

HOPE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

TEACHING SKILLS, CHANGING FUTURES

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PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA

DONATIONS FROM BRIDGE OF HOPE BRING JOY

When the Bridge of Hope Board members visited the school this spring, they brought with them three large boxes full of donations from Korea. The boxes contained carefully cleaned and folded items of clothing that were ready for new owners.

We wanted to make sure that students had the opportunity to receive these gifts. Administrator Mony and Teacher Linda placed the clothing according to size on tables in the chapel. Then we invited the students class by class to come to the chapel and select items for themselves or their family members.

The HVS students live in the neighborhood surrounding the school which is in a rural area outside the city of Phnom Penh. As you can see from the picture below, students were happy and excited to receive the gifts.

A LIBRARY FOR HVS

One of the first pieces of school furniture purchased for HVS was a beautiful bookcase locally made by a Cambodian craftsman. The shape of the bookcase reminded us of the United Methodist flame and cross emblem. We decided to use the bookcase to hold the first library books. Right now, we don't have many books, but we imagine the day when we will need to purchase more cases to hold our collection.





TEACHER HIGHLIGHT: MS. LINDA CHHOUAN

English Teacher Linda has been teaching since 2020. She is passionate about teaching and dedicated to incorporating technology into her classroom. Her students are active learners who constantly work to improve their English with recitation exercises and role play activities. Teacher Linda says, "teaching enables me to be creative, continuously learn, and develop deep connections that extend beyond the classroom." She loves spending time with her extended family, especially her newborn niece. Teacher Linda hopes her students will use their skills in "countless meaningful ways."



STUDENT HIGHLIGHT: SAMNANG NITETHANAN

Samnang is seventeen years old, and his dream is to become a graphic designer. He knows that proficiency in English will help him succeed in the specialized training required for that profession. He also wants to improve his English so he can communicate better with foreigners. He is passionate about listening to music and writing music. His favorite singers are Billie Eilish, Grace Abrams, and Melanie Martinze because he loves "their whisper voices and creativity." Samnang says, "I value people who are kind and respectful of others." He is a model HVS student.



In Cambodia it is customary for teachers and administrators to greet students as they arrive to school. Left to Right: English Teacher Socheat, Korean Teacher Nak, Computer Teacher Samol, English Teacher Linda, Head of School Delecia Carey, Administrator Mony Peou.



Hope Vocational School is a combined project of Bridge of Hope, a Korean NGO, and Global Ministries. To support the school, you may donate to the Cambodian Mission Initiative Advance #00230A and indicate that your donation is for HVS.

