



Kids International  
Development Society

# NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

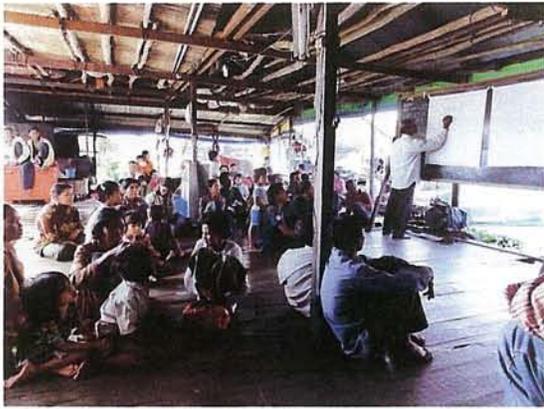
We are now back home and settled into life and work. As always we notice how fortunate we are to live here and have the important things that make life so much easier than the places we visit: clean water, education, toilets and health care. This year we again focused on these areas to improve the lives of children and families. Thanks to the generosity of you and others we were able to assist a number of programs and people who are providing invaluable care for those in need. In Cambodia our ongoing projects continue, thanks to the great people we work with. The Somnang Home for Girls, Srey Po Village Free School and the Stung Treng Women's Development Center kindergarten are all running well and providing support, education, meals and care for over one hundred children. It is wonderful to see the children grow and thrive thanks to the support they receive; feeding both their bodies and their minds has changed their lives for the better.

This trip K.I.D.S. was able to fund the building of a brand new school for the children living in the floating village of Moat Kla, on the Tonle Sap Lake in Cambodia. The school will now provide a safe, clean and bright environment for 280 children to learn and grow. The villagers and the children were thrilled and thank you for your kindness and generosity. We had a large donation that was dedicated to building the school and this made a dream come true for the desperately poor people living in this area. We were also able to fund both a doctor and midwife for The Lake Clinic, thanks to further donations. Bringing medicine, health care and preventative education to this area is making a huge difference for the children and families there. The Lake Clinic continues to relieve pain and bring hope to a place that for years was forgotten. As always we continue to provide numerous children with an opportunity to go to school through ongoing funding and now have at least 20 children and young adults attending various education programs: university, english school, technical and vocational training. As older youth move on to jobs and careers we add new children who work very hard to better their lives and it is great to see them gain independence. We are fortunate to know very dedicated people who monitor and support this program, please note that our last page of pictures focuses on the amazing people we work with. We also continue to support the Angkor Hospital for Children with supplies and needed equipment. As well, we provide remote schools with clothing, school supplies and lunch programs. In a slum area of Siem Reap, Cambodia K.I.D.S. was able to provide a classroom for New Hope, another great program that supports children and families.

The Burma border is a very difficult place as more and more people come over the border and into Thailand to flee the horrors of what is happening inside Burma. Thousands and thousands of children are living there in boarding schools/houses created for kids, who for one sad reason or another cannot be with their families. Many migrant workers live in abject poverty and cannot fund education for their children however thanks to some inspiring people who dedicate their lives to help these children, there are safe havens that are supported by people such as yourselves. One of these places is Agape School, which we continue to support by providing, food, educational materials and building support. K.I.D.S. also had dining tables built for a school with 600 children and we were able to fund teachers at another school for this year, as the school would have shut down without support. We also bought supplies for families living in the garbage dump, which is another heartbreaking place.

We cannot thank you enough for partnering with us to provide support, hope, education and positive change for children and families living in poverty. We thank you and so do those that you have assisted this year.

With much appreciation and respect,



VILLAGE MEETING TO PLAN  
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION



CONSTRUCTION OF STEEL FLOATION



TOWING SCHOOL INTO VILLAGE



MR. LOWE, SCHOOL  
BUILDER



SCHOOL BEGINNING  
TO TAKE SHAPE



SCHOOL INTERIOR



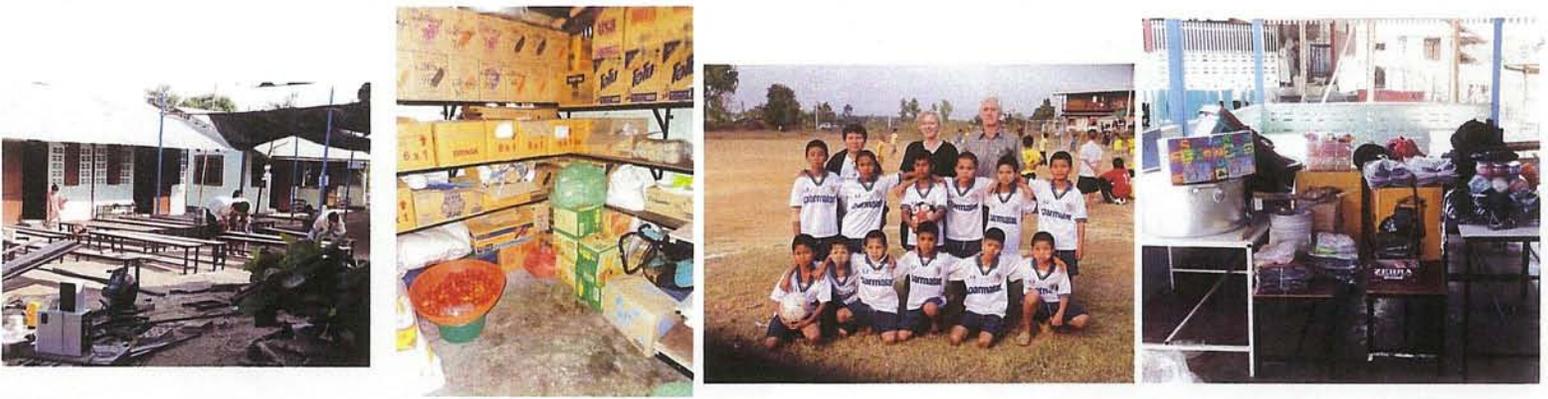
SCHOOL ARRIVES IN VILLAGE



EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND  
TEACHERS BRINGING SCHOOL  
INTO THE VILLAGE



SOME OF THE 240 CHILDREN WELCOMING THEIR NEW SCHOOL



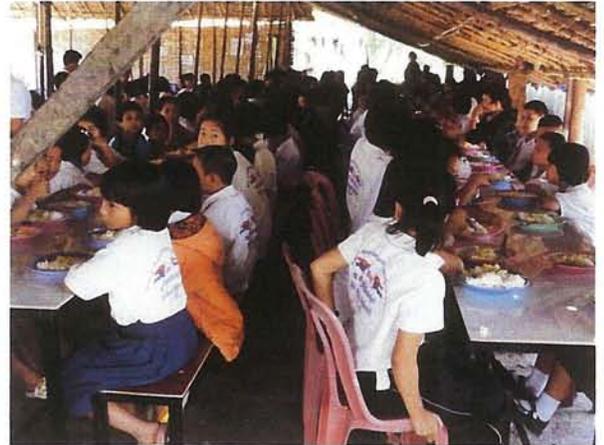
AGAPE SCHOOL/BOARDING HOUSE FOR 270 CHILDREN. THIS YEAR K.I.D.S. SUPPORTED THE LUNCH PROGRAM, CLOTHING, SPORTS, OTHER SUPPLIES AND WE HAD THEIR VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM BUILD THE TABLES FOR KWE KA BAWNG SCHOOL, WHICH SUPPORTS SUSTAINABILITY AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT. MAE SOT, BURMA BORDER



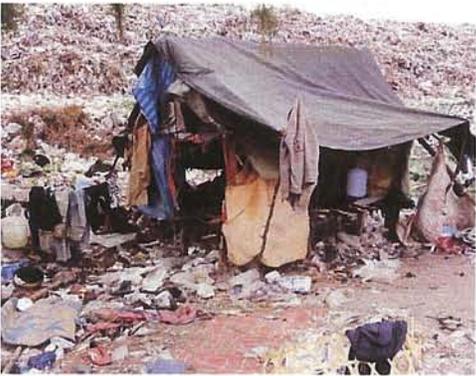
KWE KA BAWNG SCHOOL AND BOARDING HOUSE FOR 600 CHILDREN, NEW ROOF FOR DINING HALL



KWE KA BAWNG CHILDREN HAVING LUNCH BEFORE K.I.D.S. BUILT NEW TABLES



NEW TABLES FOR DINING HALL, BUILT BY AGAPE TRAINING PROGRAM



FAMILIES LIVING IN DREADFUL CONDITIONS IN THE LANDFILL OUTSIDE MAE SOT, BURMA BORDER. K.I.D.S. BROUGHT ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES TO ASSIST BURMESE REFUGEE FAMILIES. WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS ASSISTING ANOTHER PROGRAM TO HELP RELOCATE THESE FAMILIES TO BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS.



MEDICINE AND SUPPLIES FOR 50 CHILDREN AT PYI CHIT SCOOOL AND BOARDING HOUSE, MAE SOT, BURMA BORDER. K.I.D.S. ALSO KEPT THE SCHOOL OPEN FOR THIS YEAR BY PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY THE FOUR TEACHER,S SALARIES.



CLASS AT SREY POH FREE SCHOOL, BUILT AND TOTALLY FUNDED BY K.I.D.S., STUNG TRENG, CAMBODIA



SORTING THROUGH 500 PIECES OF CLOTHING K.I.D.S. PURCHASED FOR SREY POH VILLAGE CHILDREN



TEACHERS THAT K.I.D.S. FUNDS FOR BOTH THE SREY POH SCHOOL AND STUNG TRENG WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT CENTER KINDERGARTEN



LUNCH PROGRAM AT SREY POH VILLAGE FREE SCHOOL



STUNG TRENG WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT CENTER WEAVERS AND CHILDREN, K.I.D.S. FUNDS THE TEACHERS FOR THE ON SITE KINDERGARTEN AND DAYCARE PROGRAM.



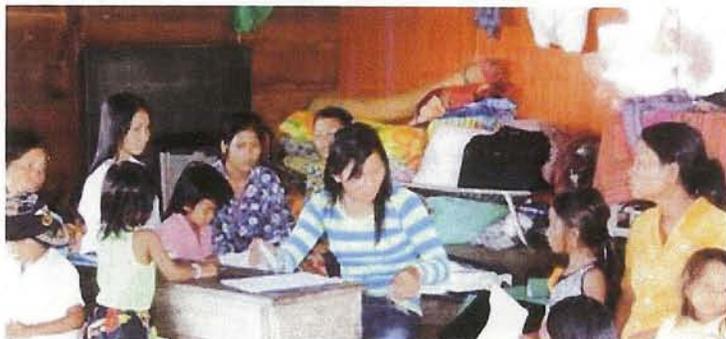
TEACHING HYGIENE AT SREY POH SCHOOL



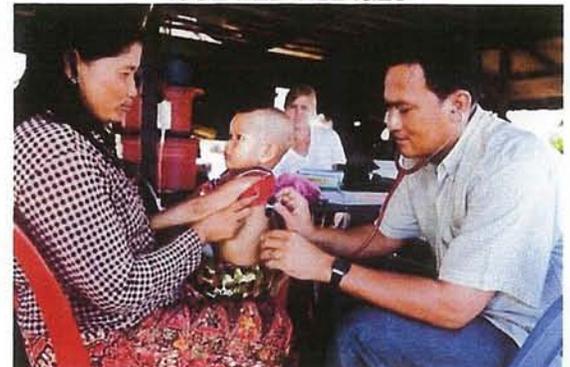
K.I.D.S. FUNDED THE SALARY FOR MUM, THE NURSE/MIDWIFE FOR THE LAKE CLINIC FOR ONE YEAR. THE LAKE CLINIC BRINGS NEEDED MEDICAL SERVICES TO VILLAGERS LIVING IN ISOLATION ON THE TONLE SAP LAKE



SOME OF THE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS ON THE LAKE CLINIC BOAT THAT TRAVELS EVERY WEEK TO ISOLATED VILLAGES



ONE OF THE LAKE CLINIC STAFF REGISTERING VILLAGERS TO SEE THE MEDICAL TEAM WHEN THEY ARRIVE IN THE VILLAGE



DR. SOMBOUN SEES HUNDREDS OF PATIENTS A WEEK. K.I.D.S. WAS ABLE TO FUND HIS SALARY FOR ONE YEAR.



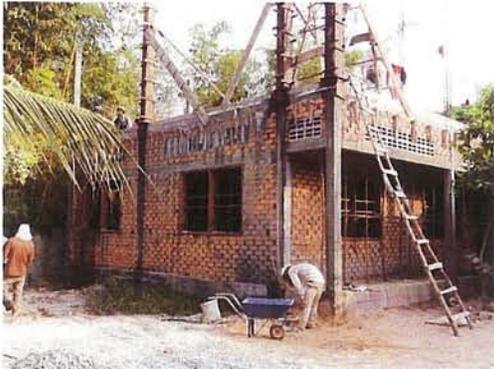
GIRLS FROM SOMNANG HOUSE AND BOYS FROM SAFE HOUSE, PRACTICING TRADITIONAL DANCE



NEW CLOTHES FOR GIRLS AT SOMNANG HOME FOR GIRLS, SIEM REAP CAMBODIA



SOMNANG HOME FOR GIRLS, FUNDED ENTIRELY BY K.I.D.S.



NEW CLASSROOM FOR NEW HOPE SCHOOL, SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA



DONATION OF COMPUTER FOR NEW HOPE VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM



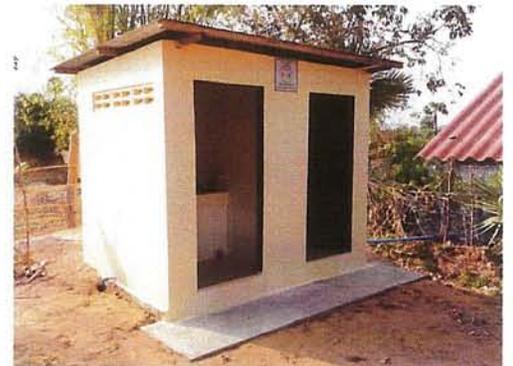
CHILDREN AND YOUTH SPONSORED FOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS, PHNOM PENH AREA, CAMBODIA



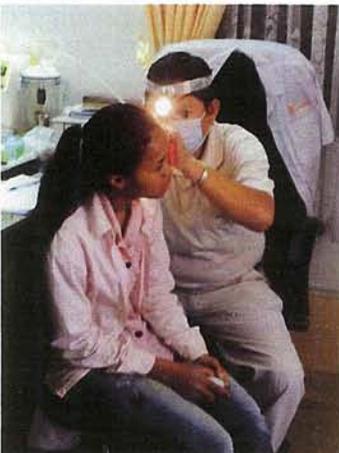
CHILDREN OF LAND MINE VICTIM FUNDED FOR EDUCATION



SUPPORTING SEWING FAMILY WITH NEW SEWING MACHINE



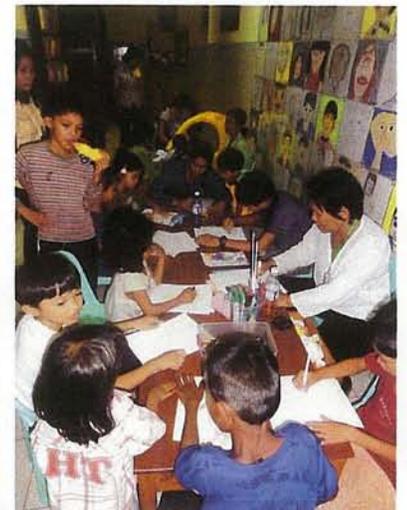
BATHROOMS FOR MONASTERY EDUCATION PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY EVENTS



GETTING CAMBODIAN GIRL'S EARS EXAMINED AND TREATED, CAMBODIA



CHILDREN IN COUNTRYSIDE SUPPORTED WITH EDUCATION, CAMBODIA



PROVIDING ART SUPPLIES FOR ART PROGRAM AT ANGKOR HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, SIEM REAP

# LOCAL HEROES

THIS YEAR WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOU THE FACES OF OUR CONNECTIONS IN THE FIELD, WITHOUT THESE PEOPLE THE PROJECTS AND YOUR GENEROSITY WOULD BE MUCH LESS EFFECTIVE. THEIR COMPASSION, COMMITMENT, AND EMPATHY TRULY LIVE UP TO THE SAYING "BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD"

*Mahatma Gandhi*



CHANTHA, CO-FOUNDER STRUNG TRENG WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT CENTER, CAMBODIA



KIM DARA CHAN, CO-FOUNDER STUNG TRENG WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT CENTER, CAMBODIA



KERRY & KEMSOUR, CO-DIRECTORS NEW HOPE, COMMUNITY CENTER, SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA



KIM THOL, HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER, SUPPORTING RURAL SCHOOLS, CAMBODIA



JENNIFER JONES, FOUNDER OF ROOM TO GROW, ASSISTING BURMESE MIGRANT CHILDREN, MAE SOT, THAILAND WITH ASSISTANT NOBEL



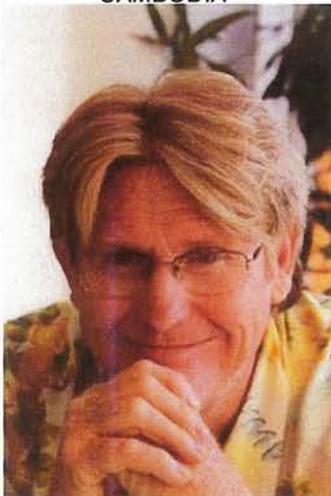
YOU VATH DIRECTOR OF SOMNANG HOUSE FOR GIRLS AND SAFE HOUSE CENTER FOR BOYS, SIEM REAP CAMBODIA



SINAT OUK, COORDINATES THE EDUCATION OF 12 CHILDREN SPONSORED BY K.I.D.S. TAK MAU, CAMBODIA



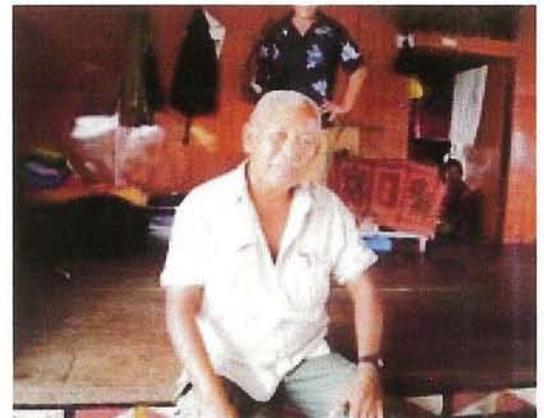
HAK SOK, COORDINATES K.I.D.S. RURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IN AREAS SURROUNDING SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA WITH SPONSORED CHILD, SOPAK



JON MORGAN, DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER OF THE LAKE CLINIC, SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA



DAVID, DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER OF AGAPE FREE SCHOOL AND BOARDING HOUSE, BURMA BORDER



SAKHEM, LOGISTICIAN FOR THE LAKE CLINIC AND INSTRUMENTAL IN ASSISTING WITH ORGANIZING THE MOAT KLA SCHOOL, CAMBODIA