

Hello from all of us at Hope for Cambodian Children Foundation, Battambang.

Cambodia celebrates its new year in April of each year.

Being a Buddhist country, their important dates and religious time lines can be quite different to Christian countries.

In April we decided to have two Khmer New Year parties. One for our preschool kids and their families which was a huge success. And another one for our staff and their families. Both parties had games and loud fun activities. Thanks to our staff who had to do all the organising for two parties. It is also a Khmer custom, at this time, to take food to the monks at a local Pagoda (Temple). Our staff cooked food in our community kitchen and visited a pagoda presenting the food to the monks and receiving a blessing.



Our Education Department selected six new students to be accepted into HOPEs 2023 university sponsorship program. All six students come from very poor families with the academic skills to attend university. These bright students would not have been able to afford the university fees with out HOPEs support and sponsorship. They are now in semester 1, year 1. These students are studying different majors at one of Battambang's top universities.

All of the students who completed university last year have found employment.



In March 2023, HOPE was able to purchase new desktop computers for the Community Education Program and the IT program because of the generous sponsors from Australia. This program provides computer courses to the community students which includes basic administration by Microsoft Office 2021, graphic design by Adobe Photoshop CC 2021, and video editor by Adobe Premiere Pro CC 2015. These new computers are useful because they can handle the latest version of programs which work smoothly and allows the students to learn fast and save time.



HOPE is very thankful to have these new computers and appreciate the generous donations from the sponsors. HOPE sends a very big thanks to all of you.

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