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After a 2 week holidays in July, NLS staff had a quiet 2 day retreat. We felt special because Pastors Jesse, Sandy and Pisit came to encourage and gave us each a certificate of the appreciation. They supported me when I ran a workshop to review NLF and the school's vision statements along with goals and other areas of the school as well. After the break the staff had built a closer relationship and was excited to start teaching summer school.



Summer school started during August and went through September. During this time we also had workshops going on with the staff during the afternoon. We really appreciated and thanked all of the Peace Bridge staff that came to help me teach a one week workshop on three topics; listening skill, understand conflict, and five ways to solve conflict.

Another thing that teachers did during the summer was to attend a seminar at another Khmer Christian School, Mom School. It was a great opportunity for our teachers to join them. The title of the Seminar was "Teachers are more precious than Gold". After this seminar, our teachers shared what they learned and how they received encouragement from it.

During the summer we also changed the bible curriculum, to a curriculum that Narelle Hoskin brought for us from Australia, for the new term. Both Dr. Jeanette L. Groth and I thought this is a great curriculum and we decided to have three days of bible curriculum training in September with the teachers. In the training, she helped teachers add more ideas into the curriculum and to use different strategies for teaching, but the most important thing to remember, for the teachers, is to teach students how to implement God's words into their hearts and lives.

We thank God for this new term of school. We have 113 students with 47 students from four different orphanages. We also extended the classes this year so that we have Kindergarten through 5th grade classes. There is still room for growth especially in Kindergarten and 1st grade as hope to have 20 students for each class. during the 1st day of school we had an assembly with all students and staff so that I could introduce all teachers and staff to the students. Mr. Vandeth, an administrator in charge of the school rules and the supervisor most of the school programs, explain to the students the school rules and regulations for the students.



Parent Meetings occurred on October 28th. I will introduce The School Board members and staff to the parents. We hope to use this time to teach the parents about New Life School's Philosophy and vision. Mr. Vandeth talked parents about the need to co-operate with our school in order help their children. Then the teachers brought the parents to their class in order to talk about what they should do to help their child at home and school. Then we had fellowship (snack) together. The parents appreciate this meeting and give us encouragement and support for what we are doing. It's was a great time for all of us!

Praise the Lord because three teachers (Mrs. Chakriya, Miss Chantra, Miss Pisey) and three office staff (Miss Channy (receptionist), Mr. Vandeth (administrator), Miss Sopheak (Principal) have received a scholarship to go to the university for more education. We have also received Mr. Michael Ferry and Mrs. Marie to work with us this year. They work both at the church and school. Mrs. Marie is teaching Music and Art in each class. Mr. Michael is an advisor to the principal and also teaching English and Bible in the 5th grade.



Contributors

We are also grateful for the following groups that have blessed us recently through offerings, materials and training:

- Peiter and Dawn Heres
- Ms. Narelle Hoskin
- Dr. Jeanette L. Groth
- Logos International Christian School

Sincerely,
Ban Sopheak
NLS Principal

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

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
- Sound System (for special programs) \$500
- Local Telephone Network \$350
- Small Copy Machine \$2000
- 10 computers for computer class \$3000
- A new van for school \$10,000
- A guitar for staff devotion