

Welcome to the latest NFC newsletter. New Future for Children is a nonprofit, non-governmental organization (NGO).



## 1st Performance of the Stick Dance by Younger Children!

Tingtong and Syna did a good job in their first public performance of the Stick Dance. Cheata and So Me also performed it for the first time in public as well. Please enjoy the video through this Link:

[Tingtong-Syna Stick Dance](#)



## In its 10th year, NFC is still Vibrant in Helping Children! Can you Help NFC Survive?

One of the things I love about NFC is that it is constantly finding ways to improve the environment, health, safety and especially the educational opportunities for the children in its care. **Our biggest challenge is finding funds for the children's basic needs, such as food, rent, utilities and salaries for the Cambodians that care for and protect these children. Can you help us to do this?**



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## New NFC PSE students!

We are very happy to have four NFC students; **Ngoun Seiha, Em Champha, Chea Chansreyda** and **Sor Pech**, start study at Pour un Sourire D'Enfant (PSE) to study vocations in cooking and baking. We have had several graduates from PSE obtain good jobs immediately after graduation and know that it is an excellent school for vocational training. We wish them the best and look forward to their culinary creations!



## NFC Students Achievements

### The Westline School:

Grade 8: (Total students = 28)

**Sorn Tola** #4 in Jan

Grade 9: (Total Students = 12)

1. **Lang Sokheng** #1 Dec, Jan & Feb  
#3 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

2. **Ngoun Dara** #1 1<sup>st</sup> Semester;  
#2 Dec, Jan & Feb

Grade 12: 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Exam:

(Note: 25.00 "Pass", Max = 50.00)

1. **Thy Vitchheang** Average 44
2. **Chhorn Laluy** 41
3. **Hang Sochann** 41

### NFC Classes Results:

Primary Class - Group 1:

1. **Ngoun Cheata** #1 Dec, Jan, Feb & Mar

Primary Class - Group 2:

1. **Lang Syna** #1 Dec & Feb
2. **Ngoun Tingtong** #1 Jan
3. **Lay Sovanronika** #1 Mar

2ndary Class - Group 1:

1. **Nouch Sareoun** #1 Jan
2. **Sao Pheasa** #1 Jan



## Sao Pheasa passes ANGLIA English Exam

Congratulations to **Sao Pheasa** who passed the ANGLIA English exam at the advanced level. She took the exam at New World Institute.

3. **Thy Vitchheang** #2 Jan; #1 Feb
4. **Ny Samnim** #1 Feb, #2 Mar
5. **Pet Sreypov** #1 Dec
6. **So Vannak** #2 Dec
7. **Chhorn Laluy** #1 Mar

### 2ndary Class - Group 2:

1. **Im Touch** #2 Dec
2. **Ngoun Dara** #1 Jan
3. **Sorn Sreychom** #1 Dec & Mar; #2 Jan



## Study Tour in Siem Reap by Hean's Class

In February, **Cheat Hean**, an NFC university student, went on a 3-day study tour to Siem Reap with his 3D Animation class. The purpose of the study tour was to help the students understand the story of the Angkor Empire. At the end of the tour, the students had to create a 5 to 10 minute video clip about the Angkor Empire, their wars with other nations, construction of Angkor and people's lives during Angkor Era. Hean enjoyed and learned a great deal from the study tour. He and his class went to see many temples such as; Angkor Thom, Angkor Wat, Ta Prum, Banteay Srey and they also visited the National Museum in Siem Reap.





## Profile of Cheat Hun

**Cheat Hun** is one of the NFC university students who lives at the NFC Midway House. He is 22 years old. Before coming to NFC he lived with his family, who were very poor. His mother made less than \$3 a day to feed 5 children and to provide them with school supplies and the uniforms that they needed to attend school. As the family's financial situation worsened, Hun and his younger brother, Hean, were accepted into NFC in May 2003. Among other things, Hun and Hean really enjoyed the English Classes at NFC.

Hun attended Khmer traditional Dance and Music classes at NFC. In 2008 Hun joined break dance training provided by Tinytoones and excelled at it. Later he taught break dance lessons as a part time job and continued training the break dance students at NFC.

Hun applied for and was chosen as a clinical medical trainee at "All Ears



## Party Sponsored by Kerry and his Friends

On the 29th of December, **Kerry Sieh**, one of our major donors, came to visit NFC with several of his friends from the USA. Two of his friends surprised us with a donation of \$4,200 that they had raised at a fund raiser at their home! Thank you **Matthew & Dean!**

The guests were entertained by the children performing Khmer Traditional Dances and Break Dances. After the performances, we all enjoyed a delicious meal of Thai curry, baked fish, chicken, corn, soft drinks and Khmer desserts followed by the opportunity for everyone to dance to Khmer traditional and modern music.

Cambodia", an excellent NGO that serves the needs of hearing impaired in Cambodia. He has been in training for 6 months learning about the anatomy of the Ear, Nose and Throat and how to treat diseases of the ear that are related to these organs. He loves the work he does and looks forward to being a fully trained medical technician at the end of the two year program. In addition, Hun is also studying English Literature at PPIU.



## Ly Borey Laptop Donation through Belinda

Borey is very thankful to **Belinda Haydon's friend Russell** for finding a donation of a very good laptop for use in Borey's study of Architecture at the Royal University of Fine Arts!



## Lisa takes on Teaching Primary Class



## Weekly Football Games with Tinytoones

**Lo Rotha** scores a goal in the latest football game with Tinytoones. We now have several teams competing, including a girls team, on Sunday afternoons from 2 - 5 p.m. with children from Tinytoones. It's a great way for our kids to remain healthy and to meet children outside of the orphanage.



## Improved Hygiene for NFC Kitchen

Our amazing cook, **Hout Mary**, stands in front of a new food preparation table built by NFC staff with funds donated by Elisabeth to help improve kitchen hygiene at NFC. We are constantly looking for ways to improve health and safety at NFC!



**Lisa Orth**, a year long German volunteer, has accepted the challenge of teaching English to the NFC primary class. We are thankful for her enthusiasm and creativity in working to keep the attention and educate these energetic young students!



## 75 Hong Kong Students visit NFC

The **Maryknoll Secondary School of Hong Kong** visited NFC with 75 of their female students bringing bags of rice, food, enthusiasm and talent!

The NFC students performed traditional Khmer and break dancing while the Hong Kong girls reciprocated with a performance by their award winning acapella choir which was truly amazing and quite novel to the NFC children.

Afterwards they broke into groups and played Khmer and Chinese games, volleyball, football and the NFC students learned how to make birds out of paper from the Hong Kong students.



## Kerry Supports Vitchheang to study English & Maths

**Kerry Sieh** provided funds for Thy Vtchheang to study English at the Australian Center for Education and to have tutoring in maths in order to increase his chances of obtaining a scholarship to study overseas. He also provided a new bicycle for him to make the trip to ACE for English lessons.



## Open House for Vulnerable Children's Parent's

On the 2nd of March NFC hosted the first open house for meeting with the parents of the vulnerable children at NFC.

**Socheat, the director of NFC**, spoke of all the services provided to these vulnerable children and the parents were very appreciative. For many of them, this was the first time they had visited NFC.

The children performed two traditional Khmer dances including the first, public performance of the Stick Dance by our youngest children (just recently learned by them!), followed by a break dance performance. The parent's were very pleased and impressed! Afterwards photos were taken of the parents with their children.

The parents brought food from their home towns and we all enjoyed a wonderful meal of Khmer curry with noodles. The event was so successful NFC plans to host it every year!



## Volunteer from KPMG Audits NFC's Accounting!

We had the good fortune of having **Michael Carolan** from KPMG in England audit NFC's accounting for the last two years! After three weeks of work he found everything balanced correctly and produced an excellent document outlining NFC's accounting procedures and defining the ongoing processes for weekly and monthly checks of critical items. Thanks so much for sharing your expertise with us! It was a real pleasure to have you work with us as well!





## King's Cremation Ceremony

On February 4, 2013 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The former King's cremation ceremony came on the fourth day of a seven day royal funeral ceremony and nearly four months since his death in Beijing last October. Foreign leaders from 16 countries attended the cremation ceremony.



## Visitors from Rochester, Minnesota, USA Paint Stage Floor and Water Jars!

This picture above is one of the creative designs drawn by children visiting from Minnesota and NFC kids. A group of 24 from the USA accompanied by 10 local Khmer children visited NFC on the 12th of January and joined in activities to improve the property and shared performances with the NFC kids.

## Donations from Tony Sparrow's Cross Country Biking Tour

**Tony Sparrow** sponsored another cross country biking tour in England raising several thousand dollars for the children at NFC! We are so thankful to Tony, the participants and sponsors for their ongoing support of the children at NFC!



## Vitchheang places 5th for UWC Scholarship

After three exams followed by doing a live presentation, **Thy Vitchheang** placed 5th out of the 89 entrants for a scholarship to a United World College (UWC) in a foreign country (there is no UWC in Cambodia). This meant he had the opportunity to accept a partial scholarship that would cover 25% of the enrollment and living expenses for a two year program. This is quite an achievement!

He was not able to find a sponsor for the other 75% (about \$43,000 USD total for living and tuition expenses for the two year program). Once the two year program was





## Help Henry and NFC Stay Afloat!

From the 7th April to the 2nd May (26 days) Henry Dawson will be swimming 65 lengths a day in a 25 metre pool. At the finish of his swimming he will have covered a distance equivalent to the distance of running a marathon. You can donate to NFC through supporting his quest and follow his progress starting on April 7th by picking:

### [Henry's Swim Marathon](#)

His original plan was to run a marathon but an ankle injury precluded that choice, so a friend suggested he do a swimathon instead.



## Dr. Richard Wagner - Surgery for Sor Pech, Lo Rotha

We were very fortunate to have Dr.

completed UWC would have provided a four year, full scholarship, including living expenses, to attend a university in the USA (estimated value of \$140,000 total for the four years).

Vitchheang is continuing his pursuit of an education overseas and is considering taking English classes in Singapore as a step along the way.



## Chris Retires from the position of Advisor to Director

After almost six years volunteering as advisor to director and managing donor relations at New Future for Children **Chris Merritt** has decided it is time to retire from the role of advisor to director. I will continue the role of managing donor relations and helping with fund raising. Officially I resigned at the 12th of March 2013 NFC Board of Director's meeting. I will continue to be available as a volunteer consultant in the transition of responsibilities over the next few months to the staff and to partner organisations. I

**Richard Wagner** from the USA return to Cambodia and be willing to perform nose surgery on two of our children, Sor Pech and Lo Rotha. The surgeries were successful and we are thankful that the quality and health of these children's lives has been improved!



## Thanks to donors and fund raisers!

For this period I would like to especially thank:

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am thankful to the Director, Suon Socheat, and NFC Board members for understanding and being supportive of the decision.

New Future for Children has a new Board of Directors that are taking a much more active role and will be able to take on some of my previous responsibilities, including weekly oversight of donated funds as their signature will be required for all withdrawals from the NFC bank account.

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as advisor to director and work to help the wonderful children at New Future for Children! I will miss seeing them on a daily basis and working with the kind staff and volunteers at NFC. I do intend to keep in contact with them. I hope that all of you will please continue your support of these children through New Future for Children!

I plan to stay in Phnom Penh in the foreseeable future, continue my donor relations and fund raising work with NFC and continue my work as a member of the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh Metro, but also to spend more time pursuing my own personal life.



## New NFC Board of Directors

I am happy to report that we have a new, active board of directors for New Future for Children that will help lead NFC into the future! The members are **Srun**

Valerie McCall  
Florent Zwiers  
Henry Dawson  
Lee Abrams  
Anne Louise Gjemmestad  
Reidun  
Stephen Price & David Banh  
Trond & Tone  
Nan van Houte

**Phana**, Director of the Attitude Center for Education, **Elisabeth Gjemmestad**, our childhood development and hygiene consultant, **Romi de Jong** and **Gerardine Scully** who are also experienced professionals ready to take on any task.



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