



# KEP GARDENS NEWSLETTER



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Hi Everyone,

Funny couple of months. The rainy season started early which kept the dreadful heat at bay. No volunteers, all in all a quiet time, just following our normal routine. Next month will be busier.

## Fundraising

Thanks to the Buddhist Library our English school is continuing. Their help is greatly appreciated but it does not cover our community programmes. We have not had enough funds this year for our annual health programme. Consequently, we are asking for donations to fund the following:

1. Student health checks at Sonja Kill Memorial Hospital. It is now \$3.75 per student plus any medicine needed. We have 101 students up to 14 years of age = \$380 + medicine.
2. Dental Clinic checkups and any work required. We donate \$100 per year to the Dental Clinic for this service. We should pay \$4 per student. We have 130 students up to 18 years of age = \$100
3. Monthly payments of around \$20 for a student who has juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. We have been funding this for 3 years.  
 $12 \times \$20 = \$240$  per annum.
4. Other individual help. Currently we are taking a student for rabies shots.  $5 \times \$12.50 = \$62.50$ .
5. We are also helping another student in our Playgroup. His parents are divorced, don't know where dad is, mum works in Phnom Penh. He is looked after by his grandmother and 2 older sisters. He went to Kimhean with an aching and discharging ear so we are following this up to prevent permanent ear damage = \$25.
6. Annual eye checkups for the elderly in the community including cataract and glaucoma laser treatment if necessary. The operations are free but the eye checks are around \$30.00 all up.
7. Last year 2 students needed glasses. This came to over \$100.
8. Transport costs have to be added to all the above.

The annual cost of our community health programme is close to \$1,000 per annum.

We would be very grateful if you could help us reach our target of \$1,000. We remind you that tax deductible receipts are available through the Global Development Group for Australia, the US and the UK for project J674N.

**Kep Gardens is a project that is compliant in all areas to Australian requirements where the criteria includes:**

- monitoring and evaluation
- conforming reports
- financial
- child protection

There are no issues in any of these areas and donors can be assured their funds are correctly applied. For further information you can contact Global Development Group.

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## Agricultural Programme

Some of the kids from the morning class 1 and 2 went over to see what the ag people were doing and gave them a helping hand. Great to see the students taking such an interest in permaculture.

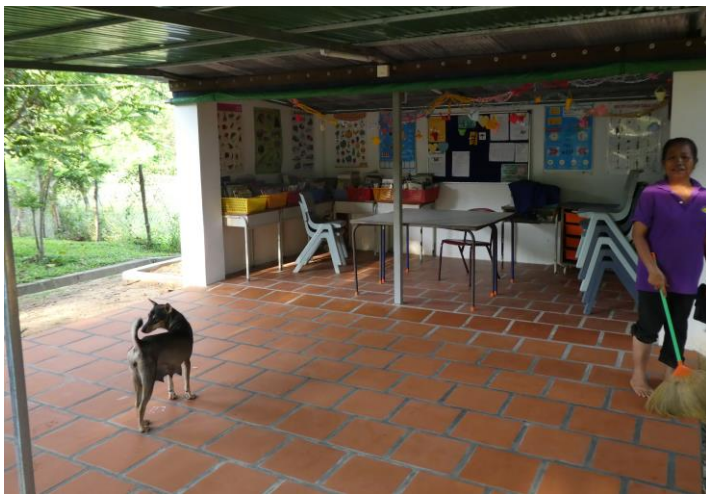


No room at the end so I am saying goodbye and cheers here. Until next time, Janine and Andrew



## Northbridge International School Visit

A huge thank you to Northbridge students for their donation to renovate the library.



We still have more shelving to build. When it is all finished we can display our new books.

## Playgroup Excursion

Last week the Playgroup had a very busy day. They left Kep Gardens at 8.00 am and returned around 4.30 pm. I would imagine most of them slept all the way home on the ramok. They visited Tek Chhou Waterfall. I didn't go but when Kimhean sent a photo of them sitting in the cool water I was quite jealous as it was very hot and a paddle would have been nice. They had lunch at the Waterfall. They visited the Kampot zoo in the afternoon and walked around for 3 hours in the heat. Then I was happy I hadn't been able to go. Although in the photos Kimhean sent back, everyone looked happy so maybe it's me getting grumpy with the heat in my old age!! Many parents went with the children which was great to see them sharing a different experience and having fun with their children.



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## Road Rules and Driver Safety

Thank you very much to the Ministry of Public Works and Transport. Three of their staff came to Kep Gardens one evening, showed slides and talked about the rules of the road when driving.



Let's hope the students took it on board and the knowledge keeps them safe. We were given posters and booklets for the school and each student received literature. The Government is making a real effort to get the message of safer driving across to the people.



### Farm

Our pineapples are ripening. They are delicious. Big, sweet and juicy. Have only eaten one ourselves as they are so popular we sell them all, mainly to people in Kampot. Choun and Pov headed off to the Crab Market last weekend selling pineapples and jackfruit from their heads.



Our trailer needed a pick-me-up after a couple of dings and a couple of rainy seasons. Looking good now.



### Liger Learning Centre

Seventy students and staff from Liger Learning Centre in Phnom Penh camped recently, the reason being orientation of a new intake of

students. The students were aged 10,11,12 and came from all over Cambodia. Great kids with a promising future ahead of them.



### Nautican Entertainment

Among the sets that Nautican Entertainment left with us when they finished making the movie about Canadian backpackers was an altar. Our home made one was falling to pieces so their gift couldn't have come at a better time. Thank you very much. It is located in the driveway and it's Choun's job to replenish the food, drink, incense etc on the appropriate days.



### End of Year Concert

Preparations are underway for our annual concert on the last day of the school year in August. Kimhean is teaching Class 2 a Khmer song and Aspara dance. Good to see that the boys are just as enthusiastic to join in. We have volunteers in July/August so I am hoping they will come up with some good ideas for the other classes.

