

Entertainment and Games Galore with New Zealand High School Group!



(NZ Group performs Maori warriors Haka!)

What a great time we had when 24 students and 8 adult chaperones visited NFC bringing gifts, games, entertainment and much needed funds! They shared some of their culture with us by performing beautiful traditional Maori songs and ending with the terrifying "Maori Warrior's Haka". It was wonderful to see them perform!

Afterwards we all joined in games fueled by the much needed sports equipment they brought, volleyballs, footballs and many things for the smaller children as well.

UK Bike Race a Huge Success Raising Funds for NFC!



Thanks to Tony Sparrow for recruiting and three British bikers who used their skill and determination to raise funds for NFC. We can't thank them enough! They did 17 hours of cycling over 3 days, covering 240 miles at an average speed of over 14 miles/hour. They said they saw many places they wouldn't ordinarily get to see and some beautiful countryside. They were fortunate to have good weather a majority of the trip and, most importantly, over £2350 was raised for NFC. When the O2 Charity Matching and Gift Aid are added, this totals a staggering £4500 – this will make huge difference for the NFC children in Cambodia. You are our heroes!

Swimming with Elisabeth



One of our mature volunteers, Elisabeth, who has lived in Phnom Penh for several years, is now taking some of the younger children for swimming lessons at a local pool. It is an exciting event for the kids and an important skill to learn in a country where water abounds!

## High Achievers at NFC!

After the long summer holiday, all of our students are now back at school, here are some of their successes:



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Chea Sopheak (photo on following page) and Luy Sokkiang (above) graduated from high school and have taken loans out through Golden Futures to study at universities.



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Chork Ratana (above) has also graduated from high school and is being sponsored to study at the Institute of Technology Cambodia (ITC) by one of our donors, Virginie, who lives in Cambodia.

Three new students are going to study at PSE in addition to the 10 that are starting their

second year. Four children have passed an important exam from grade 9 to 10.

### New Education Manager

We are very pleased to have Hun Sophea join our team! She is filling the role of Education Manager. Previously she worked at another NGO as the executive director's assistant and administrator. She is now in charge of the educational programs inside and outside of NFC. She would like to say that she is very happy to be working with all the children at NFC!

# Website Developer in our Midst!

One of our students, Cheat Hean, has been paid to create a website for Phnom Penh Tuk Tuk. Please take a look at it. His skills may be of help to you in the future!

www.phnompenhtuktuk.com

The website lists typical destinations and prices. One of the destinations can be NFC! Hean is working on another paid project, a more extensive website for a theater professional.

# Rabbit Island Survivor Challenge



15 of the older children at NFC participated in a "Survivor Challenge Weekend" at Kep and Rabbit Island. It was a weekend of challenges and competitions for the children, the first being an unexpected one, making it across to Rabbit Island in a small boat amid huge waves! Many thanks to the people from the Attitude Center for Education (ACE) for leading the event and to Golden Futures for providing the funds for the event.

Congratulations to Ly Borey, who was chosen as the best leader, and to Luy Sokkiang, the runner up!

#### Film Class - Doch Mnorsen

Nine of the older children, accompanied by a staff member, have been attending a film class held at Chris Merritt's apartment. After a movie, Chris emails questions about it. The responses are discussed before viewing the next film. The idea is to use the content as a vehicle to understand the dilemmas people face. It starts the children thinking about the decisions made and the relationships of the characters, the morals of the characters and the effect it all has on the outcome of the story. It also encourages the children to think about their own personal goals. Some of the films shown and discussed are Gorillas in the Mist, Bend it like Beckham, Finding Nemo, Schindler's List, Freedom Writers, Bridge to Terabithia, Step Up, Peaceful Warrior, Slum Dog Millionaire and Gandhi.

## NFC Switches to ACLEDA Bank!



We have changed the location of our primary NFC account and opened two additional bank accounts at ACLEDA Bank; one for the Golden Futures Fund and another for the Education Sponsorship Fund. This should make it easier for us to track the use of donations for different purposes.

#### Other NFC News:

Kids have been flocking to the computer lab since the introduction of some new educational computer games, such as Penguin Diner and the Spiderman spelling game. In computer class they are being taught how to use the many features of a

sophisticated mail system, Gmail, and are being introduced to the names of basic computer software features.

**Members from Tiny Tunes** came to teach break dancing for all of the children. It was a fun filled day to say the least!

"A New Future – with a little help from my friends!" One of NFC's graduates, Dang Kosal, has finished a film centered on NFC. The film is about one of the boys at NFC, Chhoun Roth. After weeks of filming and editing the task is finally complete. Kosal plans a showing of it at NFC within the next couple of weeks.

A **TV and DVD player have been donated** to NFC. Thank you so much Virginie!

We have created a **discipline commission composed of NFC children** for helping to deal with any issue relating to bad behavior at NFC.

### Chea Sopheak Interns at CSI!



One of our girls, Chea Sopheak, had the opportunity to be a short term intern at Cooperative Services International (CSI), a medical clinic for the poor. She is preparing for a career in medicine. CSI is our next door neighbor.

### Special Thanks to our Heroes!

Among many, NFC would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to the following people and groups who have recently donated to NFC; Tony & Pamela Sparrow, Sarah Wakeford and the New Zealand Rangitoto High School students, Mel White, Bill Carpenter and Joe Hoffman.

## **NFC's Financial Status**

Sincere thanks to all those who have been helping us out during these tough economic times! We've been able to meet our bills so far, but we are still in a money crunch. Our lease is up soon and we have found a good place to move to with a 5-year lease. A donor has recently pledged to donate \$5,000 towards the rent deposit, renovation costs and moving expenses. If you can help out with the other \$3,500 needed for the move or with the money needed for the monthly budget, it would be greatly appreciated.



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## **Methods for Donating to New Future for Children:**

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"KNL Foundation"

with comment line: "for NFC" and send it to:

**KNL** Foundation 679 Bridgeway Sausalito, CA 94965

#### Cambodia -

Drop off cash or a check donation made out to "New Future for Children" (receipts available):

Corner Street 313 and Street 566 Boeung Kak I. Toul Kork

Deposit a check or cash into NFC account:

Beneficiary Name: New Future for Children Beneficiary Account: No: 3600-20-642444-1-4 Beneficiary Bank: ACLEDA Bank Plc., Head Office, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

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