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**Merry Christmas 2018 & Happy New Year 2019  
From Don Bosco Kep**



Kep City, December 12, 2018

Dear Benefactors,

Greetings from Don Bosco Technical School and Children Fund of Thmey Village, Prey Thom Commune, Kep District, Kep Province, Kingdom of Cambodia.

This has been a wonderful 2018 year with our children, young people, teachers, volunteers and all of you, our dear benefactors, who are always near to us. Thanks to your contribution, we have been able to offer a wonderful campus for children and youth that need support and bridges for a better future.

This year we have finished some constructions for the educative development of our students such as the new Electrical Department and the Educative Multipurpose Kiosk at the seaside thanks to persons like you, who dream for a better future for our dear Mother Earth, by supporting our students. We have also started a project of marketing thinking always in our sustainability. But the most important, we are able to receive 300 students in our campus, from 3 to 22 years old, in our different programs, including kindergarten, Sun Children's students residence and technical school. Each child, each youth represents also a family that is always a rural poor community, including indigenous peoples, children that are physically challenged, girls and young women that could be targets of exploitation, boys and youth that could end in human trafficking and ilegal migration. This month we have Miss Silvia Cordoba who is doing a video to show some cases of the Don Bosco social impact in Cambodia, thanks also to the sponsorship of Mr. Gerard van Hal. I hope to release the final edition for the month of March 2019.

The new academic year started in November 2018 with 170 new young people for the electrical, media communication, secretarial science and information technology departments. The gender distribution is about 50/50% inside our program of women empowerment and gender equality. Inside this new group, we have one young man who is physically challenged (short eye vision), but he is doing very well and thriving. I hope to send him soon to the Takeo Eye Hospital to analyze his case.

We have 50 teenagers at the Sun Children program, 40 boys and 10 girls aged 10 to 17 years old. One of the kids, Mr. Meng Samnang, finished already the program and joint the Information Technology Department last November. He is the first Sun Child (now a young man) to ends succesfully the Sun Program and continue his formation inside Don Bosco Kep. Inside the Sun Children we have Mr. Danith, 16, who is physically challenged (he lost his right eye at 11), who is doing very well with studies. At the moment he needs glasses because he finds difficult to read. We are looking for it. We have also two new boys that come from a condition of child labour inside a brick factory. It was amazing to see how they evolved since October to now: first behaving like adults and now recovering their childhood.

We have many financial worries in our Don Bosco Kep. Each month we thrive to look for salaries to sustain the different projects. But we relay in the Holy Providence and the Love of God for our kids. They are the reason why we are here in Cambodia.

I have to underline the support of foreign volunteers, some of them coming independent and others from some volunteers' organizations such as Kindermission, Trust Project and Senior Experten

Service. It is very encouraging to see foreign volunteers trying to adapt to the challenges of the Cambodian culture, language barrier, *meals barriers* and many other unexpected elements. Most of them take it with courage, patience and love for our kids. I appreciate very much their contribution, commitment and understanding. At the same time, I need to underline the contribution of our own Cambodian staff. In the present Cambodian stage of development, where too many companies are offering big salaries for educated personnel, there is always the temptation to resign and go there for a better economical income. It is a real demonstration of love, commitment and compromise with their own people and the children to remain as a teacher, social worker, staff of Don Bosco, getting a fair but not too high salary. Anyway, we try our best to make such fair salary as much fair as possible. We are committed to increase our own production, to provide better commissions and to motivate our staff with formation and care, thinking also in their future. Thanks to all volunteers who understand it and try to support our Cambodian staff and thanks to all benefactors who can help us on it.

Finally, I want to request a special favor. We need funds for our Christmas celebrations in Don Bosco Kep this month. As you know, our celebrations do not mean a party for party. We try always to make something meaningful for our children, youth and staff in a deep sense of family. At the same time, we try to get some incomes by inviting people from the surrounding community to participate and let contributions.

If some of you could send the gift for our children, for the Christmas this month, I will appreciate it very much. Our numbers are always in red, but our hearts are always red of love for our kids.

Please send any support to the following bank details:

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Account number	3803-01-041854-1-8
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Postcode/Area code	1149
Swift code	ACLBKHP
Name of account holder	Don Bosco Foundation of Cambodia
Address of account holder	Thmey Village, Sangkat Prey Thom, NR 33A, Kep City, Cambodia or P.O.Box: 9801, Kep City, Cambodia

Thank you once more for your support, for your prayers, for your interest in assuring that some small Cambodians get in the track of a better future. When you send something, you are ensuring it to some kids, you are helping to change our world.

Please welcome to visit us in Don Bosco Kep again in 2019 and keep in touch with Don Bosco and his children.

Yours and blessings during this Christmas time:



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From forced labor to become children again :)