



Newsletter 9

Dear Friends,

It's been a long time since our last newsletter but we truly appreciate your ongoing support and prayers. At the start of this year we had 103 children enrolled in our school. Because the student numbers had increased so much we needed to have our 2007 Christmas Program at New Life Church to have enough space to fit everybody in. We had a lot of parents and guests attend the Christmas Program. The students were full of joy and ready to do their best performing. Their parents were happy to see them recite the well rehearsed Bible Memory Verses and sing a variety of Christmas songs, in both Khmer and English, before they put on the drama called, "The Best Gift." The program was a great celebration of the children's hard work and achievements through the first term of the new school year.

Before first term finished, at the end of December 07, we had our Parent-Teacher conferences. These went smoothly with almost all the parents coming to see the teachers and hear about how their children are doing in their studies.

This year again Logos International School sent their grade five students to our school for some co-operative learning activities in English. The students were divided into groups to go into each class and read English story books to our students. They also sang some songs with them. It is great to have such a high quality international school willing to partner with our school to help us provide our students with English Language Experiences.



Before Christmas, Mrs. Jeanette L. Groth came to our school and gave each student a coloring book . She also showed the students a banner that told them about how Jesus Christ was born as God’s Christmas present to us. Afterwards the teachers and she helped the students make their own banners and when they finished they practiced in partners, using the pictures on their banner, to explain to one another why Jesus Christ was born. The teachers then sent them home with the challenge to find someone who lives around their home to share the good news with.



On January the 21st we had a student free Teacher Training day. Earlier in the month we decided to organize a field trip to the Cambodian Kite Museum for the students. On the Teacher Training day Mr. Sok Ros, a renowned kite maker, came to the school to teach the teachers about the history of Khmer kite making and to show them how to make kites. After making the kites we all went to visit the Kite Museum where we also tried out our kites to see how they would fly. We had a lot of fun before returning to school to plan the rest of the field trip for the students.



After the Teacher Training Day the teachers helped their students to learn all about kites. They investigated different kite shapes and materials and then made some kites themselves.

At the end of January the teachers took the students on a field trip to the Kite Museum to do some more research about Khmer kite history. The students were excited to see different types of kites and they asked the manager many questions. Some of the parents also went with them to the Kite Museum. Afterwards they all went to Olympic Stadium to see how their kites would fly. The students were very proud of their kites flying up high in the air. They happily took turns to fly their kites. The teachers and students had fun together and they all came back to school very tired after flying their kites.

NLFICS has a positive influence on the Cambodian Government school system.

In January 17, Miss Sophors brought ten teachers from the provinces to visit our school for a day. Miss Sophors works for an NGO, International Cooperation Cambodia (ICC), who is working with the Cambodian Government to try and raise the standard of education in the public schools in Cambodia.

The teachers that she brought to our school have had many years of teaching experience in the government system and they came here to observe and learn about how to implement positive discipline strategies in the classroom.

It was a great honor, and a testament to our wonderful God and hard working teachers, to be selected as a school that has something to offer that can positively impact on the Cambodian Public Schools, especially when we have only been open for a year ourselves.

At the end of the day our Principal and teachers sat down with the visitors to discuss their observations and allow them to ask questions. Afterwards they said, "Thank-you", and Miss Sophors gave the teachers and Principal a beautiful basket of fruit to show their appreciation.



Prayer and Praise Points

. Please continue to pray that the government that will accept and agree with our documents so we can get accreditation.

. We are still looking for someone to come and work with us as a volunteer in the position of Education Advisor (please email our Principal, Sopheak Ban on sopheakban@hotmail.com for more information)

. Praise God for the 4th grade, computer room, also for the play ground equipment already set up for new term of school.

Special Thanks To: Pieter and Dawn Heres, Don and Grace Modglin, kids in Hawaii, for having blessed us recently through offerings, materials, fund raising.

Current Needs

If you would like to make a financial contribution to NLFICS, these are a few of our many needs:

- Scholarship for one student (Orphan/HIV/ Child living in extreme poverty)

\$240 a year or \$20/month

Covers -school fees

-2 uniforms

-books and photocopying fees

-Field Trips

- Donated English story /science books (big books with pictures) appropriate for ages 5 and above

- Sound System

(for special programs) \$500

- Local Telephone Network \$350

- Small Copy Machine \$2000

- Send staff to obtain teaching qualifications at University for 4 years \$2000

**Blessings to you all,
from the NLFICS team.**