

HOPE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

TEACHING SKILLS, CHANGING FUTURES

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KIEN SVAY DISTRICT,
KANDAL PROVINCE, CAMBODIA

HVS STUDENTS PRACTICE ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS with GLOBAL MISSION FELLOWS

On 23 July the population of HVS nearly doubled. 49 Global Mission Fellows from the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church along with many trainers and staff arrived at our doorstep in two enormous buses. They were in Cambodia for training and commissioning prior to beginning their missionary service at postings all over the world. The Global Mission Fellows program is a two-year service initiative for young adults aged 20-30 to engage with local communities, address social justice issues, and connect the church in global mission. The GMF candidates came, saw, and participated in God's mission at HVS.

Prior to the visit, the HVS teachers assigned conversation groups of three or four English language students. Each guest received a color-coded "Ticket for Conversation." After touring the school, the GMFs located their groups. Lively conversation ensued, sometimes aided by GoogleTranslate. The HVS students enjoyed practicing their language skills, and the GMFs enjoyed getting to know some Cambodian youth after spending a week in this beautiful country.

The visit ended too soon. As the sun set and the guests re-boarded the buses, a Ting Mong parade stopped in front of the school. These large human-faced figures parade through villages during the rainy season. It was a serendipitous opportunity for the GMFs to observe an authentic Cambodian folk custom while experiencing a festive end to a great day.



HVS Students get to know GMF candidates from all over the world.



Students and GMFs learn that they have many things in common.



A sunset Ting Mong parade ended the day.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT: CHAKTORUNG SARATH



On the first day HVS opened in 2025, Chaktorung was one of the very youngest students; he was only 13 years old. We actually didn't intend to enroll students below high school age, but he was such a diligent worker, we allowed him to stay.

Chaktorung started in Basic English with Teacher Soheat, but he performed so well, he was promoted to English Speaking and Listening Skills with Teacher Linda this year.

He studies at HVS to prepare for university entrance exams. His older brother studies at Institute of Technology of Cambodia, and Chaktorung wants to follow in his footsteps and become a computer scientist. For now, his favorite subject at Javaraman VII High School is math.

In his free time, Chaktorung enjoys playing with his baby brother. He also plays the midfield for his soccer team, The Lions, and is often the player who takes free kicks for his team. We are happy that HVS is part of Chaktorung's busy life!

OPEN HOUSE DOOR PRIZES



We want to encourage the parents of HVS students to feel welcome at school and get involved in the life of our community. This term, at the mid-term Open House, we held a drawing for door prizes for parents. One lucky dad won twice because he has two children enrolled at HVS! He graciously let us re-draw so more parents could get in on the fun.



Hope Vocational School was built by the Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church and its Korean NGO, the Bridge of Hope. To support the school, you may donate to the Cambodian Mission Initiative Advance #00230A and indicate that your donation is for HVS.

