



NEWS FROM MY HOME

Light of Hope Children's Village

January 2020 started with a bang as the children at Light of Hope celebrated with a special meal, music, entertainment, and yes, even some simple fireworks. The year held promise as our school numbers were high, providing us with enough funds to fully support our operating costs from within our project. COVID-19 has provided challenging situations in the project and the community in which we serve. Still, behind the dark clouds, we continue to see the silver linings of God's leading in our work.

Early this year, we accepted 8 new children into care at Light of Hope, children who had come from situations where they were not safe or no longer had someone to care for them. These children have settled in well to life at Light of Hope over the last few months and are enjoying a safe and carefree life, as all children should.

We have been blessed this year to start producing our own eggs, with the acquisition of ducks and chickens, and its exciting to see our production increase each week. The Mums use so many eggs in their cooking and so we anticipate this to be a good saving for our monthly food budget. Giving our children responsibility for the care of the chickens and ducks also provides a valuable lesson for their lives. The food production program across the centre continues to provide fresh and nutritious food for the children's diet.



Schools and universities have closed across Cambodia since mid-March, and it appears this will be in place until our new school year starts in November. Reverting to online learning is difficult in these remote rural villages where the families are often too poor to allow access to the required technology. Most of our school students will have missed out on a year of learning. Many (especially girls) face the prospect of not re-engaging, as their families will have appreciated the extra hands to help out with work.



The Light of Hope Uni students came home for a month during the peak of the pandemic when the city of Phnom Penh had virtually closed. They have now gone back to their home in the city, and most have commenced online learning through their universities.

Our kids are all growing so fast, and we are incredibly proud of the young people that they are becoming. Thank you so much for the role that you play in their lives, it truly is making a difference.

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