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## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2020

Our large team of volunteers consisting of remote area and nurse registered nurses personal carer physiotherapist medical student It consultants and builder/handyman have returned to Australia following an unusual a successful trip that met SSS objectives. I am delighted to say that our Lift The Lip Project financially supported the primary dental care treatment of 500 primary school children and treated 157 adult patients at our free primary health care clinics.

We are currently reviewing our activities as we have been asked by the Provincial Health department to focus on education at Prey Kabas Referral Hospital for the next twelve months and introduce a home visiting program to Prey Kabas midwives. Visiting new Mothers and those identified at risk prior to discharge. A new concept of care for Cambodian midwives but well supported by WHO in many developing countries and common practice in Australia. This is currently a work in progress that is under discussion with our committed clinical midwife Volunteers. Renewal is challenging but also brings new opportunities. However, our July trip will depend on how the Corona Virus impacts the Southern hemisphere.

SSS also donated a new OT bed to be used for women requiring C Sections. Our German Volunteers Sandra and Sebastian Hinz joined us from Munich with donations raised at their workplace Christmas raffles. These donated funds supplied a new OT light to grace the new OT table, baby resuscitation warmer, supplied pharmacy, new laptop for our records and updated our IT requirements. We all appreciated their superior IT skills and their hard work of registering patients each day. We finally were able to purchase our own Tuk Tuk Truck for Village visiting and dental clinics. Commonly called the Barang Mobile it seats about eight Volunteers with their gear or twelve plus Cambodians.

Alistair Brice constructed a dust proof safe storage box for us to store our equipment between trips. This is such a bonus as we no longer concerned about the safety and cleanliness of our equipment. It is a magnificent edifice and may challenge Angkor Wat as one of Cambodia's wonders!

A special mention of Shade McClymont who started with SSS as new grad RN and is now completing his fourth and final year in Medicine. Wonderful achievement Shade and we all wish you well and look to calling you Dr Shade.



*2.The end of Borei Keila*



*1.The Barang Mobile*

And finally, a few pictures of our January trip.

Some things change others remain the same. There is increasing urban poverty in Phnom Penh as land is acquired for rapid development. We wonder where all the children have gone?



*1Certificate presentation of appreciation from Norn Phal, Headmaster to Marcel Campbell.*



*3.Dentist and physio Dr Sophea & Joshua Van Kelkin.*



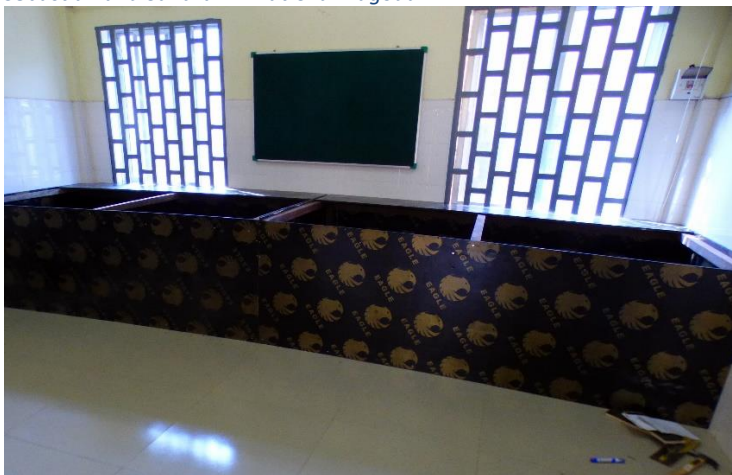
*2. Margaret Brice NT remote area nurse/health services manager teaching children how to care for their teeth*

Soksophea, the girl from Borei Keila, is now in a French residential school for disadvantaged children called Pour Un Soire D'Enfant ( for the smile of a child). I visited the Medical Director on two occasions.

On the second visit I was accompanied by her Mother and younger brother along with colleague Richard Burrowes. Following our discussions the medical director has agreed to have her reviewed at the National Paediatric Hospital with the intention of her receiving a brain scan. We will be following up on her wellbeing.



*Sebastian and Sandra Hinz at Char Pagoda.*



*3 Alistair Brice's magnificent edifice! Thank you, Alistair for all your hard work.*

*From Faye a first time Volunteer.*

*Coming into the SSS. team I didn't know where I was going to fit in or contribute. Having never travelled. As a first-year student nurse and aged care worker I felt a little out of my depth. Marcel and the team quickly put my fears to rest and put me to work doing basic observations on the many people that came to visit us. Sometimes I think just to check us out more than anything. The children with wide eyes, big smiles and impromptu concerts. The older generation with so much gratitude for the care that we showed them, full of blessings to the team*

*The wonder that is Cambodia must be seen felt and smelt to be believed. I ate cricket frogs and snails but drew the line at tarantula and scorpion! Sang Karaoke at a local KTV bar. c'mon Barbie!. Cried as a I listened to stories at the genocide museum and killing fields. Looked on in wonder as the Tuk Tuk driver took us on a tour throughout Phnom Penh.*

*This has been a truly unforgettable experience that will stay with me. Working with healthcare professionals that have made me feel confident in my emerging abilities as a student nurse. I am look forward to the day that I can return with increased skills. I have returned home with great*

A few scenes from our January 2020 trip



Our bicycle Wheels for Words Program was well supported, and we were able to award ten bikes at Krangsla Primary and Secondary School. Five bikes went to disadvantaged children to support their travel to school and encourage their progress and the other five were awarded to identified students that demonstrated civil responsibility in caring for classrooms the environment and school grounds.

Again, I wish to thank those who have supported and donated to Supporting Silk Sisters Project and the volunteers who gave their time energy and skills to make a difference.

*We can't change the World but together we can make a difference.*

Blessings to you all

Best wishes

Marcel