

**CHUMKRIEL LANGUAGE SCHOOL
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EVENING SCHOOL

Evening School offers English classes to children from Chumkriel and nearby regions, using the Smart Phonics, Headway, Our World and New Interchange curriculums. There are 18 classes and 14 teachers. Learning English improves the chance for our children to secure employment or to pursue further education.

In 2023, 552 students registered for English classes at Evening School. We provided scholarships to 155 students from disadvantaged backgrounds so they could attend without paying fees.



ACCESS PROGRAM

Two Access Classes sponsored by the U.S. Embassy provide extension training and activities. In June two teachers and ten students attended a five-day Access Summit in Vietnam.

This was an amazing experience, allowing teachers and students to practise English and to gain cultural understanding with teachers and students from Vietnam and Laos. It was also their first experience of flying, and we were proud of their presentation at the Summit of a project on "Happy Reading".

Click to see more in a [video](#) about the trip.



Two of our students, Channet and Sovannut, received a Kindle and a set of books from the Regional English Language Office as winners of the “Writing Letter to Santa” contest – a fantastic achievement.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

CLS is supporting four students, Channa, Channet, Sreyka, and Socheata, to study at university. They are all majoring in English Literature and have recently completed their first year of studies. Linked to these scholarships, the four volunteer as teachers at our Evening School, a commitment greatly valued by the community and the school.



Channet and Socheata also work as teacher assistants at a private school in town. This allows them to apply what they are learning at university in a real classroom setting. We hope they will become exceptional English teachers due to the support they are receiving from CLS.

We are deeply grateful to supporters who have made it possible for these students to receive scholarships and pursue their studies. Without their financial assistance, this opportunity would not have arisen.

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS



Thirty students are being supported to attend secondary and high schools. They are in various grades, from Grade 7 to Grade 12, and seventeen of them achieved very satisfactory performance rankings of between 1 and 5.

These students also participate in training organized by partner organizations, and some volunteer their time at Evening School to assist children with reading. One standout, Reach, volunteered to be Master of Ceremonies at the Kampot Arts Festival and received praise from the event organizers.

The scholarships allowing these students to pursue their studies and achieve success are possible only with the generous donations of our supporters. We are so grateful for this support and look forward to continuing academic achievement and success from these scholarship students.

SALT FIELD TRUCK

The truck or “school bus” is vital to the education of the salt field children. Without it many of them, lacking transport, would not get to and from school and might miss out on an education altogether.



A generous response to appeals yielded US\$18,000 to purchase an Isuzu truck with just 30,000km on the clock. It replaces an older truck which, since 2014, has transported salt field children to and from school.

The old truck was no longer sufficiently reliable or safe for this important task. The Isuzu which replaces it should fill this role for at least another ten years, and probably longer.

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