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The rural villages of Cambodia and Nepal are vastly different from their urban counterparts. When I stayed at a pastor's house in Sindalpulchowk, Nepal, he had an outdoor squatting toilet. As I had a total knee replacement on one leg, I could not squat and it was very challenging trying to use the toilet standing up! Last year we had to persuade a 16 year old girl not to return to her village to get married! Our children come from poor rural villages and we have to expose them to a more modern lifestyle. Our goal is to show them that they have abilities and gifts which God has given them.

Dear Friends of OHF,

Thanks for your donations and sponsorship without which we would not be able to carry out our work in Cambodia and Nepal. Our children's homes are serious projects where we want the children to leave the homes full of confidence and equipped with the necessary skills to earn a good salary. Singapore is homogeneous as no matter which part of Singapore you live, we all live in homes with treated water, sanitation and electricity. Every child goes to school and has the opportunity to learn and grow.

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Several children at Hope Village Prey Veng are starting to show entrepreneurial skills. They made banana muffins and kaya jam which we taught them to sell to visitors! I shared with the older children that Cambodia is a land of opportunities. There is still no McDonald's stores in Cambodia and Nepal!

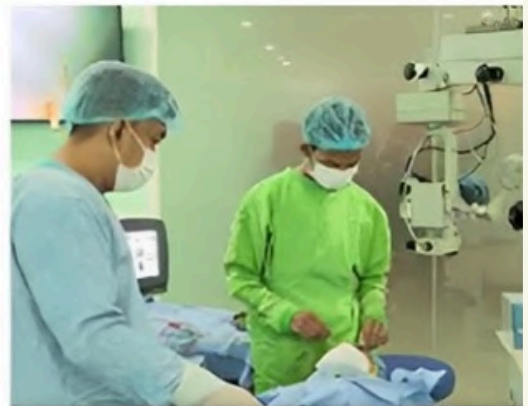


Chhean was a one eye boy and often teased and bullied in school. Michael from Singapore generously paid for his eye operation. Now he can see with both eyes and was so happy when he left the hospital.

Before

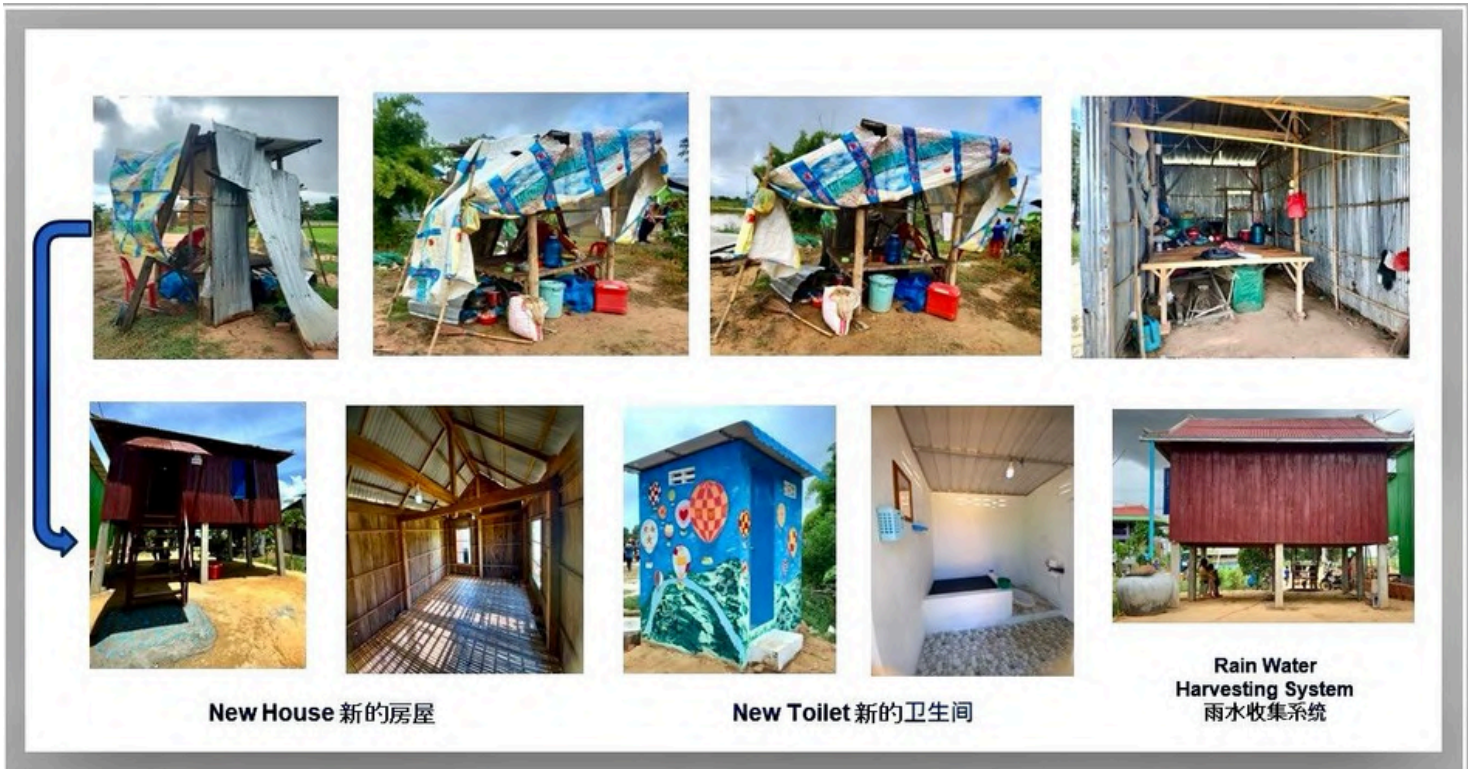


After





Queenstown Baptist Church brought joy to many villagers. They built a house, toilet, rainwater harvesting system and blessed the new house owner with many gifts. The church members built the new house with nails, hammers and saws. It was good teamwork and they were delighted that they actually built the house and toilet from ground up! It was a very meaningful hands-on experience.



New House 新的房屋

New Toilet 新的卫生间

Rain Water Harvesting System 雨水收集系统



In Nepal, we admitted three new boys and nine girls last year.



One child had so many lice and kept her scratching her head until the staff brought her to see a doctor. Another child Karmita was covered with boils due to unhygienic conditions in her home in the village. As they cannot speak English last year, all these newly recruited children were home schooled. Thankfully we have a dedicated Singapore volunteer Christina as their teacher.



Karmita



We would like to share a story of one of our girls Pratima who is a good student scoring 3.93 out of 4 in her GPA.

Pratima comes from a very challenging background. Her father passed away 10 years ago, and just two years ago, her older sister succumbed to illness as her mother could not afford to send her sister to Kathmandu for the treatment.

A few months ago, she had a painful blister on her toe which turned into a sore that caused her to limp. She did not complain about the sore but when we investigated to see why she was limping, we found the sore. The sore was caused by her shoe which was too small for her. She never complained about the shoe being too small! She now has the correct size shoe.



We are still short of child sponsors for our children in Cambodia and Nepal. Check our website www.ohf.org.sg to find out more about these children who are waiting for child sponsors.

We hope you can visit us in Cambodia and Nepal and thanks for your support.

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