# **Carpets for Communit-E-NEWS**

**May 2010** 

#### **NEWS FROM OUR CEO:**

With our goal to grow from 45 families and 170 kids to 500 families and 2500 kids by 2012, it becomes unmistakeable of just how much volunteers like you contribute to this Goal. On behalf of the National Executive and BOD, I would like you to know how much we appreciate your dedication, sacrifice and commitment to your work with CfC. Sales nationally have increased, volunteers are working round the clock on fundraising events and lots of activities are happening nation-wide.

Our Families in Cambodia would be ever appreciative and grateful for your support at Market stalls, organizing fundraising events and making critical decisions which affects their lives positively. I know you had to let many personal interests slide and make sacrifices on behalf of the CfC team (CfC Family)

Thank you all once again and looking forward to meeting you at RUGFEST in Brisbane!!!

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## **NEWS FROM CAMBODIA:**

The 45 families in our program received their wages on time thanks to the phenomenal support of people like you!

\$7000 was raised in 7 days during our Expansion Cash Crisis Appeal. CfC Volunteers saw the urgent need and acted hastily to develop the appeal in 2 days and launched it on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The appeal was a huge success and met a temporary cash flow problem a mere 7 days later on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

People often tell us they think we are doing good work but this was people putting their money on the table. It was a huge moral booster to everyone to see how much people believe in the project.' says David Bacon. 'Most importantly, I've been in touch with the staff in Cambodia and they have assured me that the families barely even noticed (their wages were delayed), and that we acted quickly enough to avoid any of the problems we were worried about. So a huge thank you to everyone'.

Read more about the appeal, listen to the radio coverage and watch the appeal videos on our website www.carpetsforcommunities.org/donate.

#### **RUG FEST 2010:**

Next month, 'Ruggies' will catch up and have a great time making plans and decisions for the future direction of CfC at RUGFEST (CfC's annual AGM). RUGFEST is going to be held in the beautiful Gold Coast June  $18^{th}$  to  $21^{st}.\ \$140$  covers all food and accommodation. Places still available, register today at <a href="https://www.tinyurl.com/rugfest2010">www.tinyurl.com/rugfest2010</a> .

#### **RUG TRIP:**

Film Festival FUNDRAISER: Come and have an awesome time while supporting our organisation. Live performers, auctions, films, raffles and more! July 3<sup>rd</sup> in **Adelaide**, July 9<sup>th</sup> in **Brisbane**, July 28<sup>th</sup> in **Melbourne** and July 21<sup>st</sup> in **Sydney**, Grab tickets online from www.carpetsforcommunities.org.

# **MARKETS AND RUGS:**

Our next shipment of rugs is arriving in Adelaide in June. Stock will be distributed to each state shortly after it is collected.

Along with our regular stock, the twenty foot shipping container is also bringing a large rug order for our new retailer -City Discount Carpets in Adelaide.

The month of June sees some new market stalls across Australia, including; Munchkin Market in Victoria June 20<sup>th</sup> and Pinjarra Festival in WA 5th-6<sup>th</sup> June.

For details on upcoming events and regular markets nationwide, please visit http://tinyurl.com/cfcmarkets.

#### **RETAILERS:**

CfC volunteer Jessie Goh has opened a store in Sydney recently for stylish babies and kiddies. Obviously, you will find a range of our funky carpets! **Summer Lane** can be found at 513 Marrickville Road, Dulwich Hill, Sydney and www.summerlane.com.au. As a valued CfC supporter, Jessie is offering 10% discount, valid until June 15th. Head online and use promotional code: SUMMERCARPET.

# **VOLUNTEER UPDATE:**

Welcome to new volunteers Cypress Wang, ICung Tean, Alison Breheny and intern Laurens Koppelaar from The Netherlands