



## **April 2020 Newsletter**

*As the world battles COVID-19, all of us at TGC have worked tirelessly to continue educating our students and supporting our faculty and staff. The continued support of the TGC family has been integral to continuing our mission and ensuring that operations run as smoothly as possible during these tough times. Read on to hear all about what we have been doing at TGC, the past couple of months, to ensure the health and safety of all.*

### **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESPONSE**



Coronavirus (COVID-19) has tremendously impacted the way we live and how organizations operate on a day to day basis. Although the number of cases of COVID-19 in Cambodia remains low, we are doing our best to ensure that we are doing our part! During these unprecedented times, we are focusing on the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff, and community. As of mid-March, The Cambodian Ministry of Education issued immediate, indefinite closure of all schools within

Cambodia until further notice. As such, we have ceased all regular school activities and lessons, shifting to a distant learning format to counter the unfortunate danger that social interactions may impose on everyone.

### **EDUCATION**

#### **Safe Practices and Personal Protection**

All of us have been working nonstop to ensure that students remain safe, healthy, and educated by establishing remote learning and teaching practices amidst COVID-19. Prior to the school



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ent's parents on how to prevent the virus, preparing them for a potential outbreak in Siem Reap. In this, we held a workshop for the parents to teach them safe practices like hand washing and avoiding unnecessary travel, which was well received. In preparation for our students and staff to travel to their homes, Ms. Chhaylon taught our students how to make face masks. In order to ensure their safety and protection, each student and staff member was given a face mask, which they were told to wear if going out in public.

For the first few weeks of the shutdown, we were able to allow the dorms to stay open and classwork to continue in a typical fashion. Despite students that did not live at the school being asked to stay at home to keep everyone safe, we continued to have some students and staff live at the school. To continue our battle against COVID-19, we have promoted the use of safe practices such as hand washing, social distancing, and avoiding all unnecessary social contact and unessential outdoor travel. The students, with the help of Mr. Orn, successfully crafted two sinks for handwashing, now strategically placed in the parking lot and eating hall for use before entering the school and eating. Recently, students and staff were given hand soap and a towel for use at home to prevent the spread of this virus.



### Remote Learning Breeds Creativity

The students and teachers are doing well and finding new ways to endure these tough and exceptional times. To stay busy and active during these times, students and teachers are participating in activities such as decorating the school and showing off their artistic skills. We have persuaded students and staff to draw on select walls of the school to depict their experiences at TGC and express their feelings through creativity. In order to ensure the students



do not fall out of learning or lose interest in school, we have prepared class materials for the students and their families to pick up at the front gate. Our staff has also

been training to pursue remote teaching, learning how to use new technologies and finding different ways to teach from a distance, allowing students to keep learning and even take exams! All the teachers have been working diligently to ensure that students continue to receive the education they deserve.

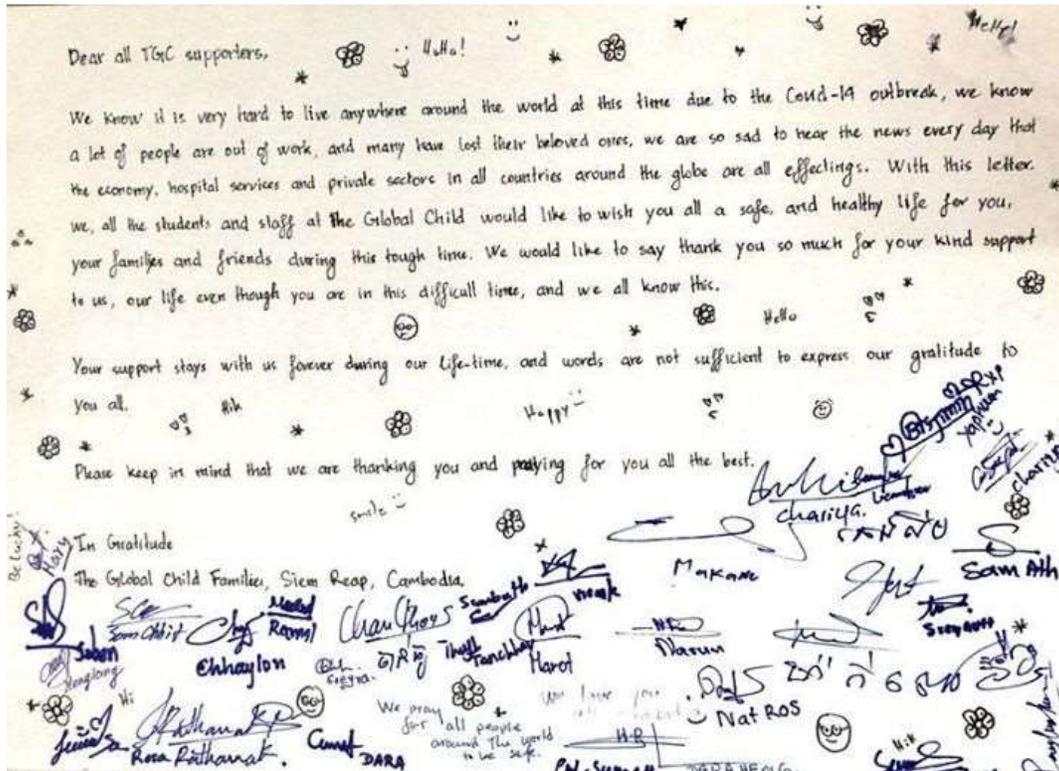
## **Lending a Helping Hand**

Over the past few weeks, as the live-in staff members returned home, the students that were living at the school were sent to alternate housing or to return to living with their families. Many of these students lived in unsafe or insecure environments prior to moving to the school, so we had to ensure their needs were met, concerning education and necessities. Therefore, students returning to these tough conditions were equipped with care packages with necessities (clothes, blankets, etc.). Besides this, the students can pick-up regular meals at the school to ensure they stay fed and healthy while navigating this virus.



**TGC NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT**

We hope that all of you are safe and healthy amid these unprecedented times and want to remind you how much we appreciate your love and support. Your generous support positively impacts and



affects our students for the rest of their lives and assures us that we will be able to continue our mission for years to come. We will be forever thankful for the help and we pray that every one of you will persevere through this tough time!

Yet, due to the COVID-19 crisis, we need your help now more than ever. To ensure our students and staff that we will return to some level of normal and continue providing these students with an education and place to call home, please considering supporting TGC. A small donation goes a long way. **To donate** go to: [www.theglobalchild.org](http://www.theglobalchild.org).

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss ways to help The Global Child, please don't hesitate to contact me at [judy@theglobalchild.org](mailto:judy@theglobalchild.org). Please remember that Today's Children are Tomorrow's World.

Warmest Regards, Judy Wheeler

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