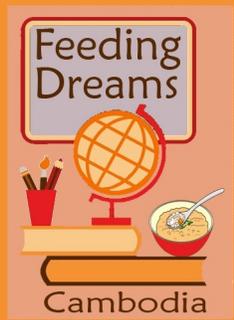


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Opened it's doors!

The First of November 2012 will be remembered as a wonderful day – Feeding Dreams Cambodia opened it's doors to 400 students.

Feeding Dreams has been created by a team of principled humanitarians who are committed to empowering the poor of Siem Reap.

They have all lived in Cambodia for many years and share a wealth of experience. Experience has taught the team to be sensitive, tolerant, compassionate and realistic. The skills gained and lessons learned over the years are invaluable. The impoverished community of Ta Vien Village will benefit greatly from this.

The Feeding Dreams project is deliberately simple, directing all resources to where they are needed. Cool and natural "grass hut" structures were built for classrooms. Free Education is offered for the poor, and a hot meal for each child every day. For many of them, this is the only proper meal they will eat daily.

The staff, volunteers, students and families are delighted with the new project; already there is an air of optimism in the community – it is truly inspirational.



Ta Vien Village

A community in Suffering

Feeding Dreams is based in an area of 'pocket slums' near the center of Siem Reap. The living conditions are the worst one could imagine. They are small overcrowded areas covered with little shacks. Situated near to the local market, the stench of decay and pollution hangs heavy in the air.



Because these areas are so small and dispersed, they appear to have been accidentally overlooked by

many charities, and have had little charitable aid to date. This community is in urgent need of assistance.



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Time to Eat!



It's "all hands on deck" at 9am and 3pm daily when we feed the students. Serving a hot meal to over 150 children during one sitting is not an easy task!

But everyone works as a team and the children are fed and happy within 30 minutes – operation complete!

The children love traditional Khmer "bor bor" rice soup with chicken and vegetables. Bread and banana snacks ensure our students have enough food to sustain them through the lessons.

It is amazing the difference in behavior, concentration and focus our students have after they have been fed. To expect a child to study to their full potential on an empty stomach is futile. Food really is "brain fuel" !



Eating a banana helps the brain to function at its best. Bananas release energy slowly, and this helps the brain to stay alert. Bananas supply potassium to the brain, helping to keep oxygen levels normalized and also promoting strong signals between cells. Thus they are a good food for overall health.

Read more: <http://www.livestrong.com/article/91156-bananas-brain/#ixzz2CjftP4LQ>

Education is Key



Study after study, in other developing countries, have shown that education is the ultimate tool in helping people work themselves out of poverty. There is no 'quick fix' here- it will probably take a full generation before the fruits of our labour become clear.

The Feeding Dreams project is very basic- the classrooms are grass huts and each child is fed a simple hot meal. However, the quality of the education at Feeding Dreams is our 'secret ingredient'. Our students learn the importance of education. Aside from English and Maths, we incorporate lessons of 'life-skills' and self-esteem for these children, who are the future of Cambodia.

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Cambodian National Strategic Development Plan 2009 - 2013

The current National Strategic Development Plan 2009-2013, stresses the importance of strengthening the quality of education as a high priority of the Royal government of Cambodia. Education is recognized as a necessary and critical element for human development and poverty reduction (NSDP pg. 61), in line with NSDP, the Education Strategic Plan 2009-2013 (ESP) the Ministry of Education Youth and Sports (MoEYS) undertakes to ensure that all Cambodian children and youth have equal opportunity to access quality education.



Loving to Learn

Despite many of our students never meeting each other before, within hours the shy boys and girls had made friends and had busied themselves with study.

Our Khmer teachers had planned the lessons for the coming week and the children were keen to show their new friends their writing and drawing skills.

However, it was not “all work and no play” as our students used recess as the perfect time to bond and share their soccer skills and dancing moves.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our student resources at Feeding Dreams. The combination of study, recreation and nutritious food have made the students very happy.

International Music Lesson



In addition to our academic lessons, Feeding Dreams encourages our students to explore their creative side. The children love to sing but we wanted to teach them more than just nursery rhymes.

Students, staff and volunteers had a wonderful afternoon last week enjoying an afternoon of music performed by Rio Samaya Band.

The children had a chance to experience various instruments from around the globe and even learned a little song in Spanish!

Their song “Live what you Love” has now been embraced by the children who sing it together everyday.

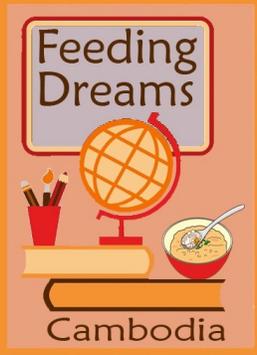


Pictured above is Kenneth with the talented Rio Samaya Band. It was no surprise to find we have some budding musicians among our students.

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Photo Gallery



VOLUNTEERS:

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the first volunteers at Feeding Dreams. We are very grateful for your help and look forward to your return!

Sally Furner

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Sam Stevens

Lisa Sharp

Hayley Sharp

Mikaela Sharp

Bella



Sally Furner from Australia helps some of our kindergarten kids with drawings.



Lisa Sharp and family distributing second hand clothing to poor students.

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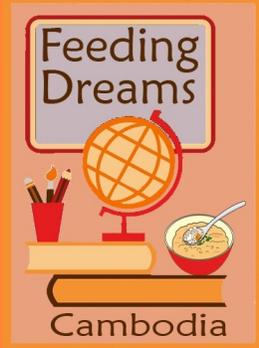


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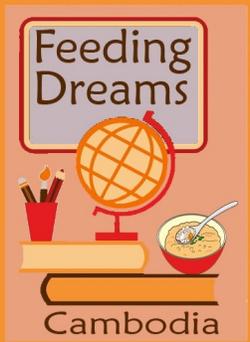


Blaed serves some of the students extra veggies with their chicken 'bor bor'.



Thank you to Lorraine Furner from Australia who donated clothes to our students.

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