

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

for 2014-2015

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Note from the Director

Please find enclosed a photo of the student(s) you are sponsoring. This year have we 40 students in university and 3 in high school. Most of our students are choosing careers that enable them to help their rural communities. What a perfect outcome!

With heartfelt appreciation for your generous support, Bhavia

Seven Students Graduated from University in Spring 2014 – 5 girls and 2 boys

Nay Soben – *Finance & Banking major* – Now working as Assistant to the Finance Officer for the rural NGO Action for Environment and Community.

Ray Seyha – *IT major* – Currently creating websites.

Ram Boray – *Sociology major* – Doing an internship with an NGO called Building Community Voice.

Sien Sok-Ny – *Management major* – Working for the NGO Cambodia Indigenous Youth Association. She is in charge of a program helping poor rural women.

Vet Ly-Heng – *Psychology major* – Working in a restaurant while looking for other work.

Khan Sokha – *Literature major* – Applying to be a teacher in a village school near her home.

Soy Chan-Dy – *Accounting major* – Financial assistant in a garment factory in her home province.

Did you know?

Cambodian names are reversed - The family name comes first and the given name is second. For example, my name would be written Wagner Bhavia.

Birthdays are a new phenomenon – Traditionally, everyone turned one year older on the Khmer New Year in mid-April and most people didn't know their birthdate. City dwellers are becoming more westernized but birthdays are still not celebrated in the rural areas.

Rice for every meal – If you haven't eaten rice, you haven't had a meal in Cambodia.

Holidays – Major holidays in Cambodia are celebrated by taking food to the monks in the Buddhist temples.

Our Sponsorship Program Director in Cambodia – Cheam Kosal has been working with Bhavia since 1994.

Twelve Students Started University last Fall – 10 girls and 2 boys

Pheng Ny - *Accounting*. Her goal: to work for NGO.

Ben Navin - Nurse Midwife. Her goal: to work at the health clinic in her community.

Sam Samnang - *Community Development*. Her goal: to work for an NGO.

Shamrouen Soriya - *Economics for Development*. Her goal: to work for an NGO.

Yean Chanty - *Biology*. Her goal: to be a teacher or work in horticulture.

Yan Chakriya - *Accounting*. Her goal: to work for an NGO.

Rous Savy - *Medical Lab Technician*. Her goal: to work in the health center in her community.

Chea Chakriya - *Agriculture Economics and Rural Development*. Her goal: to work for an NGO.

Kath Chanthol - *Agronomy*. Her goal: to work for an NGO.

Kim Kosal - *Business Management*. His goal: to start a business to help farmers in his community.

Chea Seyha - *Economics for Development*. His goal: to work for an NGO.

Soa Ely - *Accounting*. Her goal: to work for an NGO.



Cheam Kosal - Sponsorship Program Director in Cambodia
and Bhavia Wagner – FWC Executive Director