



Great Results from NFC Students after 1st month at Westline School!



Kerry Sieh and Mel White are shown the computer classroom at Westline by Or Bunneang while Laluy beams at the prospect of learning at the new school!

30 students now in Primary and Secondary levels at Khmer schools have changed to study at the brand new "The Westline School" in Chhbar Ampov; walking distance from NFC! Our sincerest thanks to the Waterdraggers Foundation in the Netherlands for funding this!

Excellent Results at NFC!

Four of our students (Pet Sreypov, So Vannak, Cheat Hean and Sao Pheasa) took the top 4 positions in 12th grade at Westline School.

We are so proud of this fantastic achievement, and hope they can attain this degree of excellence in the future.

Student Profile: Sao Kosal



Born in Prey Veang Province, Sao Kosal came to NFC in 2003 at the age of 8. Kosal says that he considers himself exceptionally lucky to live at the NFC centre. The alternative would have been to live with his uncle, a monk in a pagoda, where he says he would not have had the same opportunities for study as he does now.

Kosal says that one of the best aspects of life at NFC are the visits from volunteers and other visitors from overseas, with whom he enjoys practicing his English, and engaging in exchanges of culture.

When CNN visited the Westline School to conduct an interview about the value of the English language in the modern world, Kosal was one of only two out of 400 students chosen to participate (see photo). This was a fantastic opportunity for him.

Currently also studying Chinese at Tonhoul, Kosal has recently graduated from the New World Institute. We are all exceptionally proud of him and wish him all the best for the future.

Awards Party for Grade 9 and Grade 12 Graduates

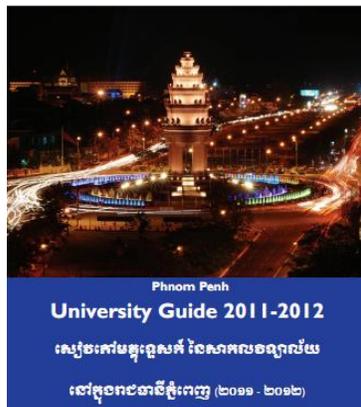


NFC Students who graduated from Grades 9 & 12

Golden Futures Volunteers Star at Updating the Latest University Guide!

"Golden Futures", a group of volunteers from Nottingham University in England, spent a month at NFC assisting us with various projects, including helping students to start their own bank accounts and guiding them through the process of writing CVs.

One of their most valuable contributions was updating of a guide to the universities of Phnom Penh (something not currently provided by the Royal Cambodian Government), which will help the children at NFC to make informed decisions about the future of their education. We cannot thank them enough for their time and effort, and wish them every success in their own studies!



It's fantastic that Ian and Clemens were able to make such a long-term commitment to NFC, as it offers a greater degree of consistency and stability in the lives of the children. Thank you both so much for your support!

World Famous Geoseismologist Kerry Sieh Visits and Tours with NFC Students!

When Kerry Sieh, an American geoseismologist based in Singapore, visited NFC, a group of students had the privilege of spending time with him, touring some of the important cultural sites of Phnom Penh. Visits to the Killing Fields, the Royal Palace and the National Museum provided Mr. Sieh with an insight into Cambodian culture and history, and gave the children an opportunity to share their knowledge and their pride in the country. The experience was greatly enjoyed by all.

Rotary Club of West Perth, Australia Donates two PCs to the NFC Student Computer Lab



With the help of Mr. Bill Young, two brand new desktop computers were donated to NFC by the Rotary Club of West Perth. This generous gift will be invaluable to the centre, and we offer our most profound thanks to the donors.



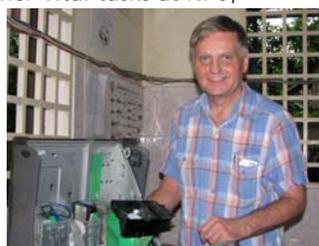
Kerry Sieh with NFC students at the Choeng Ek Genocidal Centre (Killing Fields) near Phnom Penh

New Volunteers Join NFC!



We are pleased to have Ian Aldred from the UK and Clemens Huber from Germany join us for a full year to volunteer with the children! Ian is providing support for the computer lab, helping to clean, repair and organise the existing equipment, as well as assisting with the procurement of

new technology. Clemens is helping with language lessons and with many other vital tasks at NFC, including repairing lockers, recording student grades and assisting in the management of the new Midway House 2.



Midway House 2

We are pleased to announce the acquisition of a new midway house for NFC. Having completed their studies at the centre, NFC students will relocate to the new midway house in order to learn the skills needed for transition into the world outside NFC as they study at university.

The new, 3-story property has 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, a kitchen and a living room, as well as space for motorbikes and bicycles that the children use to commute to work and study.

Volunteer Clemens Huber, assisted by NFC student Doch Mnorsen, are now working closely with the midway house residents to help them transform the new property into a place they can call home!





The entrance hall of the new property.

We hope the students will be happy in the new house and hope that they continue to grow and flourish in this new environment. We couldn't be more pleased.

NFC Student "So Me" Completes Swim Class!

We are pleased to announce that Lang So Me, an NFC student who has been attending swimming classes at the Tai Ming Plaza Hotel, has completed his lessons and received his certificate in a special presentation ceremony. We offer him our most heartfelt congratulations and wish good luck to Chhorn Laluy, the next student to take up the swimming challenge!



Olivia Bennet Runs for NFC!



Olivia ran a half marathon to raise funds for NFC that were used to build a wall to secure the computers and equipment in the computer labs and to help better manage the use of the lab. We thank her for her hard work and congratulate her on her fantastic achievement!

Chris Cook to Work with NFC Students on photography and video skills



Chris Cook, a documentary filmmaker from the United Kingdom, will be with us for 3 months. With a background in photography and video he will be teaching the children basic skills in these areas. While here, Chris will also be making a video about NFC, looking at the work the centre does and the profiles of the residents.

We offer our thanks to Chris and hope he will enjoy working with the children as much as, we are sure, they will enjoy learning from him!

Long Term Volunteer Elisabeth Makes a Huge Difference at NFC!

Elisabeth Gjemmestad, a long-term volunteer from Norway, has now been working as an advisor and supervisor for NFC for over two years.

With a background in Childhood Psychology, Elisabeth has been the driving force behind many significant developments in the education and welfare of the NFC students. Deeply concerned about good health and hygiene, Elisabeth has been instrumental in the development of NFC as a healthy living and working environment. We cannot thank Elisabeth enough for her gift of time and dedication to the children at NFC, and hope that she continues to work with us for many years to come.



New Zealand Group

We were delighted to receive a visit from a group from New Zealand, who entertained staff and children with a day of songs, games and one of the best performances of



the infamous Haka we have ever seen!



The group also kindly donated second-hand clothes, sports equipment and laptops, as well as the sum of \$2250. A special presentation of a brand new laptop was made to student Luy Bunthou, who desperately needed it for his design studies.

Tim and Anja create Shock and Awe at their Farewell Performance at NFC!



Rapper Tim and New Singing Idol Anja

We were sad to have Tim and Anja leave us after a full year at NFC; but they didn't leave quietly! Tim shocked us with a dynamic performance of a rap song and Anja awed us with a beautiful ballad. Thank you both for all the talent, time and love you shared with the children staff and volunteers at NFC for the past year!

Former NFC Student Attacked

As many of you may have heard, former NFC student and computer teacher, Nguon Makra (better known as Somoun), was viciously attacked at the beginning of October. Struck across the face with a blunt object whilst driving his motorcycle, Makra suffered severe damage to his forehead, nose and right eye. After a period of expert treatment and recovery in Sen Sok Hospital, Makra was well enough to resume life in the outside world, but still faces at least six months of healing before his skull is strong enough for vital surgery on his nose. Though this interferes with his plans to travel to South Korea and



find employment as a mechanic, Makra is lucky to have survived this brutal assault, and will do his best to make good use of this recovery period.

Currently studying in an upper level English classes at NFC, Makra is also studying for the ICDL (International Computer Driving License) qualification, which will significantly improve his chances of finding gainful employment and getting back on his feet after this tragic attack.



NFC students with Makra 9 days after the attack

NFC's Financial Status

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. We continue to need donations for our monthly budget so any donations are greatly needed and appreciated! Please note there is an easy way to donate, by Credit Card or Paypal! See information below.

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