



*As always, the students, staff, and volunteers at TGC have been busy maintaining and growing our wonderful school. The past few months have brought a productive visit from a Ministry of Education representative, a chance to fly high over Angkor Park, a celebration of International Children's Day, and a journey to Dallas, Texas for one of our Grade 11 girls! With summer school well underway, new learning opportunities, cultural exposure, and days of fun continue to present themselves. Please read on to hear more details about everything that is happening at The Global Child and Joe to Go Restaurant and Café.*

## EDUCATION

### **A Visit from the Ministry of Education**

On April 8th, Chap Sophorn, a representative from the Ministry of Education came to evaluate how well The Global Child is fulfilling its goal of educating and assisting former street-working children, as well as offering opportunities to their families. Impressed with The Global Child's diligence and organization in pursuing our mission, Chap Sophorn, was eager to offer TGC teacher training workshops and other professional and educational development opportunities. Chap Sophorn also discussed the possibility of several of our bright female student leaders to travel to Phnom Penh after high school for a scholarship opportunity Sophorn is involved in. He was incredibly helpful in providing TGC with information about opportunities for scholarships outside of Cambodia, as well as how TGC can apply to various organizations for grants. In the future, TGC is looking forward to continued cooperation with the Ministry of Education!

### **A Trip to Paul Du Brule School**

Our students study diligently because they understand they are part of tomorrow's world. When asked about their plans for after secondary schools, one student may tell you they want to attend University, another may share his or her goal of becoming an accountant, a tour guide, a teacher. They want to contribute to the Cambodian economy and make positive change in Cambodia and in the world. On May 7th, thanks to the generosity of the Paul Du Brule School, the most highly regarded of Siem Reap's hospitality schools, TGC students got a glimpse of what that future contribution might look like. Our students toured both the 5-Star hotel run by the Paul Du Brule School and the school itself. They were also able to observe several classes, including English and French. Our students saw firsthand a path they can pursue after graduating from TGC if they continue to work hard on their studies. After the students completed the visit, "I want to enroll there," was a commonly heard refrain.

### *Quick Mentions:*

- Principal Dara and Teacher Soben returned from the CamTESOL (Cambodia Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Conference in early March to share with TGC staff the new strategies they learned!

*Right:* Soben, a teacher of English, shares what he learned at CamTESOL with the other administrators and teachers.



- In March, students completed their 1st Semester Exams, with great success!
- Also in March, one of four yearly class inspections took place. These inspections serve to guarantee all students receive a high quality of education and that all TGC classes are taught effectively and in a productive and happy learning environment.



Our students are always working hard, especially in the classroom!

## CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

### **International Children’s Day Celebration**

On June 1st, more than 2,000 Cambodian children joined together for the Celebration of International Children’s Day. Sponsored by Angkor Cable TV, and organized by both local and international NGOs operating in the Siem Reap Area, the International Children’s Day celebration raised awareness about child labor in Cambodia, and strove to ensure all school-aged Cambodian children are focused on getting an education, and not on making money. The Global Child students were able to come together with their peers from across the community to put on a student performance, meet new people, and enjoy a delicious meal.

### **Annual TGC Trip**

TGC strives to educate our students not only in academics and work opportunities, but also in the rich traditions and social landscape of Cambodia. In keeping with this goal, TGC loaded all 32 students, along with full time staff and volunteers, onto a bus, to make the journey to Rattanakiri Province. The group spent two nights and three days in Rattanakiri, staying in a homestay, and being shown around by a local guide. Rattanakiri Province is populated by one of Cambodia’s tribal groups, who lead a traditional lifestyle foreign to most of our students. By immersing themselves in the ways of Rattanakiri Province for a few days, TGC students gained a deeper understanding of diversity in Cambodia, and an appreciation for travel!



The students had a fantastic time experiencing a different part of their country. They even got to take a swim in the beautiful Yeak Laom Lake!

**Quick Mentions:**

- On April 8th, students and staff gathered together to play games and celebrate Khmer New Year as part of TGC’s effort to ensure all our students receive a robust cultural education and partake in Cambodia’s many traditions.



- *Top right:* In May, students worked with Teacher Chhaylon to design and make photo frames out of recycled paper.

**LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**The Mentoring Program**

The Mentoring Program, led by Teacher Sopha and Teacher Chhaylon, continues to provide the students at Sundan Primary School in the countryside surrounding Siem Reap education in cooking, cleaning, safety, and basic hygiene. TGC kids are trained to assist these students in how to cook basic meals, how to brush their teeth, and clean their hair of lice, etc. Our students love having the chance to share what they have learned with their fellow citizens, and use their education for good!

*Middle & bottom right:* TGC Students help by showing the Sundan Primary School students how to prepare a meal, and by washing the kids’ hair.

**Sokoam Travels to the United States**

In very exciting news, TGC had its first student travel across the Atlantic! Sokoam, a Grade 11 student and one of our four female leaders for our sport program, made the long journey from Cambodia to Dallas, Texas! She participated in Michael Johnson Positive Track Project, a 9-day leadership camp for youth from across the world. Sokoam was selected out of a huge group of applicants for her sport ability and her leadership skills. As part of the camp, she has been given a small grant to create and implement a community project. Sokoam, ever efficient and dedicated, has already completed her proposal and will be running a sport program and English classes for the poorest children in her village. Through her journey to the United States, Sokoam has shattered the idea that Cambodian women should be content to stay in their village. While still in secondary school, she secured entrance to a competitive leadership program, applied for a U.S. visa, and traveled for over 30 hours to a foreign country.



*Above:* Sokoam takes charge!

Sokoam has demonstrated what TGC students, especially girls, can achieve if they put their minds to it. As Principal Dara said, "Sokoam has become a role model for all of the girls at TGC."

### JOE TO GO UPDATES

When customers walk into Joe to Go, not only can they enjoy delicious food, they can also learn about the wonderful work of The Global Child through an informational video playing on a small flat screen TV. The video has been displayed since April 20th, and has helped to emphasize the connection between Joe to Go and The Global Child to our customers. In other Joe to Go news, Nimol Pong, the business director of both Joe to Go and TGC has moved back to her home in Phnom Penh to work as the Office Manager for JLC Sourcing and Service LTD. We wish her the best!



We are excited to welcome our new Restaurant Manager, Mr. Chin Buncho, who has been working diligently to continue to improve Joe to Go since he began his post in May. One of these improvements is our curated menu for the month of July, which allows customers to enjoy a delicious combination of traditional Khmer food selected by our chefs, along with specialty cocktails and sweet crepes for dessert.

*Left: The Traditional Khmer Cuisine sampler.*

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

- ... the students took a cycling trip around Angkor Park with Teacher Sopha to explore and enjoy a day of activity!
- ... the Grand Finals for Soccer took place and our girls team snagged third place! Many local and international NGOs participate in the games, and the event is coordinated by Globalteer. In the future, Next Step, a new non-profit sports program, will take over the soccer program's administration.
- ... Flight of the Gibbon in Angkor Park graciously donated free rides to TGC students as a wonderful reward for their hard work in school! See the pictures on the next page!



## TGC NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

We always need your help to keep the school running. A small donation goes a long way. To donate go to: [www.theglobalchild.org](http://www.theglobalchild.org).

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