## HOPE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

## **TEACHING SKILLS, CHANGING FUTURES**

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PHNOM PENH, CAMBODA

### HVS HOLDS PARENT-TEACHER OPEN HOUSE

When Bridge of Hope and GBGM began dreaming about Hope Vocational School, the plan was to enroll only young adults. And there are certainly young adult students studying here. But it soon became obvious that there is a great demand for after-school classes for youth as well. Consequently, we expanded our admission criteria to include younger students.

Research shows that when parents are involved in a school, student performance improves. So we decided to hold an Open House for parents and students. Teachers distributed midterm progress reports and held short conferences. The level of student engagement showed as they admired their posted grades.

It was such a success that we decided to hold another Open House at the end of the term.



# ADMINISTRATOR MRS. MONY PEOU

Mrs. Mony was the first person HVS hired, and she has been keeping everything operating smoothly since day one. As a small, new school, HVS has a fairly shallow administrative structure. Mrs. Mony operates as the receptionist, registrar, translator, dean of students, dean of faculty, and more. It is obvious how much the students love her, and we are fortunate she is here.





#### TEACHER HIGHLIGHT: MR. SEM SOCHEAT



The newest member of the HVS faculty, Teacher Socheat joined us a few weeks after school started to help meet the high demand for evening English classes. He has been an English teacher off and on for many years, and we are thankful he chose to return to the classroom when he did. When he is not teaching, reading and spending time with his family occupy him. He also plays the guitar. Teacher Socheat is the unofficial HVS photographer because he is always recording the activities of the students and the school.

### STUDENT HIGHLIGHT: NHONH MENG HENG



Fifteen-year-old Nhonh Meng Heng studies English at Hope Vocational School. Most students learn about HVS by word of mouth, and Nhonh is no exception. He decided to enroll because his friend was already enjoying the school. Like many boys his age, his favorite activity is playing football, but he also enjoys watching movies and reading books. Nhonh aspires to be a policeman, and he knows English will help him advance in his job. He says, "Thank you HVS for giving me a chance to study here."



On 3 May, HVS hosted visitors from Gangnam Seungeun Korean Methodist Church. Pictured left to right: Global Mission Fellow Gwanghui Jeong, Missionary Youngil Kim, Lay Elder Jiwon Chung, Rev. Sungmin Lee, Principal Missionary Delecia Carey and her husband Missionary Tom Carey. Rev. Lee made a gift to the school on behalf of his church, and afterwards, the church held a book drive for Korean books to contribute to the growing library at HVS.





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