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Awareness Cambodia Inc



News update

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Special points of

Interest:

- We have begun Khmer language classes here at our Perth Office every Friday between 12-1pm. All welcome
- This November a team of tradesmen from Australia will be heading up for 14 days of work at Sunshine House. They will be donating their skills free of charge and paying their own expenses.
- We need to raise \$7000 for our team of tradesmen. This will pay for the materials needed to give Sunshine House an "extreme makeover".

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CEO Dr Gary Hewett

Can you believe it; we're already half way into this year. A big hello to all of you who continue to partner with us in changing the lives of the Cambodian children so much less fortunate than ourselves. The next 12 months at Sunshine House is shaping up to be both exciting and challenging.

We are in the process of constructing the next building to take in 20 more children at Kompong Spoe, as well as expanding our kitchen and multifunction building to cater for the increased demand these young children will bring.

Here in Australia our capacity continues to expand with a number of fresh faces offering their services and time. Rob McCullough, who came on as our International Director earlier this year, will be heading up a team of skilled tradesmen to

carry out much needed repairs and maintenance at Sunshine House in November. These folk will be making the trip at their own expense, but as happens to all of us, they will no doubt find the experience both rewarding and life changing.

My appreciation also goes out to Brenda (onsite nurse) and husband Ka-Ming who have really taken the safety, health and well being of our children to heart. They work tirelessly doing all they can to improve the lifestyle for both our staff and children, again many times at their own expense. Great work folks!

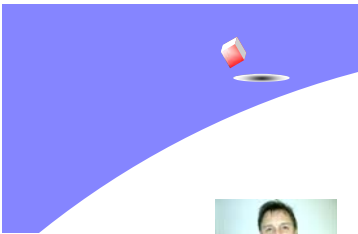
As you will realise, there is much to be done. I know getting involved with this country that has been devastated by war is costly. Many of us live in Western countries. We enjoy the incredible

benefits our nations have to offer. Sadly, life isn't that way for many of the children we find on the streets and living on the Phnom Penh rubbish tip. It's not possible for all of us to live on site in Cambodia, but it is possible to get behind those who do by playing our part in giving someone else a chance at life.

As the great Albert Einstein said, "Only a life lived for others is a life worth living."

My thanks go out to everyone who is already a part of this wonderful opportunity to take what we enjoy and change someone else's life unbelievably. But if you aren't already involved, perhaps you could consider doing something to change that today.

"Rebuilding the children of Cambodia"



Meet our staff International Headquarters in Perth-WA



Gary Hewett

Dr Gary Hewett
CEO/Founder



Kim Hewett

Rob McCullough
International Director



Rob McCullough

Kim Hewett
Administrator



Steve Mullens

Trudy Jacobs
Sponsorship



Trudy Jacobs

Steve Mullens
Productions



Lesley Hewett

Lesley Hewett
Projects Coordinator



Rob Dybeck

Rob Dybeck
Promotions Coordinator

"At least 80% of all monies donated goes directly to on the ground programs."

We really want to *thank* our staff who volunteer their time and energies.

Ray & Shamim Toy

"Ray & Shamim have decided to devote the next 2 years of their lives to making a difference at the coalface."

One of this year's most inspiring developments is that after much wrestling and contemplation, Ray Toy and his wife, Shamim have decided to devote the next 2 years of their lives to making a difference at the coalface. Ray will be taking up the position of Cambodia Director in August of

this year, ably assisted by Shamim in finances. We know this decision has been a huge sacrifice in many areas for this young couple. And of course it comes with its own set of challenges. Pushpa, as Sunshine House Coordinator, will certainly appreciate the help and

opportunity of teaming together with them in taking our effectiveness in the lives of the children to another level.



Left to right: Shamim, Ray, Pushpa

Thank you



Our Children & staff at Sunshine House

Awareness Cambodia funds Sunshine House through the generous donations and sponsorship of people like you. We thank you for standing in the gap on behalf of these

vulnerable human beings. Your giving and self-sacrifice empowers Awareness Cambodia to become your hands, your feet and your voice into the lives of

our little ones at Sunshine House.

Thank you

Meet our Staff Cambodia

Ray Toy
Cambodia Country Director



Brenda Au
Health Manager SH



Tim Bradley
Eco—Farm Coordinator



Pushpa Nabham
Sunshine House Coordinator



Lapsong
Watchman, Driver SH



Aun
Eco-Farm Worker



Shamim Toy
Finances



Pheary
Cook & Carer



Sophea
Eco-Farm Worker



Mony
Sunshine House Manager



Ngiem
Cook & Carer SH



Vanny
Staff House/Carer SH



Chet
Sunshine House Assistant
Manager



Srey Nee
Carer SH



Life at Sunshine House



*"Always lots of friends to play with at Sunshine House".
The swings and sandpit are a great meeting place at SH.*



*"Toddlers for Tea".
Dinner time at Sunshine House.*



*"Lunch for the Bunch".
Our older children enjoying lunch at Sunshine House.*



*Christmas party at Sunshine House.
The sack races were a big hit.*

"The Children of Sunshine House"

In August 2002 Awareness Cambodia engaged Lamberta Groves to put some of our children's backgrounds down in print.

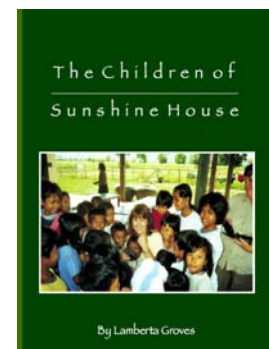
Brothers & sisters came together to tell their story. Pushpa,

our Sunshine House coordinator interpreted as Lamberta faithfully recorded what had happened.

The end result was a book forged to provide our children with a lasting reminder of where they had come from.

It makes fascinating reading and gives a unique understanding into the valuable role that Sunshine House is playing.

Copies of the book are available by placing orders at our main office.



Cost AUD \$10.00
(plus postage)

Who is Awareness Cambodia?

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Cambodia saw the systematic execution of the top 25% of its population under Pol Pot in the late 70s and now it reels under a 2nd disaster, having the highest rate of AIDS outside of Africa.

After a life-changing visit to Cambodia in 1995, Perth dentist Dr Gary Hewett founded Awareness Cambodia Inc. Awareness Cambodia Inc is a not-for-profit charity which takes in orphaned children in Cambodia, who either have been orphaned by AIDS or who are themselves HIV+ or suffer from AIDS. Sunshine House is where we house, feed and educate our children.

We are funded solely by donations and sponsorship.

Within Australia all contributions made to Awareness Cambodia Overseas Aid Fund are fully tax deductible.

Special points of interest:

- Building is soon to be under way to accommodate, 20 more children at Sunshine House.
- We will be closing down our staff house in Phnom Penh and searching for new accommodation.
- Ray & Shamim Toy are moving to Cambodia for a 2 year term. Arriving in August 2004.
- We have just taken in our 42nd child. Her name is Moni and she is a real "cutie."

Update on 3 of our children at Sunshine House Somnang, Phanith & Sovannari.



Somnang 6 yrs enjoys life and is a normal well adjusted child. She is full of life and energy.



Phanith 9 yrs is Somnang's brother. He is a typical boy. Full of energy, smiles a lot and is an absolute joy to have at Sunshine House.



Sovannari has put on weight and is a happy little girl. Like all girls she loves to be dressed in pretty clothes. Since her arrival at Sunshine House with her sister she has blossomed.