



## **Introduction**

The fall months at The Global Child have been extremely exciting and filled with many new things. Most importantly we have officially moved both the Woodhouse and the schoolhouse to the beautiful new building. The moves were certainly exhausting and hot, but we could not be more excited with our new home. Although September, October, and November included lots of packing and unpacking, we still had time for lots of fun activities.

## **Blessing of the New School**

Before the two big moves, the new building had a blessing ceremony conducted by monks who were nice enough to carry out this ceremony. On September 26<sup>th</sup> all of the TGC students and staff gathered at the new building to take part in the first official activity at the new building. It was very nice to see the first operation of the new school be one of tradition.



## **2015-2016 Academic Year Begins**

Following the school opening ceremony on October 1<sup>st</sup>, TGC is running as planned. TGC invited family and friends to attend the ceremony. The morning activities included a few different dances and songs that the students had been working on. The students' families also had the chance to watch each student receive a certificate of their academic success. It was a great ceremony celebrating the students and staffs' successes.



## The Completion of the Parent Training

Last year Teacher Sam had a wonderful idea to contribute to TGC. After having the opportunity to take part in house visits to our student's homes, Sam noticed how difficult the lives of the student's parents were and wanted to do everything in her power to help in any way she could. This is how the Parent Workshops at The Global Child were founded. Sam, very passionate about this cause, set out to raise around \$2,000 for this program. The health initiative required a partnership with the Siem Reap Women's Resource Center (WRC), and various free three hour workshops would be provided to the families of the students over the course of 8 weeks. The topics discussed would range from healthy eating, proper hygiene, happiness within the family, education about abuse, positive discipline, and finally maternal and reproductive health.

Sam successfully raised \$2,020 for the Parent Workshops. Unfortunately, the program was not quite ready to launch until this fall so Sam did not get to participate. That being said, the program took place this fall. Needless to say, the workshops were extremely successful with participation from many different family members. These meetings were equally as fun as they were educational and informative. By the last meeting strong relationships were formed and there is no doubt that many of the parents were sad to see the workshops completed.



## Pchum Ben Day

On Pchum Ben Day, all of the students and full-time staff at TGC made a lovely trip to the Kesararam Pagoda to join the traditional event that has taken place in Cambodia every year for centuries. On this holiday, it is important for practicing Buddhists to bring traditional sticky rice to the pagodas to offer to the monks. It is believed that after the monks eat the offering, they pray to all of the desisted ancestors who come and receive the food. The students and staff of TGC offered rice to the monks and burned incense to pray for happiness and prosperity for both the present and the future. Teachers Kyle and Maggie learned a lot about Buddhist culture from the students, staff, and our monk teacher who teaches our students morality and lives at Kesararam Pagoda. Overall, we had a wonderful day experiencing traditional practices and enjoying each other's company.



## Women's empowerment program and the upcoming "The Men of Career"

This fall we were so happy to invite many wonderful and insightful speakers to speak to our students. At the beginning of October, Note, the designer and co-founder of Onyx, brought her knowledge of "Grateful Journals" to share with the students. Note's talk was very inspiring to everyone involved. She first discussed her past and her life journey to become a designer. She was able to inspire the kids to follow their dreams. Lastly, the students had the opportunity to make their own "Grateful Journal" in which Note encouraged the kids to write down four things they are thankful for each day before they go to sleep. Many students have been committed to their journals and continue to write every night.

In November, we also welcomed Teacher Kyle's mom who kindly spoke to all of our kids about her life as a doctor. The students loved the talk especially learning how to see their friend's pupils getting bigger and smaller when they shined penlights in their eyes, a test used by doctors when checking for head injuries. The kids also loved the disposable stethoscopes from the Emergency Room. Along with Note's talk, "The Women Empowerment Program" has begun again for this academic year. We welcomed Nika's friend who is the manager at a local guesthouse. Interestingly enough, she was also the manager for two of our grade 11 girls during their recent internship. As we enter the winter months, we look forward to welcoming several other successful women and men to speak to the kids. "The Men of Career" program will begin December 19<sup>th</sup> with Ly Pisith, who is the head designer of an extremely successful jewelry company in town. Surely the boys are excited to have their own speaker series.



## The New Building

The Global Child School and the Woodhouse have officially been moved to the same location. This means that the students who lived at the Woodhouse will now be living and learning in the same building. Early Saturday morning, November 14<sup>th</sup> all of the students and staff banded together and moved everything and everyone from the Woodhouse to the new building. Two weeks after moving the Woodhouse, November 28<sup>th</sup>, all of the students and staff banded together again and moved the schoolhouse. These moves were no simple tasks, but by working together the students and staff got the job done. While we are sad to say good-bye to the old buildings, the new building is on a beautiful property that will become conducive to learning.

Here are some photos of the new building.



### Goals for Girls- Phase Two

The Global Child has four students that are part of the Goals for Girls soccer team. This soccer team is an all-girl team that is used to empower young women through soccer. The program was made possible thanks to the Globalteer, the local soccer organization. Some new developments from the Goals for Girls team is that they have officially ended Phase 1 and are starting Phase 2. Phase 1 was the team

helping with the soccer league for the NGOs in Siem Reap and leading the Globalteer Olympics Event. In Phase 2 the Goals for Girls team will be responsible for the whole soccer league for this upcoming season that is due to kick off in early December. The Goals for Girls team will be in charge of everything, from scoring each match to officiating these matches and everything in between, these young girls will be doing it all. There are many different age groups in this league but the age groups that the TGC students will be responsible for are the 16 and under boys and the 18 and under boys. This should be an exciting time for these young women to take



charge and use their leadership skills.

### **Young Leader, Salt Academy: Sokoam**

We are happy to announce that one of our students, Sokoam, was selected to attend the Young Women in Sport Leadership Camp, which was made possible by the SALT Academy. The camp selected 20 young female leaders from different organizations all around Cambodia to attend a 7-day leadership camp from September 21-27 in Battambang. This camp was an advantageous opportunity for Sokoam because part of the training included project management, communication, and peer mentoring. The young leaders also took part in a digital storytelling workshop. The camp's goal is to empower young woman and to provide them with skills to effectively chase their dreams while inspiring others around them. When asked what was her favorite part of the camp Sokoam answered with a beaming smile, "playing soccer with my team mixed with boys and girls from different organizations and making the audio clip telling about my life in the past present and future." Another aspect of the camp was having these young women plan and organize the 3-day Equal Play Football Festival in Phnom Penh on November 24-26.



### **Equal Play Football Festival**

The last week of November, 11 of the students under the age of 15, Teacher Chhaylon and Teacher Maggie traveled to Phnom Penh for the Equal Play Football Festival. A big thank you to Coach Sokoam



who led the group there as part of her leadership training in Battambang a few months before. Weeks leading up to the trip, the team practiced together and even created a short cheer and performance to show on the last night of the three-day festival. Overall, the week was a huge success, we had so much fun and made many new friends among the 200+ other students who joined.

### **Art Opening at Joe to Go**

We started the month of September with another successful art opening, "A Touch of Kroma", at Joe to Go. We are so thankful for our wonderful art teacher, Oun Savann and all of his hard work. This show featured his beautiful work on the traditional Khmer material kroma that has been used for various

purposes for centuries in Cambodia. This art opening was unique because Savann linked with another local artist, Martin Guzman, who brought his “Pancart” to the show. Martin provides his fresh pancakes to guests at various events around town in hopes of bringing people and communities together. Needless to say, the event was a huge success! The upstairs at Joe to Go was filled with people who all enjoyed themselves over delicious appetizers, pancakes, and various cocktails. The event was such a success that Savann appeared in an article in the Phnom Penh Post highlighting all the incredible work he is doing around Siem Reap. Great job Savann!

[<http://www.phnompenhpost.com/post-weekend/expressing-environmental-concerns-through-khmer-scarf>]



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