



KEP GARDENS NEWSLETTER

September 2015

Hi Everyone,

The crazy month of August has finished now and it's time to have a break for a few weeks.

Career Student Sponsorship

It's that time of year when we ask all supporters of Kep Gardens to support our career students for their next year of study.

Baraing has completed 2 years of Engineering and begins his third year at the beginning of October when fees are due. The first 2 years were basic training for all disciplines and he has chosen Mechanical Engineering for the final 3 years of his degree. He has changed from a giggling teenager who was very shy to a mature young man quietly confident in his abilities.



The nursing students have just returned to Life University from their 6 week work experience in the Russian Hospital in Phnom Penh. They were tired when we saw them as they alternated shifts throughout the week and their bodies never had a chance to adapt. Apart from being tired they were full of stories to tell of their experiences working with the public and were happy with the amount of practice they had giving injections; talking and soothing patients who were frightened; but most of all they all mentioned how many very poor people they saw.

They are back now and face exams in the next week or so before their final semester for second year. Fees, accommodation and work experience fees need to be paid in December for 2016.



A breakdown of the money required for a 12 month period to support the students:

Nurses:

School fee	\$ 720
Dormitory fee	\$ 110
Food	\$ 1080
Work experience uniform	\$ 18
Work experience fees	\$ 90
English classes	\$ 96
Spending money	\$ 300
	US\$ 2414

3 students US\$7242

Engineering:

School fee	\$ 550
Accommodation (rental)	\$ 360
Food	\$ 1080
English classes	\$ 120
Spending money	\$ 300
	US\$ 2410

The amount per student is roughly \$US2,500 which means we need \$US10,000 per year to support the 4 students.

Three ways for you to donate:

1) Australian bank account

Bank: Commonwealth Bank
Account Name: Kep Gardens
BSB: 06 5116
Account No: 10158168
Please use "student" as the subject when you transfer.

2) Paypal account which can be found on our website kepgardens.com.
Once again, please use "student" as the subject when you transfer.

3) overseas transfer

Bank: Acleda Bank Plc
Account Name: Kep Gardens Association
Account No: 0700-20-985580-1
Swift No: ACLBKHPP
Again, please use "student" as the subject when you transfer.

Thank you very much in anticipation of your help and support.

Maths and Khmer Literataure Classes

Two of our older students who are teachers are helping the younger ones. Sarak is holding maths classes for Year 10 students in the library every evening for ½ an hour. Dulalim also teaches the Year 12 students Khmer Literature on a Sunday afternoon. Both classes were started at the students' request. If only we had the funds to hire some high school teachers out of hours all year round, it would help the kids tremendously!! Can't do everything I suppose but part of me says "Why not"!



Facebook web address for Kep Gardens

facebook.com/kepgardens

Birthday

I had a couple of lovely surprises for my birthday. Two parties! One with Class 4 on the Friday night and one with Class 3 on the Sunday night. Very thoughtful of the students.



Child Safe Workshop

We organized a workshop at Kep Gardens for all of our staff to attend. As our staff is around the children every day we thought it important that they learnt about the Child Safe Network. I had a day off as it was all in Khmer but everyone said they learnt a lot of things that they didn't know before. The next step is to consider whether a workshop would attract attention in the village and be worthwhile for the people.



Messy

Another dog needing a home has been added to our pack. Called Messy as when you look at her you think "What a mess!" She was being mistreated and brought to Andrew to look after so back she came to Kep Gardens. Feisty little thing, chases the geese and barks at people even though she is so tiny. She doesn't seem to be growing much so I think that maybe she will always be small. Coca died of a snake bite a couple of months ago, Spare Dog died quite awhile ago at her own house and with Fido off looking after his girlfriend at the moment we only have 3 dogs around which is quite enough.



What a time for the camera to break down. So much happening in August and no pictures. I have managed to get these from others.

World Mapping

We had 4 World Mapping groups this year, the last one at the beginning of August. Two of the groups were lucky with the weather but two of them ended up staying in Kep and travelling to Kep Gardens each day. The last group arrived in the middle of a big storm! Thank you to the groups for their enthusiasm reading and talking to the students in different classes. Nothing can beat a one-on-one situation!

The planter boxes built so far with the help of World Mapping are all planted out with vegetables. Looking forward to actually eating something from our own vegetable garden!



These are yellow bush beans. We have okra, red beetroot, gold coin onions, amazing" cauliflower and easter egg radishes growing. Hope we actually get to eat some!

We have 3 goose eggs but I doubt whether there will be any goslings. Both geese are young.

Bye, bye to Tobias, the BeMore co-ordinator in Kampot. He has returned to Holland. Thanks Tobias for your interest in Kep Gardens and your care of our volunteers. Hallo, to Simone who we haven't seen much of due to lack of volunteers but hopefully we will work together more in the near future.

This photo shows us packed up to attend a sports day – about 13 in here I think.



Dental Clinic

The first week of the school holidays has been taken up with Dental Clinic visits. One of the reasons why they donated the car to us was to transport our students to them, rather than them coming to us as they have for the last 2 years. Our largest number was 19 that we fitted into the car on Monday but these were the playgroup kids and Class 1 so only small although there were 5 mothers present.

Concert

I left this to last as it was a big event held at Kep Gardens on the last day of the school year.



Sothea and me thanking people



Class 2 getting ready for the Makarina



Performers from Ratanakiri

Financially as a fundraiser it was a flop. We raised \$72. But as a school community and larger community event it was a huge success. Families came to see their children on stage. Over 700 people attended but at .50c a ticket proceeds were never going to be large.



Class 3 performing a Khmer song

Our Youth Programme students worked very hard distributing posters throughout the local and larger community and manned the gates on the night. I am very proud of them for their efforts and commitment to helping Kep Gardens.

Many thanks to Sothea in Phnom Penh for all his hard work organizing this event from afar.

Huge thanks to the Khmer Magic Music Bus for a great concert showing many old traditional instruments that the students would never have seen before and for just being nice people, we enjoyed your company.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CAREER STUDENTS FOR THEIR NEXT YEAR OF STUDY.

Cheers, Janine and Andrew

