



Red Cross Student Club members visit and donate to NFC!



Photo by Ngoun Makra

Red Cross club members from three different universities spent a morning at NFC. The Cambodian Red Cross is the largest humanitarian aid group in the whole of the country and this was the first time they have donated to a Cambodian orphanage, so we consider ourselves very lucky to have been visited by this organization. What's more the students, representing three of the top Universities in Phnom Penh, have no doubt encouraged the children of the orphanage to have a fresh approach and consider higher education as a genuine option. It was a great chance for all the children to interact with such successful young Cambodians!

Outstanding Exam Results Achieved by All at NFC!

We are pleased and proud to announce that all eight children taking their Grade 12 exams achieved exceptional results. Special mention goes to Luy Bunthou and Sam Pov who did especially well, both received the highest grade awarded. These grades will allow these students the opportunity to pursue higher education, setting the stage for a bright future.

Additionally, we are pleased to announce that Cheat Hean and Sorn Sreychem received an excellent score of 86 this term in English classes at New World Institute! Indeed, August has been an extremely good academic month for everyone at NFC!

Volunteers Help Carve a New Future for NFC Children

August has been one of the most important months for volunteers at NFC, as the orphanage has been blessed with a record-breaking 15 volunteers from the UK based charities 'Golden Futures' and 'InterVol'.



Golden Futures was set up in 2007 as a way of providing support to orphaned and vulnerable young adults in Cambodia making the transition from NGO care into the adult world. Through the micro-finance model the children can apply for interest free loans, providing them with the independence and confidence to succeed in business or university. Additionally, Golden Futures volunteers have brought together all the reports of the children, aiding their CV's and searching Phnom Penh for invaluable work experience, which can make the difference between the children making it into University or not. Our seven all female team from Birmingham represent InterVol, a charity which encourages sustainable development around the world. The group managed to raise an astonishing \$1,500 that has gone directly into the orphanage. This, combined with their hands on teaching has provided the children with the intensive one-on-one experience they need in developing their English and other subjects.

The collaboration of two large groups was potentially a logistical nightmare for Chris Merritt, Suon Socheat and Joe Bull; but their invaluable experience provided a clear direction for the volunteers. It has been an exciting month in the orphanage with a workload completed that has rarely been seen.

Full Time English Education Teacher Hired by NFC!



NFC has acquired a new full time English teacher. His name is Long Ang and he's teaching from 8-11 am and 2-5 pm every day. With a solid background in teaching and support from our resident childhood education expert, Elisabeth, he is a valuable new asset to the NFC staff.

With 3 hours of English per day, we are confident that the spoken and written English of NFC students will improve considerably over the coming weeks. Additionally, Long Ang is being assisted by four of the Interval volunteers. Especially helpful for their pronunciation, spelling and general grammar assistance, the Interval teachers are kept extremely busy throughout the lessons!

NFC Children Visit Artist Chhim Sothy's Studio!

Gallery owner, Rattana Gordon came to visit NFC to value the works of resident artists, Dang Sopheak and Yem Da. Rattana then arranged a meeting with Cambodia's most famous artist, Chhim Sothy, who offered the two boys the life changing opportunity to visit his art studio!



As well as viewing his early, more traditional paintings, the boys got the chance to see his more abstract works, which they both were inspired by. Sothy gave the boys plenty of advice, informing them of the importance of studying art at university and suggested they try to learn as much about the history of art as possible. Both Da and Sopheak left motivated to study art at university after finishing high school.

Golden Futures Team provides an Up to Date University Guide for NFC Students - Now and Beyond!

Volunteer Tania Jumnoodoo has done an outstanding job of updating the university guide to Phnom Penh, which is to be distributed not only to NFC, but to other orphanages in the capital. Written in both Khmer and English, the guide provides the courses, price and site information for each university, and now includes newer institutions within the capital. This guide will be a huge benefit to all the children at NFC who are beginning to think about University, and its importance will be felt for years to come. We would like to thank Tania and the Golden Futures team for providing the orphanage with such a vital item.

NFC Children Embark on exciting Internships!

Several of the young adults at NFC are undertaking week long internships at the Yellow Pages. Doch Mnorsen is gaining experience in the I.T. department, whilst Sam Pov is enhancing her interpersonal skills as a receptionist. In addition, Ly Borey is taking on an architecture placement. These internships are highly beneficial as they provide each young adult with a great experience for their futures. Furthermore, the experience will also show each individual how to succeed in the highly competitive Cambodian job market. NFC would like to thank Golden Futures for their support and assistance in setting up the internships.

There's Magic at NFC!



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Spencers Magic came to Phnom Penh and spent two days with the children at NFC. They worked with small groups allowing them to give attention to individuals. The residents of NFC really enjoyed the visit by the magicians, which enabled them to pick up new skills and show off their new talents to their peers. One of the magicians noted, "all of them learned and some of them excelled".

First Art Exhibition by NFC Children at NFC!



Along with the Magic show, guests had the special treat of seeing the first art exhibition by the NFC Young Artists Group! The Young Artists Group is composed of three NFC children who desire to learn business skills by running a business of their own that creates, markets and sells art. Their artwork is truly stunning and hopefully they can paint fast enough for the expected high demand!

Volunteer Pierre Teaches English, French and helps with Computer Classes!



Enthusiastic volunteer Pierre dropped into the orphanage to help teach English and French. The bilingual, TEFL trained teacher was a real asset, helping the children on a one-to-one level developing their English speaking skills.

Workshops and Boat trip provided by Canadian's of "Project Groundswell"



A group of enthusiastic volunteers from Canada provided a workshop on Canada and a Woman's workshop and then paid for a boat trip on the Tonle Sap for all of the Children at NFC. It was a great day of learning and fun!

Chris Celebrates Birthday and 3rd Year at NFC with Summer Fun for the Kids at the Water Park!



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Chris Merritt celebrated his 3rd year at NFC and his birthday by taking the children to a nearby water park for the day. As a favorite of all the children, it was indeed enjoyed by all! Thanks to the NFC staff for providing snacks and drinks!

Intervol Team Get an Inspiring Insight into the Orphanages of Phnom Penh.

Throughout the course of August, members of the Intervol team visited four orphanages in the capital, in hope of improving life at NFC through learning about the different organizations. Questionnaires were carried out during each visit, with a focus on the schemes in place to help the transition between NGO care and adult life outside. This information will not only help NFC, but will also aid the orphanages visited, as the information will be shared in order to improve orphanage life throughout Phnom Penh. NFC would like to thank Intervol for their hard work in creating this document which has provided much insight into how other organizations run.

Luy Sokkiang shares Experiences at Military College with NFC Children.

Sokkiang, a graduate of NFC now attending military school, shared detailed experiences of her transition from the orphanage to a military disciplined environment and her subsequent pride in adapting to the very high standards required.

August: In Pictures



The newly opened NFC Restaurant headed by Sreyneang, shown cooking, and her assistants. (from left to right: Champa, Sreyda, Sokheng,)



Intervol volunteers attend the 'Young Artist Group' exhibition. From right to left: Beccy Gaitch, Elsa King, Victoria Norton and Rupa Chandarana.



Chea Penh samples his artwork: a mask made during 'Art Club', which now runs twice weekly by Intervol volunteers.

NFC's Financial Status

Sincere thanks to all those who have been helping us out during the move and these tough economic times! We've been able to meet our bills so far! We continue to need donations for our monthly budget so any donations are greatly needed and appreciated! Please note there is a new way to donate, by Credit Card or Paypal! See information below.



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