Cambodia Family Support

Literacy Centers Project (30 January 2017)

Svay Village Boeung Raing Commune, Kamrieng District, Battambang Province, Cambodia Funded by private donors and Macquarie Foundation in memory of James Ryan (through Rotary Australia World Community Service)

The newest CFS literacy center is situated at Svay village, Boeung Raing Commune, Kamrieng District. The center sits only 50 meters from the Cambodian-Thai border. The area is very easy to access and a place where people come from all over Cambodia to transit, looking for opportunities across the border in Thailand. Most of the movement across the border here is undocumented/ unofficial. When the parents cross into Thailand looking for work they leave their children behind. These children are either cared for by a relative or have to fend for themselves. Among the many negative effects of such arrangements the children miss out on even basic education.

The Cambodian government is promoting local community education centers to fill the gap where there are no government schools. Dr Samnang has met with the District governor and other local authorities. They support CFS' interest in and provision of a literacy center in this village and others. The purpose of these centers is to provide temporary or 'bridging education' for children currently not attending a government school.

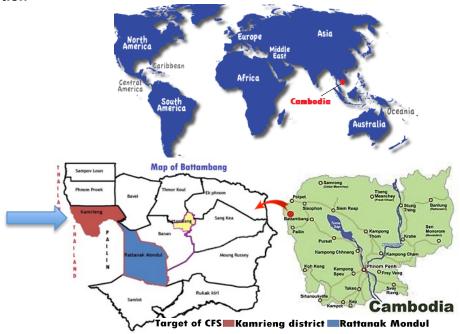
Work on the Svay Village Literacy Center started in October and was completed in December. Classes started in January. The Department of Education has provided a government teacher and the community pays for the teacher and is responsible for maintaining the Center. CFS will continue to visit, monitor and mentor.







2. Location



3. Project Finances (October-December 2016)

Description	Plan (USD)	Actual Expenses (USD)			Total Expenses
		Oct	Nov	Dec	(USD)
Literacy Center	3500.00	1,175.00	2,325.00	0.00	3,500.00
School furnishings (tables, chairs etc.)	600.00	0.00	0.00	1,270.72	1,270.72
Literacy Center toilet-block	1200.00	0.00	1,430.00	0.00	1,430.00
Repair a primary toilet	550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Coordination, installation, education	685.00	0.00	245.00	89.28	334.28
GRAND TOTAL	6,535.00	1,175.00	4,000.00	1,360.00	6,535.00

4. Plans for other Literacy Centers

CFS has identified the next village in desperate need of a literacy center: Lomphat Village, Lomphat Commune, Kamrieng. Many of the children in Lomphat are not attending any school. The closest public school is a fair distance and the unpaved road between the village and the school is difficult to navigate, especially during the rainy season when rivers/streams flood. CFS is trying to raise funds for this and other literacy centers. Tax-deductible donations are accepted through Rotary. For more information contact us at cambodiafsusa@gmail.com.