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Open Doors in Astana

KAZAKHSTAN

ur **Open Doors Community Centre** still has an open door to various people in the local community. As well as the alcoholism work, we run a few clubs to help provide needed education and create a neat sense of community that so often seems to be lacking.

Astana, which is the quickly growing and developing capital city of Kazakhstan, has more and more jobs where workers are required to know some English. The problem with this is that courses can be very expensive and conversational practice virtually non-existent. Our *English Conversational Club* provides a welcoming place where people can come and converse with a native English speaker for free. Some are confused why we do not charge for this service since it is an opportunity like gold, but we want to be able to help people without regard to their ability to pay. We purposely do not advertise this service however, or else we would be inundated and unable to be effective language nurturers.

We also continue to run a very popular club, *Mums and Toddlers*, which is geared towards mothers who remain at home all day with their small children. The children love to play with unusual and fun toys along with making interesting crafts. At the same time they learn more about sharing and other crucial social skills. The mothers really appreciate being able to get out of what feels like isolation



and meet with other mothers who are in a similar

stage of life with familiar struggles and concerns. They enjoy drinking tea together and talking about such things as children's discipline. In the last year, some of the ladies have really taken more ownership of the club and now help out more with clean-up and bringing food for tea time.

Our meeting room also has many brochures freely available for people to take. Topics cover various health issues, pregnancy, alcoholism and AIDS. The visitors find our brochures very helpful, and we regularly need to replenish the supply. We are delighted to be a conduit for information that is meeting a much-felt need.

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Since 1997, Vocational Training Program (VTP) has been involved in providing vocational skills, life skills and character training to disadvantaged Khmer young men and women to enable them to support themselves, reach their highest potential and in turn care for others in need. They become agents of transformation to their families, communities and country.

In 2006 the leaders of the Vocational Training Centre worked diligently to move away from institutional training to on-the-job training in workshops. This has the ability to provide services to others and generate income to be self-sustainable. It has been a long, but worthwhile



journey to prepare the Khmer co-workers to be co-owners of this vision. By early 2008, only a handful of them stayed on with VTP

to take on this challenge to develop their entrepreneurial skills, manage their team of workers in their respective workshops and services, and also use their trade skills and life experience to train others.

VTP offers these Khmer partners an interest-free loan for the first three years to help them start up their businesses as well as provide free consultation, leadership training, lifeskill trainers and monitoring of the training courses. This is in line with the requirements of the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training of Cambodia. Currently, there are four workshops/services that are associated with us.

ROOT I.T. Support provides I.T. technical support to small offices, schools and factories. Four new trainees started their training program this year. Vy Choeun, the current leader and owner of this business, dropped out of high school after his father died in a car robbery, but he came to Phnom Penh soon after that to work in a shoe factory. He managed to learn basic I.T. skills and completed his high school diploma while he was on staff with us for two years.

vocational training centre PHNOM PENH CAMBODIA



Ironworks is a metal engineering workshop producing customised orders for the overseas and local market. Miech Sokhom (above), 26-year-old leader and business owner, was a former student who graduated in 2003. His father died of liver cancer; sadly, he did not live to see his son complete his training. His mother supports the family by selling sandwiches by the roadside. After he graduated, Miech worked in our metal trade workshop for two years, and enrolled himself in a Bible school for two years. He overcame some challenges in life and eventually was ready to take up the leadership for this workshop with our assistance. He is currently learning English so that he can communicate better with non-Khmer speaking customers.



VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE
PHNOM PENH
CAMBODIA

Tailoring for the Future

lory Tailoring workshop produces formal and casual clothes for women. The leader and business owner was the former Administration Assistant of the Vocational Training Centre. She volunteered herself to be retrained in tailoring in 2007. The

following year, Kongkea and her tailoring team began training girls from disadvantaged backgrounds. Thearath is one of these girls, and this is her story.

Thearath (the young lady in the white long-sleeved blouse) contracted an eye disease in her left eye when she was four years old. When her parents took her to

the eye doctor, they were advised not to operate on her until she was slightly older. Unfortunately, two years later the disease became out of control, and she had to have her left eye removed in order to save her right eye. She is the eldest daughter of a poor farming family in Takeo Province, but thankfully, her potential was 'discovered' by a good friend of ours when Glory Tailoring was ready to take in new trainees under the reviewed Vocational Training Program.

She overcame her handicap and kept up with others who have normal vision. In fact, she became the best trainee of all. After completing her first year of training, she is not only assisting the trainers with the new first-year trainees but also sewing for their customers. We are very



proud of her courage and commitment shown towards others, especially her trainers and sponsors. Her hard work has paid off after her initial months of challenges. She is contin-uing into her second year training with Kongkea. Besides sewing, Thearath also enjoys singing and looks forward to learning English with trainees from other workshops.

Thearath is one of the many youths in Cambodia

who found hope for the future through the Vocational Training Program. We are committed to identifying and supporting many more emerging leaders in order to see this concept of "empowering people to empower others" spreading from the capital to provincial towns. This way we can multiply the skills and lifeskill training while improving the common poor working conditions, fighting the high unemployment rate among youth and preventing them from ending up in various kinds of exploitative situations.



Nummanna Café serves traditional Khmer breakfast and lunch on their premises and offers catering services to the neighbourhood. The co-leaders of this business are Bich Sothea and Nicole Wu. Sothea is a dentist by profession but he has a desire to train others to run a business with integrity. Nicole came from Vietnam and resided in Phnom Penh 13 years ago with her family. She, too, would like to see business be a blessing to her adopted country.

Tax Deductible Gifts

HADA is a Deductible Gift Recipient registered with the Australian Tax Office and we have the privilege of offering donors tax deductible receipts for donations to approved projects.

All projects listed on our project page are approved for tax deductible donations. If you do not know which project to support, you can donate to 'most needed' and the board will distribute these funds as requests come in from specific projects. By donating to tax deductible funds you are able to claim back on your personal tax return and the tax department will return to you a portion of the funds donated.

All who work with HADA are volunteers and our operational costs are minimal, being 3.7% for 2009. All the funds donated are sent to the project, less bank fees, and so you have a better return on your investment.

If you have been thinking of making a donation, now is a good time because you can include the amount in this year's tax return. Use either the donation form that comes with Inspire or go to the web www.hada.org.au and make the donation there.

"Everyone has the power to impact the outcome of his life.

The way to do it is to focus on today...

Today is the only time you have. It's too late for yesterday.

And you can't depend on tomorrow."

John C Maxwell

Solar panels to provide power for the INF hospital in Ghorahi, Nepal

For the past six years Dr Julie Lincoln has been the only doctor in the International Nepal Fellowship (INF) hospital in Ghorahi, Dang District, where she treats leprosy, TB and general rehab patients. Being in a very remote area, the electricity supply has become very erratic and is only available for a few hours per day during the dry season.

The hospital has an old generator and when it breaks down repairs are very difficult, as diesel mechanics have to travel four hours by road to reach Ghorahi.

Diesel is in short supply, is very expensive and often difficult to obtain because of the remote location and frequent road closures.

We in HADA would like to launch a fundraising campaign to raise \$8000 to install a solar panel system to provide electricity for the hospital and enable it to function efficiently. Would you join with us to help with this special project?

All funds received for this project are tax deductible and will be forwarded in their entirety to the hospital in Ghorahi.

Donations for Ghorahi Solar Panels can be sent by using the attached form or by going to www.hada.org.au.

Thank you, Neil Young, President.

Current HADA Projects

All projects listed here are approved for tax deductibility



Registered HADA offices

HADA, Yunnan, China

Managers: Kai and Estella Ho

- Yuxi: food and supplies for sponsored school children.
- Kunming: Manager: Linda Congdon Researching new opportunities.

HADA, Astana, Kazakstan

Manager: David Pichotta

- Step: training to achieve skills to ensure that people can find gainful employment or go into business themselves.
- Source of Hope: counselling centre for women with past abortions and other issues and helping people to make sensible family planning decisions.
- Open Doors Community Centre: a place to gain employable skills and life skills for young adults, couples and parents.
- Valueology teaching: assisting schools by providing teaching materials, and teaching values to teenagers and students.

Associate organisations' projects

Consulting Training Support, Oujda, Morocco

Manager: Andrew Jones

· Care of Cerebral Palsy children in their homes.

Literacy Project, Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa

Manager: Alfred KoussiLiteracy for adults.

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Manager: Martin Aerne

 Vocational Training Program: Tailoring Workshop, Metal Workshop and I.T. Support / Customer Service.

Siem Reap, Cambodia

Manager: Valéria Pires

 Bridge of Hope: Working with families and communities to prevent children at risk becoming street children.

Please make your cheque payable to HADA Relief Fund.

Do not include the name of the person or project on the cheque.

Kham Health Associates, Sichuan Province, China

- Screen and treat people with Hydatids; educate the whole community in Hydatids prevention.
- Disaster Relief: help in the form of food, blankets, shoes and shelter, and provision of yaks in the summer.

Yushu, Qinghai Province, China

• Disaster relief (earthquake)

Bridgewater Care, Guiyang, China

Manager: Karen Kirkland

 Hospital and community-based physiotherapy/rehabilitation training for recently disabled individuals from stroke, head injury, spinal cord injury and neuromuscular disease.

Entreaide Globale, Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, China

Manager: Kate Lee

- A Cup of Water Community Centre Project: provide finances for poor children to attend school; teach English, and English teacher training.
- · Community Centre.

Good Neighbor Society, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Manager: Mark Jennings

 Feeding poor children; Mobile Library; Hearing Aid Projects; Reading Glasses Project; Kindergarten Project; Character Training; Micro Loans.

International Nepal Fellowship, Dang Province, Nepal

Manager: Dr Julie Lincoln

- CATS: Community development; environmental health; TB patient hostel; youth awareness program and scholarships for poor children.
- Leprosy/rehab project: care of leprosy, general disability and burns patients; footwear provision; training government health workers; income generation.
- · Solar panels for the hospital.

Maxton Strong School, Banbassa, India

Manager: Rick Shipway

School buildings for orphans and local children.

Mercy Welfare Society, New Delhi, India

Project Consultant: John King

Education and vocational training for urban disadvantaged.



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