



Monthly e-Newsletter

HFH Cambodia Bags Two Awards



Overjoed HFHC team with Jonathan Reckford

HFH Cambodia won two awards presented at the 2011 Asia Pacific Leadership Conference held on September 12, 2011 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The Isaiah Award recognizes EHOPHHS (Enhancing HIV and OVC Programs with Holistic Housing Solutions), a project that has transformed systems that impact affordable housing. The project clearly demonstrates innovation in program, housing, and community sustainability. It has also mobilized individuals, institutions and partnerships to implement practices that produce and preserve affordable housing for the most vulnerable groups.

HFH Cambodia is the only HFH branch within Asia Pacific to contribute to the response to decreasing the impact of HIV and AIDS by partnering with four local and International NGOs currently running successful programs for PLWHA/OVC in Cambodia - Save the Children Australia, Khemara, Sihanouk Hospital Center of Hope, Sharing Experience for Adapted Development. This program complemented and enhanced the on-going programs of the partner NGOs by providing land, houses and undertaking house repairs for the beneficiaries, in order for them to have safe, decent homes to live in. The 100th EHOPHHS house was built in June 2011, another

sign of the project's success.

The second and the highlight of the evening, is the Nehemiah Award. Neale Kemp, a devoted GV team leader and donor of HFH Cambodia is one of the recipients of the award for distinguished volunteer service. The award was given to the individuals who have shown exceptional service to the mission of Habitat for Humanity in either a local affiliate or other Habitat setting. Recipients of the award have motivated and inspired both individuals and organizations to reach new heights of achievement.

Neale, who is currently leading another GV team in Cambodia, was delighted and humbled upon hearing the news. He appreciates his achievements saying, "It's a great honor first of all to have been nominated for the Nehemiah Award and a tremendous honor to have actually won it." Neale also thanked his past and present teams and donors for sharing his commitment to serving Cambodians and says, "This award inspires me to continue my work and strive to do more."

"Winning two awards this year is a huge achievement for us as it inspires us to do better in expanding Habitat for Humanity's reach in helping Cambodians. We share the Isaiah Award to HFH UK for their being our project counterpart, and we are proud of Neale Kemp for winning the Nehemiah Award," HFHC Country Director Bernadette Bolo-Duthy said.

The awards were presented during the IBOD Dinner organized by HFH Asia Pacific. The recipients of Nehemiah Award have the opportunity to donate the prize money to a Habitat entity or project of their choice.

Khmer Harvest Build Sponsorship Up-date

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HFH Cambodia Training Round Up

September 2011 was a very busy month - more new knowledge, new network, more HFHC friends are acquired.

CORE (Common Operational Recovery Essential) workshop - from September 1 to 6, - organized by Habitat for Humanity Asia Pacific, shelter center and Red R India. The workshop was on disaster response.

Asia Pacific Housing Forum and Exhibition - from September 7 to 9 - organized by HFH Asia Pacific and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, in Bangkok, Thailand. The theme was Sustainable Shelter in the Age of Climate and Disaster.

Asia-Pacific Leadership Conference 2011 - from September 11 to 13- organized by HFH Asia-Pacific



Forum and training activities

Creative steps to clean living



Palm tree, a local resource for making a creative toilet



A completed creative toilet

Being poor did not hinder the people from Kar Trakeat village, a remote village in Char Chhuk commune, Angkor Chum district, Siem Reap province, from being creative in putting their health and sanitation in their hands.

In an area where clean water remains scarce and sanitation is still a major challenge, villagers made good use of the information and education they receive from NGOs like HFHC on the need for clean toilet. HFHC CLTS effectively promotes the use of available materials such as old jars, buckets, and unused pieces of wood for building a simple toilet to gain access to a sanitary toilet with a safe excreta disposal system, containment off feces thereby preventing contamination of other things, free from odor and free from flies.

For Horn Sory, 53 and wife Uch Noeuy, 53, this became one of the motivating factors for building a toilet, triggered by his training experience and the subsequent field visit to the village. They built their family toilet by using materials readily available in their area - an old palm tree trunk and leaves and bamboo scraps. With an extra 43,000 Riel (around US\$10.8) spent for Ceramic squad pan, pipes, nail, and cement, they now have a clean dry pit toilet accessible to their family. 'We found it very difficult in the beginning to accept that we ourselves should build our own toilets with our own local materials,' said Horn Sary.

With the technical guidance of HFHC, Horn Sary was able to build his simple family toilet for just a week.

Their new toilet serves as a practical example to other villagers. Horn Sary has committed to helping promote the techniques in building the simple yet innovative toilet and was successful in doing so when was able to encourage a neighbor to do the same.

Mrs. Chan Sopha used a different material - a used plank. With simple creative means, her family is now able to conveniently defecate especially during the rainy season and at night. No longer will they worry about walking 200 meters away from their house. As a woman, she and her daughters are able to enjoy their privacy.

Both families are happy with their first simple steps to clean living. They understand that building of toilets was vital and can be done with the use of locally available materials and skills and they recognize that their toilets will need to be replaced or up-graded over time. They appreciate the benefits their toilets bring and realize that hygienic sanitation is a necessity, not a luxury.

They are also firm with their insistence that everyone have access to clean toilet, something which will ultimately lead to Char Chhuk commune being 'open defecation free'.

Viva Volunteers



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Global Village Wrap Up

July 30 to August 10: A core brick house was built and completed in Pouk District, Siem Reap by 12 Global Village volunteers from Canada. Aside from the building, the team also took free time from work to visit ACO-DO orphanage and donated study materials to the children.

August 8 to 25: A 17-member Global Village volunteer team called “Shambo Team” from Japan built two houses-one brick house and one wooden house-with HFH Cambodia in Phnom Penh. The team also took the opportunity to visit the orphanage and tour the city where they visited the Royal Palace, National Museum, Russian market and Wat Phnom.

August 17 to 31: Other three brick houses were completed by 27-member Global Village volunteer team name “Master Peace” from Japan. The team shared a wonderful experience during the house dedication where they sang, danced their traditional songs and shared fun stories about their build.

July 3 to 10: A 24-member Global Village volunteer team inspired by HFH work, got together and formed a team to build with HFH Cambodia. Two brick houses and one wooden house were completed during the two weeks in Phnom Penh.

“I feel proud for attending this GV program of Cambodia and completed building two houses together. This experience allowed us to witness Cambodian way of life. I was impressed with their smiles and kindness. I will never forget this wonderful experience. I love Japan and i love Cambodia too.” - Kenta Watanabe, GV volunteer from Japan.

GLOBAL VILLAGE TEAMS



Dawna enjoys laying bricks



Ashik experiences the traditional instrument



Canada team dancing with homeowners and skilled workers on dedication day!



Team work



Nailing the wooden floor



Celebrate house dedication



Peace!



Mixing group



Volunteer posing with homeowners and skilled workers

Volunteers' Voice

August 27 to September 3: A group of Global Village volunteer team from Singapore, named Sunshine, worked on one brick house in Pouk district, Siem Reap. Besides the build work, the 11-member team took the chance to visit Pouk Primary School and donated study materials to 453 students. The team generously contributed clothes to children and 34 families living in Pouk district.



Mixing concrete



comfortable laying bricks



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delivery line



volunteer working with homeowner

Close-Up



LINDA

What inspired you to work with HFH?

I believe in the work that Habitat does and feel it can make a real change in people's lives. I have volunteered with other organizations in schools and orphanages and wanted to try something different.

How did you feel after volunteering with Habitat? *It was a wonderful experience. It felt great to work as a team with the family. Overall, it was a very rewarding and educational experience.*

How was the house dedication ceremony? *The house dedication ceremony was very nice. It was wonderful to sit down and share a meal with everyone involved in the construction. The music and dancing were a lot of fun.*



MOYUKO TANAHASHI

What inspired you to work with Habitat?

The good point of GV program is that it is not only about giving. We are not professional builders and don't have skills. But we can do something for the people, and it becomes a valuable experience for me. We are able to give more than we can give.

How do you feel after volunteering with Habitat? *I'd like to thank the people we met. They supported us from beginning to end, and they believed in us in spite of being young.*

Do you have plan for other volunteer activities? *I want to work in Japan, as you know, there are a lot of people who need help because of the earthquake that happened.*



SHARON CHEAH UI HOON

What inspired you to work with Habitat?

I'm able to feel self-accomplished by helping others and knowing that I can do something for other people. Also, I have a great chance to experience other cultures in different countries.

How do you feel after volunteering with Habitat? *It is an exciting experience because we can see the result of our work, how can we help others and to work as a team with skilled workers and homeowners. Many hands make work lighter.*

Do you have plan for other volunteer activities? *Maybe a year and a half later, I want to volunteer to work in Sri Lanka.*

Khmer Harvest Build

New Home, Brighter Future



By MikelFlamm

It's early afternoon as Kem Sabet gently rocks her granddaughter Vin Sreyvatey, 1 ½, sleeping in a hammock in the new Habitat house they recently moved into.

Sabet, her husband, Long Sambath, their son, Sochichhay, and their granddaughter moved into their home in mid-July. Since moving in, they are making every attempt to make their new life, a hopeful future they had always dreamed of years ago.

Located in Oudong, Kendal province, 45 kilometers from Phnom Penh, this community will eventually house 50 families who lived near the old Steung Meanchey dumpsite.

A light breeze blows the curtains to the side as Sabet uses a small fan to cool off Sreyvatey in the afternoon heat. One thing that Sabet mentions most is how clean the air is, how quiet the new community is and how friendly the others are towards her and her family. "We were accepted here very quickly," she says, of the twenty-eight families who already live in the community. "I still find it hard to imagine we are now out of our old house and living here. We finally have our own home and a new future."

For over three years they had lived in a slum community near the old dumpsite in Steung Meanchey in a makeshift stilted one room house made of bamboo, rusted metal and plastic sheeting built.

"We were always afraid that either the wind would blow the house down or it would just collapse on its own," Sabet says with a laugh. "We always hoped we would get the chance to move out of there but we never knew when that would be." Her daughter Davy, 24, quit school when she was 14 years old to help support her family and give them a better chance at life and one day moving away from the dumpsite.

Now married and living in Phnom Penh with her husband, their daughter lives with her parents. Working in a garment factory her earnings are given to her parents to pay for their house and support her daughter and brother. "When my family was chosen to be one of the home partners, I knew that would help them get the house they always wanted. Now that came true. "The old house was not safe at all, nor was it comfortable," she says. "The new house is safe, comfortable and can help to earn money for my family."

When the house was under construction in late May, Davy told me that once the house was completed they planned to raise chickens or ducks at the back of the house. Soon after moving in, her father Sambath built a small pen for the six ducklings they bought, and recently purchased another fourteen. "I am confident my family will do well here in their new home," says Davy. "My father used to work late in the night when they lived in Phnom Penh as a moto taxi driver. It was dangerous for him to work late at night back

then. Now I know he is more happy here. Since they moved here, he has a job making blocks for the Habitat houses. After the November build he hopes to work on the Harvest farm project."

"My daughter loves it here. She enjoys running around outside. My mother keeps very busy going after her." Her younger brother Sochichhay, 13, will attend the local school once the new session starts. In the meantime he has set up a small stand outside of the community where he sells cakes, fruit, and snacks, earning from \$3-4 per day. "My family is very happy here," says Davy, "and this makes me feel good to know that they are far away from where they lived before."

"My parents lives have changed a lot in the month they moved here. I no longer need to worry about them, because it is safe here. The other families in the community who also lived in the dumpsite are very friendly to one another." Her father, Sambath seems more relaxed in the new home and enjoys working on the house and the block making factory in the community. "We are all very happy here," he says. We enjoy the new community, the house and know that we will have a better future here."

Holding onto her daughter, Davy says, "We always had a dream to be here in the countryside but never thought it would happen. Living in the dumpsite is a life I no longer think of because it was very hard on my family. That part of my life is in the past. I look to the new future for us and that makes me happy."

In November of this year over 300 volunteers, both international and local, will build 22 houses from November 15-19 for the HFH Cambodia Harvest Build. Twenty-two families who currently live in harsh conditions similar to Davy and her family will have the chance to break out of the clutches of poverty and transform their lives in a new community that will give them a chance at a new future.

Special Feature

Farm Happenings

The villagers just love chicken! The first batch was sold in a breeze. More and more chicks are now being raised and expected to be sold by mid-October.

They are also caring for 6,000 fish - 3,000 Ti-labya and 3,000 Cat fish. Harvest time will be in 3 to 6 months.

The corns have been planted on a 1,000-square-meter-land early August is expected to harvested in the next 2 or 3 months and possibly sold during Khmer Harvest Build November.

More and more vegetables are being grown and sold in the local market. The new irrigation system and pump house will help keep the veggies growing.

A seedling shed area of 6m x 10m made of bamboo, was recently built; this means more vegetables will be grown and sold by the villagers.



Different kinds of growing vegetables



The corn and replacement chickens

New Faces



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Please join HFH Cambodia in welcoming **Andrew Baker**, Project Advisor from New Zealand. Andrew will be here for three months to support the construction team for the Khmer Harvest Build event.

Welcome **Kelvin Au**, the HFH Cambodia Engineering Construction/Housing Advisor from New Zealand. Kelvin is a volunteer supporting EHOPHHS Project for twelve months.

Upcoming Events

20 – 23 September

Livelihood Training in Phnom Penh

21 – 22 September

Baseline Study and Outcome Report
Writing Orientation-Workshop

26 – 28 September

Pchum Ben Days (HFHC Office Close)

29 September

Constitutional Day (HFHC Office Close)

1 – 9 October

Global Village team from China in Siem Reap

5 – 9 October

Global Village Team from China in Phnom Penh

21 October – 5 November

Global Village Team from US in Oud-ong



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