work with fair trade. While this arrives, the children are already installed in DEI KOMA-The Children's Land, they have passed a complete medical check in the local hospital, they receive food and will go to school. Her mother will stay with them until we find her a safe and near place where she can reside. She will learn to sew in our workshop and then work

sewing cloth bags. She comes every day to eat with her children. Once she generates sufficient income, she will take the children to live with her, and will leave them with us during the day while she works. After school, at the end of her workday, she will come to pick them up and take them with her, to have dinner with Mom, at Mom's house, with Mom.



We will make her Dream come True!!!.

For this we need to incorporate the 3 children in the budget of maintenance, hygiene, sanitation and much more, which we call HOME CARE, and also in the budget of the EDUCATION Program, from here we ask those who can help us with this maintenance and scholarships.

The child support budget, plus the education budget for each of the older children is **\$US140.00 per month**. It includes ALL expenses, food, health, hygiene, clothing and footwear, school supplies, tuition fees, school fees and documentation.

These budgets will be maintained until the mother can take care of her children. The sponsorship will continue with scholarships for their education and will vary annually per academic course. Scholarships currently oscillate between \$US500.00 to \$US1,200.00 yearly from course 1 to 12.

You can sponsor individually or between several people. Monthly, quarterly or annually.

For those who may be interested, do not hesitate to ask me any questions or comments.

THANK YOU for trust, for devotion, for enthusiasm and above all, for LOVE.

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