



THE SANITATION PROJECTS FOR THE POOR RURAL FAMILIES IN CAMBODIA



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Cambodia is an ancient 3rd world country in Southeast Asia with a population of about 15 million people. It is a proud nation of people who honor their history and their people. The country is well known for ancient temples such as Angkor Wat and Phnom Chisor and thrives on the bounties of the Mekong and Tonle Sap rivers.

Cambodia's climate, like that of the rest of Southeast Asia is dominated by monsoons, which are known as both tropically wet and dry because of the distinctly marked seasonal differences. Still, the largest industry in Cambodia is subsistence farming with more than 50% relying on growing rice. Over 75% of the population of 15 million people reside in rural areas and lack in common infrastructure.

The country is still recovering from civil wars and the destruction brought about by the five-year reign of the Khmer Rouge which was removed from power in 1979. Today, the average household earnings in rural Cambodia remain less than \$100 per month...far less in some districts. Basic infrastructure is slow to evolve and nearly 80% of the people outside of the major cities suffer from lack of sanitation. Water for consumption and household use is primarily captured from roof runoff during the frequent monsoons and stored in large casks.

In 2014, humanitarian activists Niels Lund (Cardiff-by-the-Sea, CA) and his Class-ACT NGO along with Chhay Leang Suy (Phnom Penh) and his Solidarity Fund for Rural Development NGO collaborated to form Latrines for Life project. The mission of the project is to bring multi-faceted sanitation installations to rural Cambodians...one family and one village at a time.

In 2016, Trace Skeen (Logan, Utah) became involved along with his Family Cambodia Projects organization as he frequently travels to the impoverished country. The three non-profit groups under the guidance of Niels Lund and a small but focused board of directors have continued to evaluate and enhance the original latrine project by adding a water filtering system, hand-washing station, hygiene education, and dental hygiene components to each installation area.

We believe the importance of this project can best be appreciated by organizing site-visits for both individuals as well as families to the villages of Kandal Province. We encourage travelers to not only sponsor but to participate in the final completion of a Sanitation Installation whenever possible. Travelers are also encouraged to gather useful items that can be carried from their communities and distributed to the children of the villages. The interaction between the two cultures, especially youth, creates life-changing experiences for all parties.

We invite you to join with us in supporting these humble and grateful people of Cambodia by contributing to the Latrines for Life project. Of course, every dollar helps and we are grateful for even the small gifts. However, we also invite you to sponsor one or more Installations which requires a mere \$250.00. The gift will feature a placard at the site which identify the donor and acknowledges their support. Latrine for Life is also pleased to note that 100% of your donation goes directly toward the installation. Other administrative fees are borne by board members or other generous parties.

Each month we publish a report which interviews and highlights the families that have received installations for that month. In addition to photos of each installation, the recipient family is able to offer their words of gratitude for the efforts put forth on their behalf.

In calendar year **2019**, Latrines for Life will have installed more than 50 Sanitation Projects for families and villages throughout the Kandal Province. Each installation supports 30-59 village members. Please join us in keeping the momentum going as we bring sanitation to the rural villages of Cambodia one family and one village at a time.

To make a charitable donation for one or more of these projects, or to obtain more information, please contact:

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Sanitation installations brings hope to the poor families in rural Cambodian. **In the month of January 2021 and February 2021**, we selected 4 families, they need sanitation services from our program and have raised \$12 amount to help with the construction.

The following is the report from Mr. Leang, the on-site Cambodian Project Manager along with photos and on –sit in rural area and comments of the recipients of the installations and who desire to express their gratitude:

1. **Mr. Thork Deth and wife(have 2 children)- Family #1:** I and my wife with our team construction team was completed the construction work for this family in January 24, 2021. We distributed the new ceramic water filter today in supporting the family. I and my wife helped to move the soil to compact into the surrounding concrete ring and pipe. Helping to mix the cement and installation of the walls. The family is living in Saang District, Kandal Province, Cambodia. I and our team turned –over the latrine to the family after we completed the project work. We taught them how to take care of latrine. We taught the children that they need to clean the teeth at least twice a day and to clean their hand when they get out from toilet. More importantly, the family can get the good water to drink each day! The family would like to wish you all have a good health, have a happiness, and more joy in the year 2020 in your family.





2. **Mr. Chamroeur Kith and wife(have 2 children)-Family# 2:** We continued our inspection work with my wife and team , she helped to distribute the ceramic water filter to this family and taught her how to get the distill water. After inspection and to install the banner and our team turned-over the latrine project to this second family. Gladly, we taught them how to clean the ceramic filter and how to take of it they can get good water to drink each day. Especially, we taught kids need to clean their teeth a twice a day and the family how to wash their hand after they used from the toilet. . The family would like to wish you all have a good health and more joy in year 2020!



3. **Mr. Don Im and wife(Have 2 children)-Family#3:** We continued our inspection work and we witness the family was happy to get the latrine from our program. Her husband was not at our visit because he needed to work to find money to support family. My wife helped to distribute the ceramic water filter to the family and we turned –over the latrine project to the family. During our inspection, we taught them and shared our knowledge how to distil the water from ceramic water filter, from now on, and the family can get a good drinking water to drink each day. Especially, we taught kids how to brush their teeth and clean their hands after get out from toilet. They would like to say thank you all very much for your donation! They wish you all to have a good health and more joy and have a great happiness in the year of 2021!



4. **Mrs. Se Pov is widow(7 children)- Family#4:** Today, in our visited and inspection, we learned that Mrs. Se Pov is widow has 7 children. She was happy to get our assistance and helps. We turned –over the latrine to this family, she was so happy to have a toilet. We distributed the ceramic water filter to her, from now on, she and kids can get the good water to drink each day. Especially, we taught her how to clean the latrine and how use water filter and how to clean latrine. We taught kids how to clean their hands after use the toilet each day and we taught kids need to clean their teeth at least twice a day. She would like to say thank you for making your donation to her and family! She wish you all to have a good health and more joy and to have great happiness in the year 2021!!!

