

Updates from The Operation Hope Foundation Ltd January 2008

Special Awards at Hope Village Prey Veng!

On the last day of 2007, fifteen awards were given to the children. They are 'Most Well-Behaved', 'Most Helpful', 'Tidiest and Cleanest' award. Surprisingly, more than half of the awards went to the younger children!

Rothana, (15years old) who received the 'Most Well-Behaved' award was estastic. "I am happy, excited and never thought that I would receive such an award. It motivates me to want to do better next year."

Vanerd, (13years old) who received the 'Tidiest and Cleanest' award exclaims, "I am happy to receive the award. I feel good that I am given the award and will continue to upkeep so that I can receive it again this year."



Banana Fritters for the children!

Contributed by Janice Kang, Programs Manager

Today, to break the routine, I bought some bananas and flour and got the children to make banana fritters for all the children and staff in HVPV. Sreystros, the head of the "banana fritter frying team", got herself some helpers and completed the frying of the bananas in five hours! It was tiring and oily but Sreystro persevered, braved the fire and hot wok till she completed the task! (as shown in picture on left)

Innovative guitar stand done by the children

The older boys have been asking for football jerseys for two years and our acting Operations Manager, Afalina challenged them to make a



guitar stand for the guitars we have in HVPV. If they were to succeed within the two-weeks time frame, she will help get sponsors for the football jersey and boots

With the goal in mind, the boys worked enthusiastically. The challenge for the boys is that they were not given any materials except nails! They were very resourceful and went looking for wood, chopped down an unwanted tree and started work. They completed it one day before the deadline! (See picture on top) Bravo, boys!



Another of our boy invented his own toy gun, using bamboo and recycled materials like used pens. I tried shooting the gun and it worked! I asked Bolchit, "Who did it for you?" He said that he thought of the design and made the gun himself! Amazing! He is only twelve and could make a functional toy gun (Please see picture on left). Not long after, I saw the bamboo toy gun duplicated by other children and they were seen playing these amongst themselves

New Year Resolutions 2008

During the first youth devotion of the year, I got the boys and girls to review their last year's studies, character, tidiness and cleanliness, relationship with their friends and God, and to set new goals for 2008

I was very happy that the youths were very enthusiastic about this. They were also very eager to share their new resolutions for 2008



A boy, ChunLi, 16 years old (picture above), says, "I want to improve my knowledge and spend quality time with God" I want to do better in Mathematics, I will try to practice more of the exercises given in my textbook. I also want to read the bible and pray every night. Last year, my time with God was not so consistent. On average, I spent time with God only three times a week

Dinet (17years old), (picture on left) I want to improve in my character and studies. Last year I tried to change but I didn't make much progress. Sometimes when I felt angry, I did not want to obey my houseparents. This year I want to be a good daughter and student in class. I want to leave all of last year's bad things behind and learn to do good. I also want to persevere, to obey my houseparents and to listen to the managers

Dinet is determined to study hard and be more obedient in HVPV, but she confessed that she will struggle to be good. She hopes that she'll at least be less naughty than last year

Family Day

It was Independence Day in Cambodia on 7 January, the day when Cambodia was freed from the Pol Pot regime. As it was a Public Holiday, all the children stayed in and had an enjoyable Family Day. They played games (as seen in picture on right), won prizes and watched TV. The children were also given permission to leave the orphanage for an hour to watch a singing competition.



Finishing Well (Talk)

Do you feel bored and unchallenged? Is there a nagging feeling of wanting to do more? Is your work a daily grind devoid of meaning and purpose? Do you want a life of purpose fill with meaning and exciting challenges? Whether you are a student, a working adult or a retiree, the time is NOW – to listen and to act

Be enthralled by Dr David Wong, former vice-president of International Training, Haggai Institute as he speaks from his years of experience in training leaders worldwide. Robert Kee shares practical advise on how you can be a part of God's team to look after the poor. Come and learn how Siew Lee, a young lady who served two years as Program Manager in Hope Village Prey Veng be God's difference maker.

Jot this date down on your calendar; 19th April 2008, from 3 – 6 pm, at Orchard Presbyterian Church Dunman Hall A

Don't miss this opportunity to know how you can be involved and in turn let your life be changed. Call 6873-2955 to register. Admittance is strictly by registration. Limited to 50 seats only

With the Lunar New Year approaching, may we take this opportunity to wish you and your family, health, wealth and prosperity in the year of the Rat.