



SUMMER NEWSLETTER: AUGUST 2015

Introduction:

The days of the summer at The Global Child have certainly been very busy. Summer school has been in full swing and the weekends have been packed with lots of fun activities! In July, we were so happy to welcome our new volunteers, Teacher Kyle and Teacher Maggie from Union College. The students continue to work very hard and achieve wonderful accomplishments both inside and outside the classroom. Please read on to get some details about everything that is happening at The Global Child and Joe to Go Restaurant and Cafe.

Outreach Mentoring Program

As the regular school year came to an end in early August so did the Outreach Mentoring Program. This was the third year this program has run through TGC. Led by Teacher Sopha, TGC students on three separate occasions traveled to the Stueng Braph Shrok school in country outside of Siem Reap to mentor the students on various beneficial activities and daily practices that would be useful. These activities include: proper hand hygiene, hair hygiene, teeth hygiene, and a cooking course for both a main dish called Tong Yum and a dessert. The future plans for the Outreach Mentoring program include activities similar to the hygiene and cooking courses. The future plans also include an additional general knowledge course, which will serve to improve the student's safety from traffic safety to understanding food expiration dates and everything in between. There are more programs that have potential but they depend on the level of funding the program receives.



The Globalteer Olympics

On Sunday, August 2nd, The Global Child, along with every other NGO school in Siem Reap, participated in the third annual Globalteer Olympics. About 1,000 students filled the Chun Lung Sport facility, and had a day packed with games and activities. Each NGO represented a different country during the games by wearing a T-shirt with the flag of the country that was assigned to them; The Global Child's T-shirt had the Japanese flag on it. The day was filled with multiple games and all types of races imaginable; from three legged races to king ball to an impromptu football tournament. The Globalteer Olympic games gave all the students a wide range of choice in games to choose from. Many of these games required the students to use teamwork and usually the teams were made up of multiple NGOs, which are valuable lessons and best taught in the form of a game. The whole event was planned by the Goals for Girls soccer team, four of its members are TGC students. At the end of the day everyone had a great time and all the NGOs received medals for their participation.



Grade 9 Exams

Great news! On August 10th and 11th TGC's grade 9 students woke up bright and early to take the Grade 9 exams at Angkor High School. The results showed that every TGC student passed! They will all be moving up to grade 10.



Bird Watching - Banteay Meanchey

This August, several of The Global Child students packed into a bus at 5:30 in the morning and headed off to Banteay Meanchey province for a bird watching trip organized through the Sam Veasna Center. One night a week, students have the opportunity to take a class at the Sam Veasna Center (SVC), which is conveniently located right down the road from TGC. SVC is a local organization, which works to educate people about sustainability and conservation in Cambodia through ecotourism. Both Teacher Chhaylon and Teacher Maggie accompanied the students on the long trip. While in Banteay



Meanchey province the group visited the Sarus Crane Reserve where we stood and observed the wildlife on top of a huge dam built during the Khmer Rouge Regime. We saw different wildlife and many birds including Pelicans and Giant Ibis. Along with the bird watching, we enjoyed a delicious home cooked lunch and had the opportunity to walk around a small artisan village where we observed the process of weaving silks and Kroma, a traditional Cambodian fabric. The trip was certainly lots of fun filled with music, education, birds, and lots of picture taking.

What's New at Joe to Go

Joe to Go has made some very exciting additions this summer. We have recruited four students' mothers to work in the various aspects of the café. Two have been trained as cooks, one as a cleaner, part-time server, and cooking helper, and the last has been trained as a cook's helper. It has been an amazing opportunity for the mothers to work supporting their children's school and to learn new valuable skills. Along with the addition of the mothers, three different students have been trained to work at Joe to Go as part time servers. First, one the senior boys has been hired to keep busy while learning in hopes of gaining some professional experience in the service industry which someday he hopes to join. He has been working for 8 months now and has been successfully managing his rigorous schedule while he prepares for his final year of high school. Second, two girls from grade 10 have been accepted as part time interns from August until the end of September. They too have to manage very



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busy schedules while keeping up their schoolwork, responsibilities at home, and working as Joe to Go everyday.

In other news, Joe to Go has been awarded the 2015 Certificate of Excellence Award given by TripAdvisor, but based on traveler's reviews. This is the third year in a row Joe to Go has achieved this honor. Lastly, our Chef has been accepted into a free three-month training program at the Victoria Hotel Angkor and Resort. This program includes practical cooking training at the hotel. We hope that our chef gains knowledge to bring back to Joe to Go to implement and pass on to the other cooks. <http://www.victoriaangkorhotel.com/>

Some Very Exciting News

Recently, Teacher Maggie was very lucky to witness something very special with one of the older students working at Joe to Go. She was eating at Joe to Go when she overheard one of the customers complaining about her food, refusing to eat something she ordered, and informing the waiter (a TGC student) that she would not pay for the food. As the student walked by her table, Teacher Maggie tried to comfort the student and quickly give some advice on how to address the situation. Once the situation seemed to be defused, Teacher Maggie went to the counter to pay and was interrupted by the unsatisfied woman from earlier. Unsure about how the customer would react and even more unsure about how the student would handle himself, Maggie stepped back and watched but was ready to step in if needed. To her great surprise the student handled the whole situation with unbelievable poise and grace as he explained to the woman that it was store policy that she had to pay and that he was very sorry and wished she would have a good day. To say that Teacher Maggie was proud would likely be an understatement. After teaching this student for only two months she had quickly learned all about the student's carefree attitude, which seemed to get him in trouble more often than not. As a result when observing this change in behavior Teacher Maggie could hardly believe her eyes and it seemed as though she was looking at a completely different student. It appears that this job at Joe to Go has really allowed this student to learn and mature in more ways than one, which is really something to be proud of.



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

Warmest Regards,
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