



### Eckerd College Student Volunteers Paint the Great Wall at NFC!

entrance wall and gate allowing NFC to make a good first impression!



Newly painted entrance by UWC Students

January 25-27<sup>th</sup> a group of 16 students from Eckerd College in Florida, USA came to volunteer for work projects at NFC. They did an amazing job in cleaning out the back area; carting out wheel barrels full of discarded bricks, tiles, wood, downed branches and a few unexpected critters. Afterwards they brightened up the whole area by painting the entire surrounding wall. After 3 days of hard work the recreation / stage area at NFC was transformed into something very beautiful! Thank you so much! (See photo on Page 3!)



UWC Students Performing at NFC

### Outstanding Exam Results at NFC!

They also participated in a cultural exchange where NFC children performed traditional Khmer dance and break dance while the Hong Group performed an original story including dances and singing representing several different countries. We thank them for sharing their labor and talents with us!!!

We are pleased and proud to announce the fantastic success of one of our students, Sao Pheasa, who is currently studying at New World Institute. She received a score of 85% for the past semester. This is high enough that she has the chance to take a test to receive a scholarship to study in England.

Chroek Sarun, who is training as cook at PSE, is interning at Siem Reap to practice his skills and hopefully receive a good reference for his future career.

We are pleased to announce that Aon Bopha, Rith Linda and Sorn Sreychem, received sponsorships to study at excellent universities here in Phnom Penh.

### New Khmer/English Teacher for Primary School Students hired by NFC!

### United World College of Hong Kong

Dedicated volunteers from the UWC Hong Kong came to NFC from March 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> and painted the entire front

NFC has hired a new full time teacher for primary school age children for Khmer and English. His name is Dan Hin and he's teaching 3 hours a day. Part of the class time he reviews Khmer homework from public school and the other part he teaches English.



More than 50 candidates applied

and he was chosen as the best person for this position. He not only has extensive experience in teaching children, but he is an orphan himself and can relate to the situation of our children. He is supported in his teaching by English speaking volunteers and by our resident childhood education expert, Elisabeth Gjemmestad. He will surely help the NFC kids improve their knowledge in Khmer subjects and help them to learn English.

### NFC Students perform at two women's prisons on International Women's Day



NFC students perform at women's prisons

In honor of International Women's Day, March 8<sup>th</sup>, NFC children performed at two women's prisons; Prey Sor prison at Phnom Penh Thmey with 200 women and Kandal prison at Takmao with 30 women. They performed the popular, traditional "Coconut" and "Crab" dances.



### Interview with Rith Linda

Rith Linda is from a small village in Kampong Cham Province. She came to NFC in December 2004. Since she arrived at NFC, she has made a great effort to use the opportunities to seek a new future at NFC. In

three years time she passed 12 levels of English and graduated from the highest level of English at New World Institute, which is recognized as one of the best English schools in Phnom Penh. She is currently continuing English studies in the 3-hrs./day NFC English program.

She also has learned computer skills through the NFC computer class, studied traditional Khmer dance and performs often.



During a workshop on the topic, "Future Plans" (organized by NFC), she decided to pursue her dream and work to prepare to study medicine. Studying medical subjects in Cambodia requires knowledge of French, so she has joined a French class taught by a volunteer at NFC.

She is currently preparing to graduate from high school in July 2011. Her first semester of medicine starts in October. Linda says that, "I can give back to NFC by studying hard and encouraging the young children to understand that they have to do the same thing to get a new future in Cambodia". After finishing her studies, one of her dreams is to gain experience in medicine working in Vietnam because she has heard that she can learn a lot more at the advanced medical facilities there. After working in medicine Vietnam and Cambodia, she wants to open her own clinic in Phnom Penh. To give back to NFC, she wants to use her knowledge and skills to help children here with free treatment and medicine.

### Hean's Story

Before NFC, I was living with my mother. It was really difficult for her to earn enough money to feed us and support us to go to school. She earned only \$2.50 per day. We have a big family with 4 brothers, 1 sister but no father, so my mom was the only one to pay for all of us to go to public school (Khmer). I wanted to study English and I asked her to go to an English school with me to enroll me. I knew that she really wanted me to study there, but she didn't have enough money to afford to send me there. She just bought me a basic book on English with Khmer so I can learn myself.



A few years later when money was very difficult for her to earn and she was worried about our welfare, she heard about NFC being a place for orphaned and vulnerable children. I was 9 years old and very small for my age. She was worried about my health and told me I could learn English at NFC as well. She felt this would be the best place for me. At first I really missed everyone at home, but

after a while I made friends and started to enjoy learning English. Later on I had an opportunity to learn computer skills through class material provided by Kamonohashi Computer Center and a class at NFC taught by a full time volunteer, Chris Merritt.

I think I am a new person with a new future compared to the past. I am healthy. I have a chance to complete my general education as well as learn English and computer skills. I have learned and been paid to design websites and to provide computer technical support to another orphanage. I started a small business selling items made by NFC children in England. The business also provides money to the NFC children who make the items and 20% goes to New Future for Children. These are ways that NFC has helped me and I now help NFC towards a new future.

### NFC Students Perform at Opening of New European Union Building!



NFC Children who performed at E.U. Building Opening

NFC is excited and proud to announce that their kids had the chance to perform on the inauguration of the new E.U. headquarters, February 24. In the presence of European ambassadors, the Deputy Prime Minister of Cambodia, Sok An, and more than 200 other people, our kids performed the "Blessing" and "Peace" dances.

### Golden Futures Provides Funds for another Leadership Training Workshop



Once again, we are very grateful to Golden Futures, a UK based trust, which will be providing the funds for a Leadership Training Workshop to be held at Rabbit

Island on May 13, 14 and 15 for seventeen of the older NFC students.

### Lots of work in NFC's backyard!



Ryan, a volunteer from the USA, took charge setting up a soccer field with the help of staff and volunteers. The messy backyard of NFC has now been cleaned up, an old concrete incinerator, used for burning trash, has been removed. New dirt has been trucked in and grass sods placed creating a beautiful soccer field. We would like to say "thank you" to Marit, who paid for the grass sods.



UWC Cleaned up the back area and painted the "Great Wall"

Volunteers and staff have also cultivated a garden! Great thanks to Lee, owner of the Vietnamese restaurant Magnolia, who donated plants from one of her gardens and expertise!

### Charity Concert on 27th Raises \$2,200!

Valerie McCall of the UK organized a charity concert on March 27<sup>th</sup> for NFC and raised \$2,200! What a great way to help the children of NFC towards a new future! Thanks so much Valerie!

### Marymount Secondary School Students Visit NFC, donate \$5,500 in January!

The children were delighted to have 16 students and teachers from the Marymount Secondary School in Hong Kong visit NFC on the 31st December 2010 to share in a cultural exchange event through games and activities. The NFC children are very grateful for the generous donation from this group that helped make it possible for NFC to meet the children's expenses at the beginning of 2011.



### NFC Need's Funds!

Sincere thanks to all those who have been helping us during these tough economic times! We've been able to meet our bills so far, but we continue to struggle to meet our monthly expenses so any size donation is needed and appreciated! Please note there is an easy way to donate, by Credit Card or Paypal! See information below.



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Now you can donate to NFC by Credit Card or by Paypal! Just press the "Donate" button on the NFC website under the "Donation" tab. The donation page at the NFC website is:

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