

CAMBODIAN SCHOOL PROJECT

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Progress Report for Spring, 2013



Hello and thanks to all of you who have supported our project!

This year we are again giving school uniforms to students (like these boys) from poor rural schools. This classroom is at Poum Steung, as is Phat Moul, one of our longest serving teachers. We are pleased to be able to retain good teachers and proud of the work they are doing.



Here is a student at Tampoueng, some girlfriends at Poum Steung and students at Srei Pou wondering if they really are going to get new clothes (which of course they did). School improvements this year include child-proof fences around the new reservoirs at Srei Pou and the Kouy School, more desks and blackboards for the Kouy, garden supplies at Tampoeung and bridge repair at Poum Steung. We will again buy bicycles

for poor graduates with a long commute to high school. Attendance and graduation rates continue to improve.



At JHP Skola we have increased organic food production. Here you see vegetable beds, and the papayas shown close-up. We are planting more trees right now as the rainy season starts. On the right you see our new fish pond, soon to fill as the rains progress. We will then add the



fish, a sorely needed source of protein. We thank IBM Corporation for the funds we used to skim top-soil and dig this pond in the underlying clay. We used the skimmed topsoil to raise our gardens above the flood plane.



Here is Sarith with a student at the orphanage we help support near JHP. He is saying; "Can you believe it, *she's 14 years old!*" Stunted growth is a real and life-long consequence of malnutrition in this region. Our technical school students volunteer labor to grow food that we will use to reduce this.

Our first class of technical students (and volunteer gardeners) has now graduated. Each graduate was placed in a job, on an internship or helped to start a business. New classes have now begun.

We thank you all and pass along blessings for supporting these poor children. Aukuhn shahran!

