



News from Cambodia: November/December, 2017

Greetings from Cambodia to everyone who is in some way involved with the Happy Days education program in the Trach Commune Rural Village area of North West Cambodia.

I would like to briefly update you on some wonderful initiatives taken by 29 Manly visitors to the HAPPY DAYS CAMBODIAN VILLAGE SCHOOL CHARITY in November/December 2017.

Students visit Cambodia from St Pauls College & St Augustines College

A group of 18 year old students from St Paul's College & St Augustine's College, Manly Warringah, spent "schoolies week" doing noble work working with rice farming peasant families living in poverty.



Comfortable well ventilated 1 room rural village living for a family of 6. No electricity. No running water. Third world living at its best.

The boys learned to help with the rice harvest from sponsored student Srey Neang.



The boys assisted students at Srevibolker School. Youngest girl in picture is 6. Oldest boy is 15.



The group agreed their week-long visit to Vibolker was the greatest experience of their life.

Thank you boys. You were fantastic ambassadors.

Happy Days

Rural village families in Cambodia are as poor as they come. Yet the rice farming area supported by the Happy Days charity has some of the happiest faces on the planet. Thank you for their new school uniforms.



No fluoride here...

This 54 year old toothless grandmother was happy to see us visiting her district for 23rd time. There is no fluoride here. Or running water. Or tooth brushes. The farmers just chew beetle nut all day. I don't think it works.



Truckloads of rice

Happy Days provides 1,230 primary school children attending the Propel Primary School a before school breakfast program averaging approx. \$1,000 per month. Rice costs \$35 US for a 50 kg bag or A\$1/kg.



Sponsored teacher

Mr Mao is a sponsored school music teacher. Happy Days pays his salary of \$10 per week plus educational scholarship for his daughter Pisey, the number 1 student at Hun Sen High School (year 12).



Passport out of poverty

Penniless mum of 4 expressing gratitude for her daughter, Pach Tong, a Year 12 sponsored student receiving education in Siem Reap. She made Mike a hand woven bed mat to sleep on. The clothes on her back the only clothes she owns. We gave her 4 sarongs and Tong Pach a passport out of poverty.



Stationery & art supplies



Pencils, a colouring book and a biro.

Treasured gifts

A new shirt to last a year.



Kids love art and all stationery equipment is donated from Happy Days, Australia.

Treasured gifts when you have nothing.

The Great City of Angkor

Sponsored year 9 students climbing 10th century ruins of a once great region ANGKOR, the first city in the world to have a population of a million people a thousand years ago.



Manly Warringah Schoolies Week students have been having a marvellous time sharing the joy.



Happy faces. Happy days. ☺

Stella Maris College students visit Cambodia

529 students at the Happy Days sponsored Srevibolker School welcomed 14 students from Stella Maris College, Manly who are doing the Gold Medal Duke of Edinburgh this month.



1,200 sparkling white shirts donated by Stella Maris. The children's only shirt for the year. Great joy followed with students sharing singing, dancing, and gift giving.



Thank you Stella Maris college. The students really loved your joyful heartfelt presence.

Thank you for your support

On behalf of the marvellous young beneficiaries of your generosity, we thank you.



We extend our sincere gratitude to local residents, schools and clubs in Manly Warringah for kindly assisting with your ongoing support of the **Happy Days Charity**:

- Curl Curl North Public School
- Dee Why Public School
- Forestville Public School
- Freshwater High School
- Killarney Heights Public School
- Manly Warringah Cricket Club
- Manly Warringah Netball Association
- Newport Public School
- Stella Maris College, Manly (SMC)
- St Pauls College, Manly (SPC)

Join us for a life changing experience!

Please join us for a life changing experience late June or November 2018, or provide financial assistance to our education programs with a Xmas present of a tax deductible donation as directed at the right.

Suzanne & Mike Pawley, OAM

Happy Days!

Our aim is to create awareness of the poverty affecting schooling in Cambodia and to provide aid to impoverished children striving for an education in very difficult circumstances.

By working closely with our Cambodian friends, we can make a difference. A little money can do so much to change opportunities for kids who deserve the same chance in life that ours have had.



To make a donation

You can make a tax deductible donation to the Happy Days Cambodian Village School Inc via:

1. **EFT** to Global Development Group:
 - **BSB:** 064 118
 - **Account:** 10200094
 - **Ref:** Partner J951N
2. **CHEQUE** to 'Global Development Group'
 - Project Number: J951N
 - PO Box 651, Rochedale, South QLD, 4123

3. **SECURELY ONLINE:** www.gdg.org.au/give

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