

HOPE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

TEACHING SKILLS, CHANGING FUTURES

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KIEN SVAY DISTRICT,
KANDAL PROVINCE, CAMBODIA



ACTIVE LEARNING STRATEGIES

Korean Cooking Class

Kimbap is a popular Korean treat made of rice and other fillings wrapped in seaweed. It looks like sushi, but the HVS Korean language students will quickly tell you *kimbap* is an entirely different thing.

Educational research tells us that if students experience positive emotional reactions – including enjoyment and sense of belonging at school – they will learn more. So Teacher Kimhourng recently spent a class period teaching HVS Korean language students how to make *kimbap*. When they finished, students sampled the treats and shared them with Dr. Carey. Everyone agreed: it was fun and delicious!

Helping our students learn about Korean culture and food in addition to Korean grammar and vocabulary is one way we can ensure the best possible learning outcomes. We appreciate Teacher Kimhourng's commitment to employing active learning strategies in her classroom.

FROM CLASSROOM TO CONVERSATION

Students in Dr. Carey's "Conversational English" class practice speaking to each other every day. But there is a big difference between talking to one of your classmates and talking to a stranger!

Dr. Carey used a visit by Bridge of Hope Board members to give her students the opportunity to practice speaking English with a new audience. She warned General Kim and Mr. Kim that this was an experiment. But she also told them that she wanted to model risk-taking for the other HVS teachers. Dr. Carey hoped to reassure teachers that they can try new teaching strategies even if the outcomes are uncertain.

In this case, the conversations succeeded admirably. The guests were impressed with the student's fluency, and the students were pleased with themselves for being able to utilize their skills.



HVS WELCOMES SPECIAL GUESTS FROM BRIDGE OF HOPE

In June, General Kim Deukhwan, Board Chairman of Bridge of Hope, and Kim Chang Keun, a Board member, visited Cambodia. Bridge of Hope is one of the most important supporters of HVS, and one reason for their visit was to give them the opportunity to inspect our school and greet teachers and students.

But HVS isn't the only school Bridge of Hope helps support. Bridge of Hope facilitated the donation of forty three-year-old computers to Koki School, a public middle school located less than two miles from HVS.

The computers were from Hansung University in Seoul, Korea. The University replaces its computers every three years. But these three-year-old computers will still have a long and fruitful life at Koki School.



(left to right): Mr. Kim Chang Keun, Dr. Delecia Carey, General Kim Deukhwan.



General Kim Deukhwan and Dr. Carey pose with administrators and students at Koki School. The Deputy Governor of The Kien Svay District Education Department, Sorn Hong Seng, accepts a certificate from General Kim.

Koki School serves over 1,000 students and did not have a computer lab for students prior to this donation. The administration is currently expanding their campus, and one of the newly constructed classrooms will serve as a dedicated computer lab to house the new computers.

At HVS we are hoping to develop our relationship with Koki School. We would like to coordinate our afternoon classes so that more middle school-aged students can attend extra English classes at HVS. Koki uses a rotating schedule and working with them could increase enrollment at HVS and benefit students at Koki. Win-Win!



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.

