

# People Improvement Organization Newsletter

**People Improvement Organization (PIO)** serves over 1400 Cambodian children with free education, nutrition, healthcare and vocational training. We provide some of the most vulnerable children in Cambodia with hope for the future. With the right education, support and encouragement, Cambodian people will be able to take greater control of their lives and, as a result, they will break the cycle of poverty.

Phymean Noun, Founder/CEO, CNN  
Hero 2008  
World's Children's Prize Laureate  
2015



November – December – January  
2016

## Dental Care from the University of Puthisastra



For over 2 months, dental students from the University of Puthisastra provided outstanding dental care to our students. Year 4 dental students came twice a week to our school in Stung Mean Chey to provide I sealant, and fluoride treatments as well as fillings for back teeth. More extensive ongoing dental care is provided by Year 5 and 6 students at the university dental clinic. The dental students provide very gentle and loving care, putting our students at ease. We thank them for their patience, time and wonderful treatment! This dental program is made possible through the health NGO One-2-One and by donors who cover the cost of the treatment for our students.



## New School at Stung Mean Chey



The new school building at Stung Mean Chey opened in October and classes are now in session. We would like to thank everyone who made this wonderful building possible. An official opening ceremony will be held in March. The additional classroom space means that PIO can now operate high school classes for Grades 7 and 8. 80 students attending the classes are graduates of the PIO primary schools at Stung Mean Chey and Borey Santepheap 2. Students above Grade 8 continue to attend classes at the Chea Sam Sammaki public high school.



## Holiday Celebrations



During this time of year, holiday spirit fills the air and joy is spread throughout. On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, all 3 PIO schools gathered together to celebrate Christmas. Laughter filled every room and hallway. Games were played and talent shows were in session. Each student received a box from Box of Hope filled with items to play with and to use. We would like to give a big thank you to Dr Didier Bourgeois and family who raised funds for the event and to Box of Hope for making this day possible for us at PIO!

## University of Newcastle (Australia) Volunteers



Twice a year, nursing and oral health therapy students and their supervisors from the University of Newcastle volunteer their time and skills to assess and treat the students at PIO. They work in conjunction with the PIO doctor. In January this year, they spent 6 days at our Stung Mean Chey and Borey Santepheap 2 schools. The nurses assessed a total of 574 students (396 at SMC, 178 at BSPH2). The students were given a de-worm medication and vitamin A tablet. Their eyes, ears, and general health were checked. The oral therapists treated a total of 385 students (239 at SMC, 146 at BSPH2) with a total of 4,068 individual teeth treated. They have been a wonderful helping hand in ensuring our students are healthy and happy. Thank you!

## New PIO Volunteers



Juliette and Antoine are from France and are new volunteers at PIO from the beginning of January until the end of February. They are representatives of our major donor Just World International (JWI), their volunteering at PIO is also part of their university studies. They are working 35 hours per week, in the afternoons they each teach English to Grade 2 classes and in the mornings work with small groups of Kindergarten children. The Kindergarten children are using a computer program to help them learn Maths. They love how the students are full of energy and are constantly smiling. Both Juliette and Antoine say it has been an amazing experience so far and are excited for the upcoming weeks with us at PIO.

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