

New Future Orphanage



- The **New Future Orphanage [NFO]** children's home based in **Takeo** province. We opened on the 15th September 2006. NFO was set up after considering the needs of orphans and poorest children in the rural areas surrounding Takeo town. Currently, NFO is supporting 49 children, at the orphanage, 27 boys and 22 girls, aged from 6 to 17.

Most of our children are from families who are suffering from severe poverty, with no education, not enough food, lack of clothing, ... Many of the children have suffered from the effects of severe poverty, are victims of malnutrition, lack of medical facilities, sexual abuse and domestic violence



History

- In January 2008 a small orphanage in Takeo, a small, rural town in Cambodia, approx 79km south of the capital Phnom Penh, was at the point of closing down due to lack of funds. The Director had left the orphanage to its own fate, and there were 49 children and 3 members of staff at the orphanage who were at risk of losing their home and support.
- At the time that these problems were happening, a volunteer visiting from Britain was working at the orphanage, and he decided that he would pick up the reins to ensure the orphanage would not close. So, along with other volunteers and 1 Cambodian staff the recovery commenced. The British volunteer decided he would stay in Cambodia and took on the task of “acting Director” until he could get the orphanage into a stable situation - at this time the orphanage had 100US\$. Once stability could be achieved, a Cambodian led management committee would be established to oversee the operation of the orphanage.

A new home

- One of the major problems at the time of this change-over was the shortage of finances caused by the previous poor financial management. This created the need to find new premises for the orphanage.
- In a time frame of just two weeks, new premises were found and everyone moved in.
- The new premises are more suitable for the orphanage's purposes than the previous building, having more space available, and space to develop a small farm to assist in providing food for the children.
- A lot of hard work is needed to get the premises totally suitable for their new purpose in life, the premises have been empty for 2 years, and vandals had ripped all of the electrical wiring out, damaged all to the bathrooms, and generally created utter chaos.

The premises do need some major alteration and repairs. These include:-

Rewiring entire building. :-

The building had been empty for 2 years and thieves had stolen all the wiring and fittings

Fit new sewerage piping :-

Main pipes were found to be broken

Create a small farming area :-

Needed to offset rising food prices

Build a dining area :-

The present area is not covered over

Create football/games area :-

To provide a space for recreation and exercise

Build a classroom :-

We supplement our kids education with our own teaching program.

Furnish the bedrooms :-

Currently there are no beds, we need to make 25 bunk beds.

Build a toilet and shower block: Currently there are 2 and we need 4 extra toilets and showers.



Small Steps.....

- Child Protection

With many thanks for the help and guidance from the Takeo Social Affairs department New Futures has a comprehensive child protection policy implemented.

- Education

We know it is vital that these children get an education - it can literally mean the difference between a life of absolute poverty and a life of opportunity and freedom, especially for the girls. We both send the children to the local school, and run English classes ourselves. Plus a whole range of skills training is now available within the vocational training centre that we have established.

- Food

The children have breakfast, lunch and dinner each day. But feeding 49 hungry mouths, three times a day is a real strain on the finances - even more so since the recent increases of over 40% on essentials, such as rice. The children consume a 50 Kilo sack of rice every 2 days.

- Medical care

Like all children, we have bumps, cuts and bruises to deal with on a daily basis. In addition, all the children have had recent dental, eye and medical checks and we are slowly getting treatment for any problems. But as you can imagine we can often have financial constraints on this.

New Futures Vocational Training Center

- In January, with fantastic support from the Australian Embassy here in Cambodia, we opened a vocational training centre here in Takeo. It is designed to teach the older children from the orphanage, and other poverty level young people from the local area, vocational skills that they can use to earn a living and support themselves in the future. The vocational training project was being designed by the British volunteer at the time of the collapse of the original orphanage.
- We train the young people in:-
 - Specific vocational skills
 - Dressmaking.**
 - Hairdressing, beauty and nail care.**
 - Hotel and catering.**
 - Handyman skills. (plumbing, electrics, woodwork, interior decorating)**

Wider educational, social and employment skills

Small Business Development.

English

Life Skills

Computer studies

Bigger Steps....

Future plans:

- Raise the funds to enable us to purchase our own land and build our own premises, thus avoiding the constant fear of having to move premises if a landlord decides they need their property for other uses.
- Develop a food sustainability program to offset constantly rising food costs.
- Become completely self sustainable by developing a range of small social enterprises to support the orphanage costs,
- Develop a revolving credit fund to support our young people and other young people in the area to develop their own small businesses.
- Create a drop in centre within our vocational training centre for young people. Hopefully this will help with a few of the pressures placed on young people in the area.

How can you help?

- **DONATING MONEY**

- Donations can be sent to us by bank transfer.
- Name of our Bank ACLEDA Bank Plc
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- Our Bank's head office address # 61,
Preah Monivong Blvd.
- Sangkat Srah Chork
- Khan Daun Penh
- Phnom Penh – Cambodia
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- Contact details e-mail :
inquiry@acledabank.com.kh
- tel : 0855-23-994-444
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- SWIFT Code ACLBKHPP
- CHIPS Uid 415637

- **DONATING MATERIALS**

- All school materials (easy English reading books, writing books, pencils, rulers, ...)
- All creative material (coloured pencils, paper, scissors, paint, glue, ...)
- Clothes, shoes, sandals (children aged 6-17)
- Toys, board games, playing cards, football, volleyball, badminton, ...
- Hygiene (soap, towels, shampoo, hairbrush, toothbrush and toothpaste, mosquito nets, ...)
- Food, rice, vegetables, fruits.
- Or how about a goat, chicken, duck, for our new idea of having a small farm at the rear of the orphanage.

EVERYTHING CAN GO A LONG WAY HERE

- Less than \$5

- Pens \$0.25
- Pencils \$0.25
- Erasers \$0.25
- Rulers \$0.50
- 1 pack of colouring pencils \$1.00
- Exercise books \$0.50
- School shirt \$2.00
- Calculator \$4
- Reading books \$4
- English textbooks \$4

- From \$5 - \$10

- Prescription costs \$7.00
- Mosquito Net \$7.00
- Mattress \$9.00
- Blanket \$6.00

- From \$10-\$20

- Average cost of treatment by Doctor/Dentist \$10
- School Desk/Bench or dining area table \$15
- Tools for building maintenance (also used for skills training) \$10 - 20

AND.....

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| • | From \$20-\$50 | | |
| • | Bunk bed for 4 children | | \$75 |
| • | 50kg bag of rice (feeds 49 children for 2 days) | | \$30 |
| • | First Aid Kit | | \$25 |
| • | Computer printer cartridges | \$20 | |
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| • | From \$50-\$100 | | |
| • | Bicycle to get to school | | \$50 |
| • | Sewing Machine | | \$90 |
| • | Internet Service per month | | \$55 |
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| • | From \$100-\$500 | | |
| • | Orphanage Rent for one month | | \$250 |
| • | Rice for one month (49 Children) | | \$450 |
| • | Vegetables/meat for one month (49 Children) | | \$480 |
| • | Computer, Monitor, Speakers, Keyboard, Mouse & Software | | \$150 |
| • | Efficient wood burning stove | | \$100 |
| • | Tuk-tuk (for transporting children, food and equipment) | \$500 | |
| • | University education for one child per year | | \$400 |
| • | Vocational trainers monthly salary | \$150 | |
| • | Orphanage Managers monthly salary | | \$150 |
| • | Orphanage care assistants monthly salary | | \$50 |
| • | From \$500-\$1,000 | | |
| • | Building of new classroom | | \$700 |
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| • | Over \$1,000 | | |
| • | Building New toilet & shower block | \$1100 | |
| • | Motorcycle (general running about) | | \$1200 |
| • | Stocking new farm area with, goats, chickens | | |
| • | Fish, ducks and pigs. Everything needed | | \$1500 |
| • | Or just buy a pig, chicken, duck ???? | | |
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| • | Car (for getting to village schools, | | |
| • | Kids to hospital, Phnom Penh | | |
| • | for equipment) Not urgent but very | | |
| • | useful | | \$2000 |

PLEASE COME AND WALK INTO THE FUTURE WITH US!

