

NEWSLETTER

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KEEP ON KEEPING ON

It has been a while since we last gave an update. Much has happened around the world and inevitably we are also grappling with the challenges of the pandemic. Still, it does not deter us from doing what we have always been doing.

In this issue, we will share the good reports and upcoming events. I hope it will also encourage you to keep on keeping on, no matter what you may be facing at the moment.



Due to the current travel restrictions, many of our events had to be cancelled. Even though we are affected, the poor and underprivileged in the villages of Cambodia need us even more during this time. Thankfully, with the help of local volunteers, commune and village heads, we put together COVID Care packages that consisted of food provision, reusable masks, hand sanitisers and some cash for them.

In May and August 2020, we distributed the COVID Care packages to a total of 127 households from 11 villages. They are selected from the poorest households with school-going children or elderly. Distance will not stop us from meeting the needs of the Cambodians. Thank you for being a part of what we are doing!

GLOBAL OUTREACH

Our Thrift Store @ Yishun is still collecting preloved items as part of our Project Trash to Treasure. The items are made available to underprivileged families in our community and different parts of the world to support relief work.

Earlier this year, we distributed a batch of clothes to the Philippines. In August 2020, we partnered with Willing Hearts, a local charity to send 1,000kg of clothes including adult, children and warmwear to bless the underprivileged in Europe.

If you have any pre-loved items or are looking for a good bargain, you are welcome to visit us! Net proceeds from the Thrift Store go towards supporting our works in Singapore and Cambodia.







"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." — Margaret Mead



SOL 1ST GALA DINNER

We held our 1st Gala Dinner on 1st Dec 2019 to raise fund for The Learners' Village in Cambodia. We are thankful for the support and generous donations that contributed to the event's success.

We were delighted to have the Cambodian Ambassador, His Excellency Mr Nguon Sokveng with us and he was pleased with our efforts to build the Cambodian community. It was a wonderful evening filled with meaningful engagements including the art auction and lovely performances such as the brilliant song item by Dr Benny Prasad and his wife, Zanbeni.

We raised a total of S\$143,600. After taking account of the expenses, S\$104,800 is going towards the building project.





LEARNERS' VILLAGE

The amount raised at the Gala Dinner, together with S\$100,000 raised through several tea sessions in 2019 brought the total amount raised to S\$250,000. This brings us closer to the S\$1.5 million target needed to complete the first phase of the building project.

The plan is to first lay the foundation for the entire site, which the Building Advisory team has started sending tenders pack to potential contractors. As we are not supported by any corporate entity or institutions, we need all the help to build the Learners' Village. We can only start building in phases as the funds come in. The earlier we can raise the funds, the sooner we can see the completion of the building and start serving the community. Yet through it all, the Lord reminded us to let His people build. Please pray with us that the seed, or the call to build, will grow in the hearts of everyone who knows of this need.

We hope you will join us in spreading the word about this meaningful project and pledge to raise \$\$10,000 each in the next 10 to 12 months among your friends and business associates. Build a school, empower generations! If every \$\$10,000 is a brick, then let us build 'brick by brick' to make the dreams of the underprivileged youth and children come true. Partner us in empowering them!

TEAM UPDATE

Brother Chorn Sok, our volunteer for many years had a serious fall from the roof in February this year and suffered from a severe head injury and bleeding. Being the sole breadwinner, this greatly affected his family. When the local doctors wanted to take him off the ventilator and give up on him, God intervened! Although he lost so much weight over a few months, he is slowly but surely progressing in the journey of recovery.

On behalf of Bro Chorn and his family, thank you to all donors who gave generously towards his medical fees and provided for his family's needs.

Pastor Mot, a local Cambodian pastor who has been opening his church premises for our ministry was found to have a brain tumour in May this year, and it was subsequently confirmed as brain cancer. Apart from the love and financial support from our donors and volunteers, your prayers are greatly appreciated by the family.







UPCOMING EVENTS

> SiloamXperience Reunion via Zoom

This will be the first time our Singapore and Cambodia communities get to meet and connect with each other all at once via the virtual space! It will be so much fun! RVSP here.

Learners' Village Virtual Fundraising

This year, we are bringing the event online! It is happening on December 6, 2020 so save the date! More details to follow.

GET INVOLVED

➤ **Give** via PayNow (UEN:201308672D)*

*A small portion of your donation will be used to cover administrative expenses. To give towards The Learners' Village, please email for details.

Pray for us, especially those battling sickness.

Join our Zoom prayer session held every last Sunday of the month at 8:30PM (SGP) or 7:30PM (KHM) to pray with the Cambodians. WhatsApp us @ +65 8859-8473 to register. Log in details will be sent nearer to date.

> Volunteer in the storehouse or our events.