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Sam Relief, Inc.
poverty relief through education

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August 2010 marked another successful trip to my beloved homeland, Cambodia. It certainly is a privilege to be able to enjoy the wonderful accomplishments of Sam Relief, Inc., which I now share with all of you.

Sam Relief built a school to honor Mr. Jerry Essenmacher, veteran advisor for Sam Relief for the last 10 years. And thanks to Mr. Stephen P. Meyer who donated a school honoring Larry and Lynda Kull, we were able to build two total schools in Kos Sotin, Kam Pong Cham.

Cambodia is currently the 4th poorest country in the world. It is ranked 131st out of 177 countries on the Human Development Index, which is based on life expectancy figures, level of education, and standard of living (www.hdr.undp.org). Only 30% of children and 22% of girls between the ages 12–15 are enrolled in secondary school.

The mission of Sam Relief, Inc. is to build schools for students in need. The children of Cambodia cannot learn if they do not have the facilities to do so. And the hope is that the schools built by Sam Relief will continue to educate future generations to come.

As much as we have accomplished, there is still more work to do. The locals from a Kam Pong Cham commune have requested Sam Relief to build a school for their children. Their current school has an old, damaged roof that is too dangerous for the students to attend safely.



Old School



Old School



New Schools 2010 under construction.

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Larry and Lynda school on the left and Jerry Essenmacher, Sam Relief school on the right.



Lynda and Larry Kull



Mr. Stephen P. Meyer, School donor.

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Sam Relief, Inc. truly appreciates all of our donors. We would like to express a special thanks to H.E. Kanharith Khieu, Ministry of Information who has supported Sam Relief since 1999 and to Mr. Steven Adams and Mr. Geoff Hammond, Civil Affairs Planner, U.S. Embassy of Cambodia for attending the opening ceremony on August 23, 2010.



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Mr. Steven Adams's Speech on August 23rd , 2010

Thank you for the invitation to be here today. It is an honor for me to represent the Embassy and the United States in this ceremony. I know I speak for the Ambassador when I say that we are deeply impressed with the philanthropy, dedication and spirit of volunteerism that the construction of this school represents. Thank to Mr. Stephen P. Meyer who donates a school for 2010. The Sam Relief organization should be applauded for its devotion to improving educational opportunities for disadvantaged students in Cambodia, and for helping to build a brighter future for the country, a future that will hinge in part on the students here in Kampong Cham and across the country. The U.S. Embassy in Cambodia is doing its part to help increase the quality and availability of education in provincial areas, and a significant portion of our \$72 million dollar assistance budget is devoted to this task. In addition, our civil military teams are busy refurbishing and building schools much like the one that we are opening today in some of the poorest provinces of Cambodia. We hope that our work, when combined with the generosity of Americans and Cambodians alike that is represented here today, will help increase the ability of young Cambodians to achieve their educational goals.

Congratulations to the Sam Relief organization and to all of you on this great occasion.

Thank you. Steven Adams, Civil Affairs Planner, U.S. Embassy, of Cambodia



H.E. Kanharith Khieu, Ministry of Information.

At the schools, we provided water and clothing to the children. We gave flop flips to the students as they were going to and from school without shoes



Stephen P. Meyer well 2010 at Larry and Lynda Kull School.



School supplies.



Flip Flops for 400 students.

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Rice food for work



Distributed Tylenol.



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Thank to Dennise and Senator Philip Hoffman who contributed the funds to repaint their school, "Lumen Christi school? 2006 and provided school supplies as well.



Lumen Christi school



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Lumen Christi school

Since the inception of Sam Relief, Inc. in 1999, we have built 24 new schools; dug 323 new wells; donated 220 tons of rice to students and teachers, Children's Hospital of Cambodia, and others in need; and awarded 101 scholarships.

This year, Sam Relief donated 10 tons of rice to the Angkor Children's Hospital of Cambodia, which will feed the patients for 12 months. While I was there in August, we fed the children who were waiting for medical attention. Some needed to wait for days.



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Angkor Children's Hospital of Cambodia



10 tons of rice Angkor Children's Hospital of Cambodia for 2010. So far we have donated 79 tons of rice for the past 7 years.

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President and Founder
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