



## **Summer Newsletter: July 2017 – September 2017**

*Summer School has just commenced at TGC, and the students, staff, and volunteers are excited about the upcoming year of school! All of the students performed well on their semester 2 exams, and the K12 class is preparing to take their national exams and subsequently complete their tenure here at TGC. We are so proud of them as well as all of the students. Read on to hear all about what we've been doing at TGC, in the community, and at Joe To Go over the past couple of months. None of this would be possible without support from people like you, and we are all so grateful.*

### **EDUCATION**

- Semester 2 came to a close at the end of July and the student's exam results were fantastic! We are so proud of the academic success of each of the students, especially when they are engaged in many extracurricular activities.
- After the completion of the semester, the students had a short break from academics before getting right back into the summer school program!
  - During the first two days, the students worked together to clean the school building. What began as work turned into two days filled with splashing around classrooms and fantastic teamwork fixing up the building! Days like these allow the students to take ownership over their education, as well as remind everyone that TGC is truly a family.
  - The remaining days were spent on working on a jeopardy tournament, playing outdoor games, and building and decorating the new picture frames that are now on display at Joe To Go!



- And just like that, the summer school program has commenced in full force! K12 is studying diligently for their upcoming National Exam, which will take place on August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are wishing this mighty group of 7 girls the very best of luck on the exam!

## CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

### **International Children's Day 2017**

- This past June the students of TGC joined together with the Angkor Cable TV network and hundreds of other children in the 64<sup>th</sup> International Children's Day. A total of 1,100 students received lunch and a free Khmer-English dictionary to aid with their language studies. During the event, students participated in a number of activities including dance performances, pictures with Pikachu, and plenty of cake eating! The students even attended lessons regarding the rights of children.



### **Clean-up Day**

- On August 6, a few of the students participated in a city clean-up day along with several other schools in the community. The day opened with some performances from the students of Wat Bo Primary School as well as some opening remarks from the organizers of the event. Then the group of hundreds set out on 8 different buses to clean up trash all over Siem Reap. We were sweaty, smelly, and dirty, but boy did we have fun! Lots of smiles and laughs throughout the morning. Events like these are important to establish a sense of responsibility for the community as well as the environment on a larger scale.



### **Sustainability Art Program with Teacher Chhaylon**

- To conclude the month of July and continue the theme of recycling and sustainability, Teacher Chhaylon hosted a unique program with the students which allowed them to turn used plastic bottles into works of art. Students broke out the hot glue, pipe cleaners, and scissors to create functional pieces, such as marker containers fitted with zippers and even savings banks. Other students opted to follow an even more artistic route and created full-fledged plastic sculptures.

The program shed light on how much plastic we use as a society, and there are countless ways we can continue to use the plastic we most often throw away.



## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **Football for Kids**

- K12 student, Sokoam, is continuing her program, Football For Kids. She is currently in the process of recruiting female community leaders to implement the program in the villages around Siem Reap. It is her mission to share her passion for sports, as well as to empower youth and build a greater sense of community for everyone involved. When Sokoam graduates, she will pass the baton onto a new leader, and she has certainly paved a nice path for her successor.

### **K11 Internships**

- With the start of the summer program, K11 began their internships! They are placed at various locations of Central Indochine D'Angkor Hotel, where they are learning valuable skills such as restaurant management, customer service, as well as gaining experience conversing with people from many different countries!

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### **Service Learning Workshop**

- The students, staff, and volunteers were lucky to have a visit from Professor Sharon Subreenduth and her family from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Principal Dara and Professor Subreenduth met during Dara's trip to BGSU in 2015. During her visit, she delivered a presentation to teachers and volunteers about the benefits of incorporating service learning into the student's' education. Service learning is a combination of community service with classroom instruction, and works to build reciprocal relationships between the community and students. Service learning promotes problem solving and critical analysis skills, as well as enhances student's motivations to learn. Additionally, service learning encourages sustainability and civic engagement. All of these benefits align with The Global Child's mission, and everyone will be working diligently to incorporate components of service learning into the TGC curriculum.



### **E-Teacher Seminar**

- Staying on the topic of continuing education... TGC Principal, Dara will be traveling to the Philippines on August 14 to participate in a seminar run by the E-Teacher Scholarship Program funded by the US State Department. The seminar is designed to congregate English language educators from all across East Asia to network and share their experiences in educational and professional development. Titled, “E-Teacher Impact: Building a Community of Practice,” the seminar aims to equip educators with practical knowledge and skills as well as nurture cross-border cooperation among English language educators in Cambodia and throughout East Asia. Dara is looking forward to a meaningful experience and hopes to gain insight into ways TGC can develop even further! Updates to come!

## **PARENTS**

### **Parent Meeting**

- This year’s parent meeting will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup>. The agenda for this event includes study results from the previous year, lessons learned from the past semester, as well as stress control strategies. We are looking forward to meeting with the families of our students and an overall enjoyable event!

### **Parenting Workshop**

- Our Parenting Workshop is about to kick off! We are starting the pilot program with five sessions, aimed at meeting the crucial needs that many parents and families of our students face on a daily basis. For this program, we will be collaborating with the Women’s Resource Center in Siem Reap as to equip the families with the best possible resources.

## **JOE TO GO UPDATES**

- Joe To Go is, as always, serving great food and drinks in a beautiful atmosphere. Keep an eye out for upcoming food and drink specials on social media- some exciting stuff coming your way! AND the walls are now even more beautiful, as the students decorated picture

frames that are now on display in the cafe! Come in and check out their work- and stay for breakfast, lunch, or dinner!

- We are proud to support sustainability initiatives in Siem Reap. We have partnered with Naga Earth, an environmental NGO that converts used cooking oil into biofuel and soap. We will be donating our used cooking oil to support their work. JTG is recognized as a refill station by Refill Not Landfill Cambodia, so be sure to come fill up your reusable bottles when you visit us!



**Quick Mentions:**

- Former volunteers Kyle Tevlin (2015-2016) and Nate Saslow (2010-2011) stopped by to visit TGC! Kyle is currently teaching English in Laos as part of his Fulbright Scholarship, and Nate is teaching math in New York City. We were all so excited to see these old friends!



**In other (fun) news...**

- Students had a blast splashing and splashing together in a beautiful new pool (pictured). In the two hours, the kids managed to squeeze in some swimming lessons, relay races, a game of catch, and a bit of lounging. We're all looking forward to spending more time in the water in the coming weeks!
- As always, soccer is a popular activity here at TGC and beyond. You will find the majority of the students in the front of the school kicking a ball around between every class as well as before and after school. The students will have an opportunity to flaunt their skills at the upcoming Next Step Soccer Trials.



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