



SPRING NEWSLETTER- MAY 2015

Globalteer Soccer Finals

The Globalteer Soccer Finals took place early this past March and TGC was proud to have our 18 and under girls team make it to the championships! It was a Sunday morning full of sweat and smiles, and although we lost in the semi-final round, the Grade 9 and 10 girls played with heart and enthusiasm, and were rewarded with a ribbon and certificate. TGC is thankful for Globalteer for organizing such a character-building and empowering soccer league that allows our students to stay active, work as a team, and have fun!



Goals For Girls Leadership Training Course

Speaking of empowerment through sports, this spring brought about another exciting opportunity: A Goals for Girls Leadership Training Course. This course, which consists of 13 Sunday sessions over a 6-month period, is aimed at building young female leaders through soccer workshops and games. TGC was proud to send four of our girls to join with other NGO's across Siem Reap in this incredible initiative: *Teary, Kontea, Srey Khouch and Sokoam*. Their commitment and growth will culminate at this year's Globalteer Games in August, which they will be organizing and running. Additionally, upon completion of this program, these four students will receive a scholarship from Globalteer in the form of funding for a supplementary or extra-curricular class.

Karate Competition on Phnom Penh

On May 21 to 24 ten children from TGC were selected to travel to Phnom Penh for the Cambodia Karate Do Shotokan competition. The competition consisted of two kinds of exams: KATA Performance and a 39 Technique Exam. There to watch the festivities were Oun Poan Monyrot, the minister of Economics and Finance, Soksiphanna, the adviser to the Prime Minister of Cambodia, and the Ambassador of Japan. Over 320 students competed from 23 clubs across the country and TGC did a phenomenal job among them, coming home with 3 gold medal winners, 2 silver medal winners, and 1 bronze medal winner! A special thanks to our TGC participants and Mr. Phearun, the Karate teacher, as well as Teacher Soben and Mum Pov, who helped facilitate the trip!



Partnership with the Women's Resource Center

In an effort to expand the current health program, TGC has begun a partnership with the Siem Reap Women's Resource Center (WRC). Thanks to hard work by Teacher Sam, the Global Child families now have the opportunity to team up with trained Khmer social workers to learn about a variety of health topics at no cost and in a safe environment. This program will be implemented in the form of 7 workshops, the themes of which will be selected by the family members themselves. In addition to two female-only workshops on Reproductive & Maternal Health and Understanding, there will be male and female combined workshops on Child Development & Need, Building Healthy Families, The Role of Parents, Positive Discipline and Healthy Mind and Body. TGC is still looking for donations to support the operating costs of this wonderful program. See link attached: <http://www.gofundme.com/tgchealth>



New Building for TGC

TGC will be moving to a new building in December 2015. The move is necessary because the lease on the current buildings has expired and cannot be renewed. The new building is about 6,000 square feet, larger than the current school and Wood House combined, and will allow TGC to increase the number of students from the current 38 to about 50 during its first year. The building is located in Lok Ta Neuy, not far from the current school location. It is a brand new building and has never been occupied by any previous tenants. It was designed to be a guesthouse, so it has about 19 rooms, most with bathrooms and showers. It also has a large outdoor covered area and a spacious courtyard. We are so excited about this next step for The Global Child!



Meet The New Union College Minerva Fellow Volunteers

My name is Kyle Tevlin. I'm from Memphis, Tennessee but I spent most of my childhood growing up in Billings, Montana. I have three brothers, two older and one younger and no sisters. My mother is an ICU doctor and my father is an accountant. Travelling is my favorite thing to do; I've been to all fifty states in the United States. I also love playing hockey, American football, baseball and track and field. In college I threw the javelin for the track and field team and participated in club hockey for two years. My junior year spring term I studied in Irkutsk, Russia. I'm going to graduate Union College with a Biology and Russian double major with a US History minor. My plans after the Minerva Fellowship are somewhat varied but as of now I plan on attending either Physician Assistant School or Medical School.

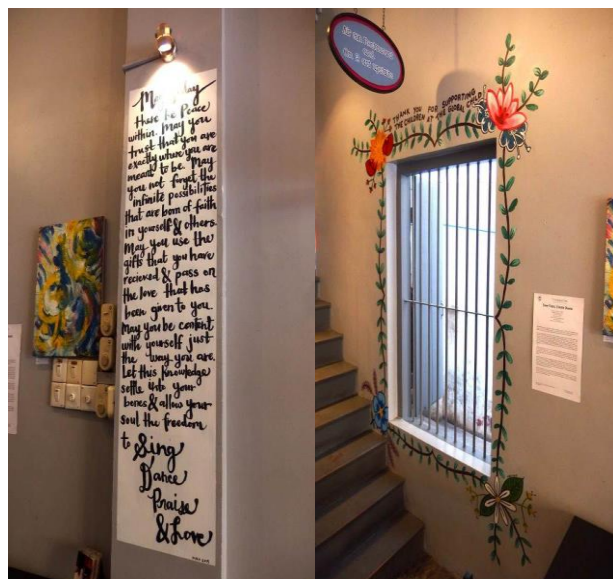


My name is Maggie Hoffman and I'm so excited and proud to soon be part of the TGC Family! I'm from Long Valley, NJ and I have one older brother. At Union I studied both Anthropology and Economics. I've always kept myself busy while at school by participating in various clubs and organizations. Some highlights are the Women's Rowing Team and volunteering at a local homeless shelter in Schenectady. For fun, I love to spend time with family and friends, spend time outside, travel, and ride horses. After the Minerva Fellowship I hope to pursue a career in Human Resources, but also be involved with different NGOs.



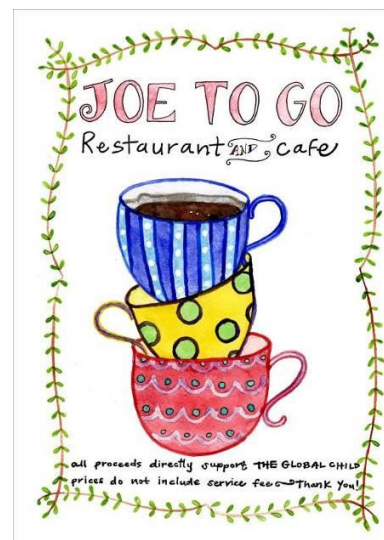
Artwork at Joe to Go

Before heading home to America in April, teacher Mimi was able to bring her love for typography and painting to the already colorful walls at Joe to Go. Over the course of just a few days she painted a flower and vine motif around the big barred window by the stairs, and two quotes on the side and back walls, one reading: "a good brew will see you through" and another, longer one quoting the Spanish Saint Teresa of Avila: "May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in yourself and others. May you use the gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content with yourself just the way you are. Let this knowledge setting into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love." It was an honor for Mimi to be able to leave her mark at JTG. She hopes the paintings resonate both with the spiritual nature of JTG's customers and the goodness and peace that TGC invokes in its students.



New Menu for Joe To Go

Working closely with Nimol Pong, JTG's business manager, Teacher Mimi and Sam were able to update the Joe To Go menus in an effort to revamp the café and restaurant's branding image. Adding new options, such as vegetarian and health dishes, and expanding both the drink and Western and Khmer food menus were just some of the ways in which the menu has been improved. Teacher Mimi was also able to paint a watercolor image to be used for the cover page. Check it out on the right!



Another Exciting Opportunity at JTG: Take Home Our Fresh Coffee With You

JTG has implemented a new business strategy: the ability for its customers to take home fresh coffee with them. Everyone can now enjoy JTG's coffee at home with a personalized gift bag decorated by TGC students. Both whole beans and freshly ground beans are available and all of the coffee is fresh – locally made here in Cambodia. All proceeds go to The Global Child!



Joe To Go Selected as "TOP CHOICE" Restaurant for Lianorg.com

Recently, Joe to Go was informed that it was voted as a "TOP CHOICE" restaurant for 2015 by the Asian tourist information website Lianorg.com. The "TOP CHOICE" ranking system includes four independent evaluation categories: restaurants, hotels, stores, and tourist attractions. JTG was selected based on the "exquisite menu and friendly service as reviewed by [their] judges and Asian visitors." Congratulations JTG!

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Please remember that *Today's Children are Tomorrow's World.*

Warmest Regards,
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