



# HOPE NEWS

*Stitches of Hope is committed to the poor of Cambodia by*

- *using threads of love to bring hope to underprivileged widows and children;*
- *weaving dignity,, opportunity and empowerment into the lives of the poor;*
- *making strong cloth from faith, education, health and training;*
- *stitching with passion, creativity, sensitivity, integrity, respect, faithfulness, loyalty and love for the glory of God.*

This edition of our Newsletter is to inform and express our thanks to all our sponsors, supporters and interested friends and to inform you that the work of Stitches of Hope in Cambodia is continuing to educate, support, teach skills and change lives to an amazing number of very grateful people, including children, students, families, elderly and the sick.

Each and every month we pay wages to eleven Khmer staff and provide the funds to run a Children's Home of twenty five young people, plus four University students, support the Sewing Centre, and educate eighty students and three teachers in a remote rural village three hours from the capital Phnom Penh. We provide support to two rural villages with no modern conveniences, power or running water. The needs are so enormous in this country of gentle and appreciative people.

We have also committed to provide medical support to a young widow with two young children. She suffers extremely with arthritis and psoriasis to her entire body. Momy is ostracised by society because of the severity of her condition.

One young man of 23 who has only been educated to Year 7 level has severe damage to his knees due to a heavy workload in Thailand. We have provided medical assistance to Sal and over the past few months he has regained mobility and able to walk with assistance, and spends some of his day caring for the family's two water buffalo. Sal now has a desire to have his own small motor bike repair business which will require training and funds to establish his dream.

In the village of Porsat we support many elderly who are sick and have severe health problems which are far beyond their ability to seek and pay for medical assistance. Some of these women help care for the grandchildren as the mothers have gone to other provinces or countries to find work.



**SOH SEWING CENTRE** – The team at the Sewing Centre has an ambition to improve and develop the training and retail trade to help support the many families who reap the benefits of their labour. The Sewing Centre has relocated to the main highway and they have plans and proposals to create new retail outlets and provide the customers with the necessary coffee and food. This has brought an excitement into their vision, but as yet we have to raise the necessary funds to enable this to happen.

The project of providing Sleeping bags to the homeless in Western Australian was a wonderful success and we look forward to being able to run this program in the future.

**OUR CHILDREN'S HOME** is an absolute delight with the twenty-five children and students living and working together as a close-knit family. They grow vegies and learn music, Bible, English, dance and Khmer. We have four young girls studying at University who are enjoying the advantages of this privilege and have high hopes and dreams for their future. Education is empowerment and together with a keen desire to succeed these young women and others like them will change the face of this poverty-torn country. We are so appreciative of the donors who made this possible.

If you are able to help in any way to help support the work of Stitches of Hope in Cambodia we would be so grateful.

Our plan is to take a team of interested people to Cambodia later in 2017 to encourage, love and support those who we care for. If this is something you have always wanted to do please make contact with us on [stitchesofhopecambodia@gmail.com](mailto:stitchesofhopecambodia@gmail.com) and join the team.

Blessings from the Board members

*Kay, John, Alex, Wendy, Lisa and Greg*



Students at our Education Centre enjoying the new lights

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Please consider becoming a **Monthly Partner with Stitches of Hope** to help support the wonderful projects that are being carried out. It is such a worthwhile organisation and we are appealing to you for your help with the ongoing running costs each month especially now that the US dollar value has dropped so much and we have a large commitment which includes food, power, water, transport, education, clothing, medical and wages to maintain. We would love to have you come on board with us to partner in this very exciting and worthwhile work.

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