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This month we continue to rejoice for all God has done and is doing in Poipet. While we are seeing growth in many of our projects, there are some that are experiencing difficulty at the moment. Thank you for partnering with us, drawing alongside us and praying with us.

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SCHOOLS AT RISK OF CLOSURE

Fundraising efforts for CHO's School on a Mat project continue in order to keep the schools running. Two of the school locations are in danger of running out of funds at the end of July. Without further funding, the remaining six locations will have to close by the end of the year.



Children in Chan Kiry Village learn on the mat in the outdoors.

WHAT IS SCHOOL ON A MAT?

School on a Mat is a huge blessing to so many children who would otherwise have little or no education. Enabling children in rural areas to access education equips them for their future. At School on a Mat not only are children taught Maths and Khmer, but important life skills including how to avoid being trafficked, health and hygiene, and how to protect themselves from sexual exploitation, child labor and alcohol and substance abuse.

One twelve-year-old student, Bun Kakada, used to have to travel a long way to school, but now has access to a School on a Mat in her village, Chan Kiry:



"I have been coming to School on a Mat since January and I love learning, especially Khmer language and Science." She also enjoys the social aspect, joining twenty-five other children

in her class. Bun Kakada sees the value in having an education. "In the future I want to be a teacher in a public school."

Last month, three different School on a Mat locations hosted health camps. These fun day-camps were a fantastic opportunity to equip both children and their parents with basic health information.

Short lessons about nutrition and improving hygiene to avoid disease were delivered. Those who attended were even taught what to do should illness occur.

While the day was fun and informative, it also gave the parents a real insight to the many benefits of their children having an education. It is the children who have the potential to break the chain of poverty and their education is an essential element.

Without further funding over XXX children will be left without access to education, bringing serious consequences for their future.

PLEASE PRAY

We know that prayer changes things. Please join us in praying for the future of the School on a Mat project. Pray that God will give us wisdom as we plan what to do next. Please also pray for the children who are currently studying and for their families. Pray also for their travel to school, particularly as some locations may be difficult to access during the rainy season.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

If you would like to contribute financially to our School on a Mat fundraising efforts or would like more information, please email litajump04@gmail.com.



“ This experience has been one I will never forget! It is the best thing I have done in my life so far! Working alongside CHO for the past 5 months has been a complete privilege. The work they do and the vision for Cambodia has been amazing to witness.”

Rachel Bullock

“ Working with CHO for the past 6 months has been an irreplaceable and wonderful experience. Not only seeing the incredible work that CHO are doing in the Poipet area but getting to be part of it and the vision for Cambodia as a whole has been wonderful. Also building lasting relationships with the children, students, CHO staff and people of Poipet has definitely been a big highlight.”

Beth De La Mare



“ It’s great to see and be a part of the work CHO are doing at Safe Haven, Destiny and School on a Mat. The children are so joyful and fellow teachers are so passionate and dedicated which is lovely to see. It has been a truly incredible experience.”

Jemima Start

“ This is a fantastic opportunity to explore or kick start a career in teaching or gain some incredible experience teaching overseas. It has been a huge privilege and blessing to work with such gifted Cambodian children and inspiring to witness and be involved in their desire to learn and better their future prospects.”

Sarah McCowen



SAYING GOODBYE TO TEAM UK

At CHO, we love welcoming teams from all over the world to partner with us and work alongside us. We are excited when teams catch our vision and help us bring hope to vulnerable communities.

Earlier this month our UK volunteer team who have been working with us in Poipet since February headed back to the UK.

During their time here, they have become an integral part of the CHO community, teaching English at Safe Haven School and Destiny Institute, sharing encouraging messages in staff devotions, sharing interactive Bible stories at School on a Mat, joining with our campaigns and celebrations, and even sharing their sewing skills with the school children.

It has been an eye-opening and inspiring adventure for them. Here’s what some of our volunteers had to say...



The Tearfund UK Team at Safe Haven School with Team Coordinator Mr Rosa Jump

WE WANT YOU!

Come and experience Cambodia for yourself. If you are interested in short term or long-term volunteering with us check out our [website](#), or email mj.rosa@yahoo.com for more information.

We are grateful for any skill you can offer and are particularly interested to hear from you if you have knowledge in teaching, agriculture, medicine, IT, business and marketing.

STANDING UP FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

On Friday 1st June CHO, along with the children and teachers from Safe Haven School and School on a Mat, celebrated International Children's Day. This holiday is based on UN observance of the rights of the child. As Cambodia has the youngest population in South East Asia, these rights are especially important to mark. Children's day also highlights some of the dangers children face including sex trafficking and child labor, both problems that are not uncommon in Cambodia.

CHO's celebrations began at Safe Haven School. The children and staff were addressed about the importance of school and education. A convoy of children and teachers then travelled through the villages with loud speakers, broadcasting to parents the importance of school and how to protect their children from trafficking.

It was a great day to bring together people from across CHO's educational programmes.



Waves and smiles from the children and adults alike as they ride through the villages on tuk tuks.

PLEASE PRAY WITH US

Prayer is an integral part of all we do. Our work cannot happen without the prayers of our staff, volunteers, donors and supporters. Your prayers can help make a difference to the lives of communities. Please join us in praying for...

#1 The election

Pray for Cambodia as the general elections take place. Pray for a peaceful process, a harmonious outcome and for the future leaders as they make decisions for the country. Pray that they will have wisdom to govern well and make positive change and that they will have a heart for the people of Cambodia.

#3 Pastors

Leading a church is an exciting yet challenging venture, particularly in an area where the gospel is not always warmly received. Pray for the church leaders and pastors in the villages. Pray that they will be encouraged and strengthened to continue their work, planting seeds of hope and bringing joyful news to their communities.

#2 Our staff

The CHO family is ever growing as three of our staff members are expecting a baby. We rejoice for the hope of new life! Pray for these women during their pregnancies for health and strength. Pray for protection over them and the lives they carry, particularly as one mother is suffering from complications.

#4 Projects

Please pray for our ongoing projects, that God will use them to reach people in the communities. Pray for wisdom and perseverance to equip staff in every situation. Please pray particularly for Destiny Café as more business is needed to generate an income for CHO.