



## GROWING CAMBODIA INC



### AUGUST 2020 UPDATE

While here in Victoria we have returned to either Stage 3 and 4 restrictions as part of our effort to flatten the Covid 19 curve our friends in Cambodia have also seen a number of measures introduced. In particular schools, including Growing Cambodia's village schools, have been closed since April.

Our committee decided early on to continue to pay our dedicated and loyal teachers at a reduced rate – our own Jobkeeper in Cambodia ! In return we have asked the teachers to commit for at least a further 12 months after the schools reopen.

Today we received the wonderful news that the same teachers have begun to teach the children in groups of 10 at the students homes !! The teachers are also setting homework for the students. This has all been organised by our manager Sopheak, himself recovering from a recent appendix operation. You can see from Sopheak's report below why he is so keen for the students to continue to learn even in these trying times :

### The Benefits for our Students and why learning English is so important -Report by Sopheak Play

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. Every person on Earth can study hard in order to get a better education, better life, better future, and a successful goal. GC gives support to the students for them to reach their destination ... Most of the students who graduated from GC use English for their current job, university studies or travels. They work in different places in Siem Reap Province. Each student wants their dream to become reality. Since they've been studying hard for so long they know that education is a path that can lead them to the right door. .... Some of our students who have graduated became a Tuk-Tuk driver, a car driver or a taxi driver. They use English to communicate with foreigners and ask for directions to reach their destinations..... Other students like to work in hotels at Siem Reap Province. These students may become a receptionist and cashier .....other students became waiters in a restaurant. In order to work in a western restaurant at Pub-Street they need to use English to welcome their customers. For example, a restaurant called The Red Piano is filled with foreigners. A few students work as a waitress, a host, an accountant or a supervisor..... Moreover, a few students became tourist police or a tour guide. For tourist police, they use English for communication with foreigners who are lost or need help on the way .... Other students become nurses at the Children Hospital in Siem Reap Province. ...Last, but not least, students who have graduated from GC were able to pass their grade 12 certificate or grade 12 National Exam due in part to their studying at GC.. They are capable of using English well for learning and teaching through their own research and experience from any documents that are written in English. They are now pursuing their bachelor degree at some universities in Siem Reap Province. ... Education is the movement from darkness to light....the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. Our students who have graduated from GC are starting their life as a young adult and making their dreams come true. We are blessed to have them as our students. They study

hard and try their very best to know English and it is a gift that none can take away. They are free now to walk on the path of their own and they have the ability to use English to change their life.

**Growing Cambodia's purpose is to encourage a better and more sustainable quality of life for young rural Cambodians through education and the enhancement of health and well-being.**

**ALL funds raised go directly towards our projects in Cambodia. There are no administration costs as all such services are provided by volunteers.**

**With our best wishes**

Steve Davie  
Chair  
Growing Cambodia Inc  
M 0409167001  
Registered Charity ABN 41 575 099 453

Further information can be found at:  
[www.growingcambodia.org.au](http://www.growingcambodia.org.au) or [www.facebook.com/growingcambodia](https://www.facebook.com/growingcambodia).