



# 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.

### Season's Greetings Everyone!!

As we (Kay, Alex and Wendy) write this Newsletter, the special experiences of our recent trip to Cambodia are fresh in our minds. We visited our projects and we are very pleased with the progress that is being made.

### SOH Staff

We were so impressed with the dedication of our In Country Director, Punnreay, whose love for Jesus is sincere and his godly leadership filters in and through all aspect of our NGO. Please continue to pray for him and his family to stay strong, focussed and reliant on God.

We are so blessed to have nine other excellent staff who teach and demonstrate in all they do the love of God and love for each other.

### SOH Children's Home

The children are weekly given extra tuition in music, English, singing and Bible studies and they are one big happy unified family living as God would have us all live, serving Him and serving each other – it's amazing to see!!

On our arrival at the Children's Home the twenty-five children ran out to welcome us with hugs and smiles – they were so happy to see us and we were thrilled to see them again! One evening they performed songs of worship and traditional dances for us and one by one each stood up and, in English, thanked God, Stitches of Hope and their sponsors – they are fully aware that their lives are vastly different because of the love and support they receive from Australia. With the education and love that they are receiving they will be able to play a part in Cambodia's hope for a better future.

### Chrey Vien Community Centre

There are 80 students who live in the local villages, aged 5 to 17, who attend the SOH Community Centre where three conscientious and qualified teachers supplement their Cambodian education in subjects such as English, Bible study, health and hygiene, singing, gardening and maths. They recited Scripture verses to us in English and Khmer with great enthusiasm and skill. These children come voluntarily to learn as they are so keen to improve their vocational opportunities.

### Mony

A while ago we sent out an appeal to our supporters to help Mony who suffers from a terrible case of arthritic psoriasis which is an auto immune disease. Mony's body is completely covered in this skin disease – the worst case of this the experienced skin specialist has seen. Treatment is expensive and she is poor being the sole income earner for herself and two girls. She is so grateful to SOH that she can now have the correct medication which already is improving the condition and giving much-needed relief and something to smile about – replacing her hopelessness with hope.



Mony before treatment



Mony after treatment

### Chanthol's Children

We spent a day with the four children of Chanthol who passed away earlier this year from breast cancer. The children aged 9 to 16 are now living in the Children's Home and although they are, of course, still grieving, they are comforted by being part of that loving environment which they know as they lived nearby and were often part of the activities. We enjoyed spoiling them by taking them out for lunch and then going shopping - riding on an escalator was a completely new experience for the two younger ones. Together we remembered their beautiful mother which was very special!



Chanthol's children with SOH staff and board members

## University Students

Our university students Nalen and Sokchea have one more year to complete their degrees in teaching and accountancy. They are studying hard to improve their job prospects.

Sopheap and Malis have completed Year 12 and will attend university to study hospitality and nursing respectively. They are both excited that because of the generosity of their sponsor they are able to have this opportunity. We had a great day helping them get organised for this new and exciting chapter of their lives. We are very proud of their achievements, as we are of Theary, who first came to SOH as a poor 16-year old in charge of her household of one brother and two sisters. She is now a qualified nurse, married with a toddler and has a clinic with her husband in their village. They travelled some distance to greet us and to give helpful advice to Sopheap and Malis.



Alex with uni students Nalen and Sokchea

**STITCHES OF HOPE & KAIROS OUTSIDE**  
**SHED PARTY**

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2016 AT 6PM  
1448 TOODYAY ROAD GIDGEGANNUP  
(ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE WITH TIM EVA'S NURSERY SIGN)

ENJOY SHEEP ON THE SPIT AND A GREAT COUNTRY MEAL.  
MUSIC BY THE TALENTED "ALL STARS" BAND

COME PREPARED FOR RAFFLES, AUCTIONS AND ITEMS FOR SALE  
ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED TO EMPOWER AND ENRICH  
THE LIVES OF THE WOMEN, CHILDREN AND STUDENTS IN  
CAMBODIA AND PART PROCEEDS WILL BE SHARED WITH  
KAIROS OUTSIDE, A MINISTRY FOR WOMEN WHO HAVE OR  
HAVE HAD A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND SERVING TIME IN  
PRISON. THIS IS ALSO A VERY NEEDY CAUSE WITHIN OUR  
OWN COMMUNITY.

CARD FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE.  
BYO DRINKS BUT TEA & COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT  
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[WWW.STITCHESOFHOPE.ORG.AU](http://WWW.STITCHESOFHOPE.ORG.AU)

**COST**  
**\$40**  
PER PERSON  
CHILDREN  
6 - 15 YRS  
**\$20**

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Cousins Sopheap and Malis



Theary with SOH staff and board members

*Wishing you and your families a happy and safe Christmas  
With love from Kay and the Board*

*"... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40*

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