



Carpets for Communit-E-NEWS

March 2010

UPDATE FROM CAMBODIA:

David Bacon (Founding Director), Clay Nayton (Development Manager) and Frank Acquaah (CEO) visited the project site in Cambodia in Feb 2010 and report below was filed by Clay:

All the families seem to be doing really well. There is a noticeable difference in how education is valued between families who have been part of the project for years and those who are new to it. Efforts to improve the education sector in Cambodia are not solely based on external ideals which have been imposed by the numerous foreign NGOs operating in the country. After decades of civil war, Cambodians are realising that the current environment of political stability provides the opportunity for education to



become a key focus which will in turn lead to a more positive future.

Mongheng Seng (In-country Program Manager) shares "...if I grow morning glory (flower), I may just spend one or two months then I will get result but this fruit is for one or two weeks use only, compare to growing mango tree I may take time for 3 to 5 years and hard care on it but it's result will provide me for long time. It is about the same with school education. If I take time for work not in school since I am at the last grade of primary school till secondary and high school (grade 10-12) I can make money and have some saving but this is could not be survived my family forever, even it could be but it must be hard and I cannot move out my family from farmer cycle."

DONATE YOUR OLD EYE GLASSES

One of the leading concerns that came out of a meeting was the need for reading glasses when making the carpets. Please Donate you old glasses so we can take them over to Cambodia in July. If anyone has any kicking about we will be able to find a good home for them. Contact enquiries@carpetsforcommunities.org to organise delivery of reading glasses for Clay's trip in July to Cambodia

CFC's Premier WOMAD Appearance

Three of our retailers accepted the spontaneous invitation to be a 'stall sponsor' of our stall at the WOMAD festival held this March in Adelaide. These included **Just Planet-Sunbury Vic**, **The Green Room-Willunga SA**, and **Head Heart and Hands-Nairne SA**. **Health and Relaxation studio 'Lotus Floating'** of Mt Barker SA also supported our stall.

Our stall was in the non-for-profit organisation display area amongst other stalls such as World Vision, Save the Children and Oxfam. Our brightly coloured rugs were like a magnet attracting passersby who couldn't help but came over to touch, feel and learn about our fascinating grass

roots project. Drop us a line if you know of a business that may want to sponsor one of our market stalls either casually or regularly



Jess F, and family supporting at WOMAD



Volunteers having fun at a market in Melbourne

MARKETS AND RUGS:

Volunteers at market stalls across Australia are selling rugs fast! We have market stalls each week in Western Australia, Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia.

The next Shipment is due to arrive in the second week of April, which is an exciting time for all to see the newest lovely creations from Cambodia.

For details on upcoming markets nationwide, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/cfcmarkets>.

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