



*Assisting Children
to School*

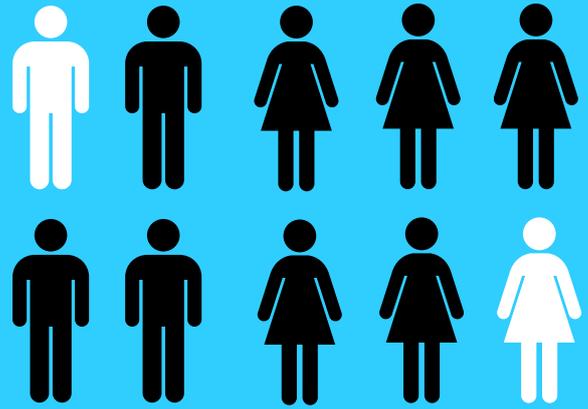
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IMPACT

2018 has been a great year for the Assisting Children to School program (ACTS). From handing out school packs, running Happy Club and hosting parent workshops the ACTS program continues to meet a felt need and assist 110 families in Stung Treng communities. November sees Stung Treng schools begin the new year and AOC has been able to equip many children with school materials in order to begin the new year well.



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Parents we trained did not know appropriate ways to show love to their kids. *

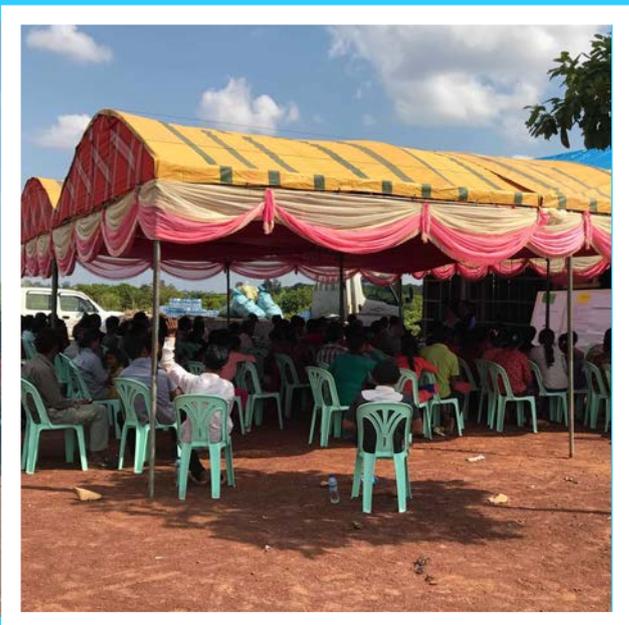
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PARENT WORKSHOPS

We decided to run parent workshops because we identified a need for parents to learn more about topics such as; health and hygiene, positive communication with their kids and how to be a good parent. For this program we partnered with the Department of Womens Affairs in Stung Treng to deliver the training. This was encouraging to see local government departments get involved and work alongside us.

The reason for teaching the above topics is because parents were not sure about things such as how often the kids should go to school. Many parents struggle to have good, clear communication with their children. This includes showing kids that they are loved, verbally but also refraining from physical discipline too often. Some parents are simply not aware of the best ways to love their kids. This stems from both cultural beliefs and practices however AOC is encouraged to see parents begin to make good choices for their families.

This year the ACTS program hosted two set of workshops, one in March in two different villages and one more in October with six villages involved. All together we had 320 adults attend our training.



* according Asian Outreach Cambodia ACTS staff surveys 2018

STORY OF CHANGE

Mr Rous Sros is 44 years old and he is a farmer. His wife is Yong Mo, is 42 years and together they have four children, two boys and two girls. They live in Chor Chon village, Srei Russei commune in Stung Treng Province. They currently are very poor, with an average income of \$50 USD per month. They have no means of transportation and from their house to the school is 2.5 kilometers. Their second eldest son is attending school through the ACTS program. Yong Mo says:

“Thankyou AOC, I am so happy that AOC can release some burden of my family. Tomorrow they start the new school year and my second son will have the new school pack. We are so happy AOC can support us. Our son is very happy with his new school pack. Now my boys can remember the words and songs from Happy club. Now I also heard about Jesus from the ACTS teachers and my children.”



HAPPY CLUB AND HOME VISITS

Happy Club

This year we have been able to run Happy Club in six villages. Happy Club is an optional program held on Thursday afternoon, where kids from all the village, not just ACTS kids, are welcome to attend. We have church volunteers go and help run the programs each week. We share about the Bible through games and lessons, doing drawing and memorizing scriptures. On average we have 250 kids come join our program across the six villages. We are encouraged to hear that some kids go home and share the Good News with their parents and though this many people get to hear about Jesus.

Home visits

We conduct home visits with ACTS children to build a relationship with parents and encourage them to continue to send their kids to school. We also created student profiles to map out where kids are in the villages and this helps all ACTS staff in working with the families. When we visit them at home we also take the opportunity to share the Gospel with some families and pray for those who are sick. We aim to visit four ACTS families per week and more when we have time. Home visits create accountability for parents and when kids are not attending school we are able to follow up with them.

IN ADDITION...

In addition to our usual programs we offer extra tuition classes where needed, we host teacher meetings and we celebrated for National Children's day and Christmas. Through the Assisting Children To School program we are encouraged and are seeing a positive impact and happy, healthier, more educated communities. AOC thanks you for your support!

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MOVING FORWARD

Moving forward:

As of October 2018 we will be adding 40 children to the ACTS program. This will mean we assist a total of 150 kids to school. We aim to grow Happy Club to eight villages and continue to provide quality training for parents. We are excited for 2019 and we appreciate your prayers and support for this program.

HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT A.C.T.S

We still have many families who we would like to support. We need your ongoing commitment to assisting families like Mei Ton's

Blessings from the AsianOutreach Cambodia Team



"Hello, my name is Mei Ton and I am 42 years old. My wife is Suan Pen, 37 years old and together we have seven children. We have five sons and two daughters. We are farmers in Chamkarhong village in Srei Russei Commune, Stung Treng Province. None of our children go to school because we can not afford to send them. We have an income of \$20 USD per month depending on the season. Often we have not enough food and eat simply tamarind with salt mixed together for our meals. We have a very small house. We want to be able to join the ACTS program and send some of our kids to school."