



# サイド・バイ・サイド・インターナショナル NO.24 Side by Side International 2007 Activity Report

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Love has wings!



Side by Side International is a mission partner of Family Care Foundation (USA)

## Cambodia Projects

### With Side by Side Cambodia (NGO)

In Cambodia, the gap between the rich and poor is very wide. There are many who live without running water and electricity. About 30% of the population lives on less than \$1 a day. About half of the population are children who are under 18 years old., and of these, about 140 out of a 1000 die before the age of 5! It's one of the major goals of Side by Side International (SBSI) to provide educational opportunities for underprivileged children and help those who face severe hardships in Cambodia.

#### Japanese Students' Study Tour



The children and Japanese students at Koh Rumdual

In August, SBSI staff coordinated and accompanied the Cambodia Study Tour for the members of "Graphis" - a volunteer group made up of Japanese youth and a few adult volunteers. These 26 participants visited the school that was donated by "Graphis" last year and visited some medical institutions, including an orphanage for HIV babies and handicapped children, a public health center, a provincial hospital, and the Angkor Hospital for Children. The students also did some volunteer activities on Koh Rumdual and met the Minister of Health on the last day of their 7 day tour.



With Minister of Health Mr. Sokhom



With an HIV infected baby



Corridor inside the provincial hospital



Ms. Nakata ( PHJ)

In Kampong Thom, Ms. Yoshimi Nakata from the representative office of People's Hope Japan gave them a thorough lecture on the domestic medical situation. At Angkor hospital for Children a Japanese nurse, Ms. Kazumi Akao (Second to the right in the left photo) who was featured recently on the very touching Japanese TV program, offered to guide them around the hospital as well as fill them in with a lot of input on the local situation.



With Ms. Akao at Angkor Hospital for Children

#### Supporting impoverished families and the kindergarten on Koh Rumdual



Koh Rumdual Kindergarten

#### Side by Side Cambodia (NGO)

Mr. & Mrs. Temmman

Supporting many orphanages, schools and people in slam areas for many years. Every year they receive many volunteer teams including medical team from different countries.



Medical teams from Singapore and USA



In April, SBSI and SBSC started sponsoring a kindergarten for 29 children from poor families on Koh Rumdual (an island on the Mekon river). These children are learning in the safe environment while their parents work.



Sponsors in Japan support the teachers' salaries and children's lunch, as well as living expense of the families who live in extreme poverty. SBSC staff coordinated the volunteers and medical teams from other countries, including Singapore, US, and Japan.



Single parent family



Blind mother and her son



Japanese student who fixes handicapped couple's house

## Cambodia Book Project 2007



Bassac slum

The original bilingual books for Cambodian children were distributed in different places in this year too. Some of the children at the "House of Smiles", center for disabled children where we visited were rescued from their homes or factories where they were locked up and abused or forced to work by the staff there. Now they receive good care and education every day. The director, Mr. Sarin studied in Japan before and requesting for the rehabilitation therapists' visit and new electric wheel chairs. Please contact us, if you can help them with any of these.



House of Smiles, center for disabled children



At a public school in Kandari



NCCLA Orphanage

At the school donated by "Graphis" circle when we visited there with the members, 300 students were there with the help of Mr. Channra Chum, Kampong Thom Assistant Project Officer-Education UNICEF.

## Kolap 4 Orphanage

Side by Side Cambodia's staff have supported the Kolap4 orphanage for 8 years now. Not only are they providing food on a regular basis, but they have been able to find sponsors as well to raise support for the children's education. They are also involved in counseling, thereby getting involved in each child and young person's life. Computer lessons are also provided on a regular basis, as well as fun Christian based events and moral programs. Throughout the past year, many foreign volunteers visited there to offer their help with musical performances, English lessons, art classes, etc. When SBSI staff visited there in August they also helped the students and teachers from Singapore who were there at the time doing a renovation project on their building.



Reconstruction work

Taking out and moving the walls



An SBSI staff member giving instruction to a young person



SBSI staff making balloon animals



Dresses donated from a company in Japan



With the teachers and students from Singapore



Children and Singapore students painting together



Japanese youth who visited there singing songs with the children



New T-shirts for the girls donated by Japanese

## Other activities in Cambodia

### Garbage mountain



The SBSI staff distributes needed food regularly. In August we met up with young Japanese members of "Asian Monkey" who also are working to support the people in this area.



Distributing food to former slum residents.



Distributing food at a public school in Kandal



Weekly PC lessons for children and youth from Kolap 4



## Domestic Activities

At the request of Japan Relief for Cambodia, SBSI sent a 40-ft container that was loaded with PCs and educational materials for schools, orphanages, medical facilities in Cambodia in May and December.

Preparation for sending the ambulance that was donated by the Tokyo Fire Department, for the first official emergency system in Cambodia.

At the request of Sri Lanka Embassy, SBSI donated some medical equipment for the medical program for the area that is recovering from Tsunami disaster.

We shared the 900 kgs of brown rice that was donated to us with Food Bank that helps soup kitchen for homeless and other volunteer organizations in Japan.

Counseling for Japanese and foreigners in Japan. Cross-cultural exchange event and Bible classes in Japanese, English and Khmer.

Christmas Charity Party on December 16, at Hotel Seiyo Ginza.

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## With visually impaired people and guide dogs



In October, the SBSI staff (after attending a special guide seminar) also volunteered to work as guides for the excursion to Tokyo Disney Sea by the members of the Guide Dogs Users Association. It was a very meaningful experience for all of us.

Biwa, guide dog



Love has hands to help others.

How many things you have that you can't buy with money?



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