



Siem Reap, Cambodia, June 2012.

Loved Friends, Sponsors and Members ...

This newsletter is to share with you our last months' activities. We hope you enjoy hearing about them!!!

Cambodia is at the beginning of the rainy season. The orange color of the dry season is giving way to green as the rice fields get the nutrients from the rain and very soon the lakes and rivers will be full of life.

During the last few months several things have happened that we want to share with you, because without you they would not have been possible.



APRIL

*The 9th of April, 2012 Father Albeiro, Vice-rector Don Bosco and a group of his young adults went with TFC management to visit a group of vulnerable children with birth physical disabilities. We made an evaluation of the kind of support these children need and created a child sponsor programme. We sought the advice of some foreign doctors resident in Cambodia, and Together for Cambodia will be seeking help to get special surgery for children with Meningocele, (a disease of the cerebrospinal fluid in cranial cavities, which requires surgery to reduce the volume).



*The 11th of April, Father Albeiro and a group of young adults came to our centre to speak to our teenagers and young adults about the Don Bosco Technical School, the gallery of studies, and the different programmes that they offer. The goal of these discussions was to open our young adults' minds to the kinds of possibilities open to them for their future. Some of our adolescents were very impressed and actually are thinking about the opportunities discussed with them.

*In the middle of April, the Real Madrid Foundation published in its Facebook Fan page a letter about our football team!!! THANK YOU very much to this Foundation for the donation of a complete set of football uniforms. Your kindness and your help and attention have been incredible for the children of TFC.



*The 13th, 14th and 15th of April was Khmer New Year. Around 30 children went to visit the communities that they are originally from. Another group of 10 children stayed at home and enjoyed being involved in many activities. We went to the pagoda of our community to offer food to the monks and to get their blessings. We also went to the Piunllu Park, to the Phonm Kullen waterfalls and to the Cultural Village. These were “family” days, full of traditional events, funny and unforgettable moments!!! SUOSADAI CHANAM THAMEY!!!.



*The 18th of April we moved the wood-bamboo house from Treak to the Children’s House.



MAY

***At the beginning of May it was re-built on the property, giving us more accommodation room for our Centre. The three rooms have been transformed to: 1-Visitor. 2-First Aid. 3-Counselling. We are now in the process of finishing the set up and furnishing of the rooms.**



We are very thankful to the benefactor J.V.D. from Holland, for covering the cost of the move and re-construction of the building and to the Curves Gym ladies, friends of V.S., from Christchurch New Zealand, for the furniture and all kind of accessories needed for the rooms.

****We have installed basketball equipments and painted different areas creating a playground atmosphere all around the house with local and international games, also thanks to the Curves Gym ladies.**



***At the end of May we celebrated our BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR ALL. We had a party organized by the kids, with homemade hot dogs, salads, music, dance, karaoke and of course a wonderful cake. They all deserved such a treat!



****The 27th of May, in Madrid, our Benefactor Carmen C. and her family, inaugurated a project developed by her to fundraise for TFC by selling golf balls in different provinces in Spain. Thank you very much for this brilliant initiative and for all the enthusiastic interest and love you have for this life project.



JUNE

*The 1st of June, we celebrated Children's International Day. We were invited, with other twenty or more organizations, to celebrate this day together with the Social Affairs Department in Siem Reap. There were different activities, speeches from the local authorities even from our Director, Ouk Piseth. He wrote his speech about the rights of vulnerable children and about the importance of protecting the more vulnerable people like children and women living at risk. In our home, we have developed an assembly to discuss children's rights. Our children are very concerned to have basic rights for all such as: Education, Food, Home, Play games, Protection, Freedom to speak and express opinions and no discrimination.



**The 9th of June at 7.30pm was the performance of Chorus MIL CAMINOS (ONE THOUSAND WAYS) in Alcobendas-Madrid. The entrance was for free and everybody donated according to their means for TOGETHER FOR CAMBODIA. Gregorian chants, Mantras and Classical Polyphony were performed; it was an exciting evening with a lot of applause. I'm very thankful to the Chorus Mil Caminos for their efforts in organizing this concert. One of the people attending the concert wrote: "The room was nearly full, the energy transmitted and the human warmth and passion when singing created a very special atmosphere. We all enjoyed the pleasure of listening to the mantras, we vibrated with your music, you aget better every time!! You give the best of yourselves and it flows through to us".

***Thank you very much to S.P. from Spain, after we met casually in Siem Reap in 2010, through her hands many good things have been coming to us, like SIGUIENDO TUS PASOS, CORO MIL CAMINOS, new benefactors, selling many bags from our workshop ... Thanks.

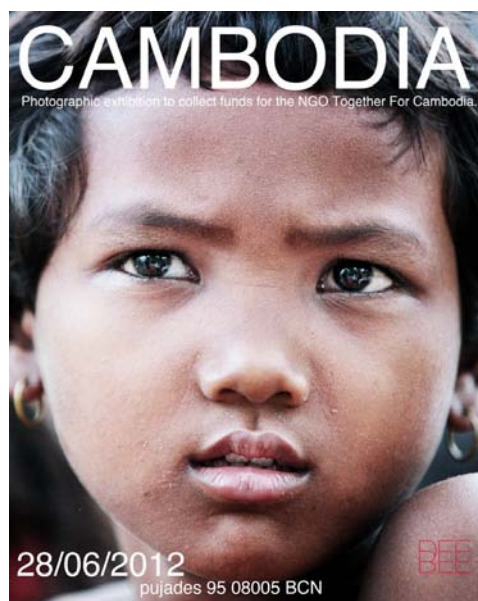


**** On June 24th, we went to the CSC, Children's Surgery Center in Phnom Penh, with two children from a community in Siem Reap. L. 10 years old and S. 6 years old were infected with naso meningocele and were accepted for surgery. Together with their parents, the Social Worker of TFC and the children, we went to the capital city looking for a better life for these children. The waiting time was very long, because cases were arriving from all around the country, children, young adults and adults with terrible malfunctions deriving from this sickness. In many cases this condition brings deafness, blindness and paralysis of the legs ... The sickness can be caused by genetic issues, mal nutrition and environmental factors.

After checking both children, and looking at the day's priorities, with dozens of cases that looked very bad, the doctors decided to do L's surgery in November 2012. For S. the situation looked different and they decided to do eye surgery because he is blind in one eye caused by this sickness.



**** The 28th of June saw the grand opening for the Photographic Exhibition on Cambodia, it's past, present and future, by Marcos Domingo Sánchez. All income from the exhibition will be donated to Together for Cambodia. The exhibition will be on until the 21st of July, 2012 at Pujades Street 95, 08005 Barcelona, Spain. Entrance free. Thank you!!!.



STAFF NEWS

1-Our computer teacher, Mr. Din, got married in Kampot province, far away from Siem Reap and moved his home to this new place. We are very thankful to Mr. Din for the knowledge gave to our children, the patience and love gave all the time during the nearly two years he worked with us. We wish him much happiness. In a short time a new computer Teacher will be enrolled to teach this important skill to our children.

2-Our driver, Mr. MuyCHhin decided to try his fortune in the capital city together his wife and little daughter. He has established a fruit business, living close his family. We send our very best wishes for them all in this new life experience. His position has been occupied by Mr. Sopahl, who was our Day Security officer. During his first year working with us he got his driver's license and he showed much promise. We are pleased to give him an incentive with this new position and better conditions.

3-Our Accounts Officer. Mrs. Serey, gave birth to her baby on the 1st of June. She is now enjoying maternity leave for 3 months, taking care of her son. Congratulation Serey, we want to meet him very soon!!! Enjoy your leave, you deserve it!!!

4-Mrs. Sreythea started to work with us at the beginning of May as Counselor and Social Worker, to take care of our children and build relations with the communities they come from and other organizations. Welcome to TFC!!!.

5-The Day Security position that Mr. Sopahl left to become a driver has been covered by Mr. Sophol, a young man who just finished Secondary School and was looking for a job opportunity. Welcome!!!

MISCELLANEOUS

*During the months of April, May and June we have sent some staff to different training programmes related to the Care and Protection of the Children, as follows:

-CONCERT Child Protection Induction Training for Volunteers.

-WORLD VISION Policy and National Minimum Standards Protection Human Trafficking.

-WORLD VISION Child Exploitation Psychosocial Assessment Tool (CEPAT).

****During the months of April, May and June 2012, a total of 15 children went to the Health Centre Angkor Hospital for Children, the most common illnesses were: stomach ache; eye problems; pharyngitis; fever, sore throat and cough and one child got dengue fever.**

*****We improved our transport with the incorporation of a motorbike. This is very useful as we don't need driver. It gives independence to our staff when they have to attend training, meetings, or to visit other places. Thank you to the family M.K. from Australia who made this possible and the improvement of our library too.**



******Our FOOD For The SOUL cookbook is distributed all around Australia. Michael Kramer, from Brisbane, organized the publication and the distribution of the book in Spotlight stores across Australia and it is selling very well. We can arrange to have book sent to you let me know.**

*******THANK YOU very much, to all the benefactors from Australia, Canada, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Singapore, Spain, United Kingdom and the United States. All of you who collaborate directly in our children's Scholarship Programme. Your donations enable us to send the children to the best education centers in the city, such as the New York International School-NYIS, where they study Primary, Secondary and High School; and the Australian Centre for Education-ACE, where 27 of our children study the English language with the best programmes and techniques. We also have the English Language programme running at the Children's Home for 12 children and the Computer Programme for 25 children. Through all these programmes we are giving the children the keys to open the doors to their future**

*****THANK YOU very much to all the benefactors that support the Child Sponsorship Programme. You make it possible for us to offer a safe home with nutritious food, to pay our staff proper salaries , to maintain our transport well, to celebrate the most important festivals of the country, to ensure that personal hygiene and the cleanliness of the house are exemplary !!!.



*****THANK YOU very much for all the donations and contributions that permit us to have better accessories like school materials, shoes, clothes, etc.



A very, very BIG Thank You to the Hotel LA RESIDENCE D'ANGKOR. Twice a week they open their doors to us, inviting us in, giving our children the opportunity to enjoy and practice English and at the same time meet benefactors who want contact with us. All the Management and staff make the children feel respected and loved. Every month the Hotel gives us 200 kilograms of rice, THANK YOU from all of us. And the Hotel orders different handmade products from TFC, so helping us and the community. Similarly, through ordering laundry bags for your guestrooms, made by our sewing ladies in our workshop, you help us to help them increase their skills and make an income to support their families.



Thank you to SPOTLIGHT Australia for helping us pass on the teaching of sewing skills through their programme STITCH IN TIME. The donation of the sewing machines, enabling our ladies to make cloth bags and the monthly order of bags, are now a sustainable project, giving protection and a new life style to a group of 6 families. These women are getting skills and a fair salary which enables them to re-organize their lives and improve the quality of hygiene, health and education for their children. And also Thank You very much for permitting the distribution of our book FOOD For The SOUL through your stores across Australia.



Thank you to EVERYONE that through the Child Sponsorship Programme, the Scholarship Programme and donations for different projects altogether make it possible that we stay on budget.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH to ALL the Staff members for their work and to ALL the Benefactors who give us hope.

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Together For Cambodia

Photographic exhibition to
collect funds for the NGO
Together For Cambodia

28/06/2012 from 19h till 23h

at The DeeBee Gallery

Through photographs
by Marcos Domingo Sanchez :

- History of Cambodia
- Cambodia Today
- Hope through the NGO,
Together for Cambodia
- Fine Art inspired by Cambodia

Introduction to the NGO by Marcos
Domingo Sánchez.

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destined to the NGO.

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