



# Sunshine Centre for Children

A project of **Christian Care For Cambodia**



## Annual Report 2010

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## **To our friends and supporters,**

2010 was a time of growth and celebration for the Sunshine Centre. In a joyful ceremony at the end of February, the Sunshine Board formally handed over leadership from Bonnie Lepelaar to Nop Channy, our first Cambodian director. Channy is supported by a team of four who hold management and technical advisory positions at Sunshine. Bonnie, who directed Sunshine for the previous three and a half years, remains involved as Project Advisor and fundraiser.

2010 was also our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we held a big party for the children, their parents and our staff. A commemorative dvd brought back many happy memories and tears and gratefulness for what God has done through us and for us. Older children testified to the way they have been blessed and long term staff were honoured for years of faithful service.

Over the year, more than 120 children from poor families benefitted from the educational opportunities that Sunshine offers. With education, these kids have the chance for improved health, better incomes, lower birthrates and longer lifespans. Without education, these kids are vulnerable to many kinds of child labour and exploitation such as scrap collecting, begging, selling books and trinkets, and even being sold themselves.

Key to the long-term success of the children is the parallel development of their families. Our community staff were busy visiting and following-up the over 70 SC families. Highlights include:

- One mother dealing with alcoholism stopped drinking and resumed attending church.
- One family improved their economic livelihood by selling porridge and saving their income. With their savings they bought a farm and a cow in their hometown.
- 12 parents found new employment, including 10 mothers who did a Family Resource Project training course and found jobs as housecleaners.

Almost all funding comes from individuals, churches, schools and mission agencies in Australia. God has continued to provide for us every year even as our needs continue to grow and we are very thankful for the generous support of so many who pray, give and for 2010, bought Christmas cards designed by Sunshine students. Nevertheless we are working hard at diversifying and broadening our donor base and continue to apply for international grants when the opportunity arises. We have also been greatly encouraged to see local businesses make contributions in the past year and hope to see that side develop as well.

Thank you very much for your partnership with us; we look forward to 2011 being another full and exciting year.

**Mr. NOP Channy**  
**Project Director**

**Bonnie Lepelaar**  
**Project Advisor**

## OUR VISION

To see Cambodian families growing wholistically.

## OUR MISSION

The Sunshine Centre for Children<sup>1</sup> is a Christian organization working toward the wholistic development of poor children and their families living in communities.

## OUR STRATEGIES

We work by:

1. Supporting wholistic family development.
2. Supporting wholistic child development.
3. Pursuing staff and organizational development toward professionalism and increased sustainability<sup>2</sup>
4. Intentional education of supporters in other countries, about Cambodia, poverty, and related issues.

## OUR VALUES

### CHRIST:

<b>Cooperation</b>	working together with beneficiaries, each other and donors
<b>Honesty</b>	being truthful in our words and actions
<b>Respect</b>	regarding every person as worthwhile, a unique individual
<b>Improvement</b>	making changes that lead to better results
<b>Servant hood</b>	helping others regardless of their different status
<b>Transparency</b>	openness and accountability in all operations and relationships

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<sup>1</sup> Founded by Christian Care For Cambodia in 2000.

<sup>2</sup> GDG definition of sustainability: Incorporating into the project some form of income generation or produce that will alleviate the dependence on foreign funding.

## OUR PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

SC is a Christian non-profit and non-partisan non-governmental organization (NGO) working toward the wholistic development of poor children and their families in the context of community.

God values all people equally, regardless of age, race, gender, or any other difference. God sent His son Jesus so that all people could have life in abundance; therefore we work with people so that they can move towards a fuller and better life. As Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and people, so our work will focus on the physical, emotional, social, spiritual, and educational needs of children.

Education is recognized as a basic human right<sup>3</sup> and childhood is a crucial time to receive education. Proverbs 22:6 says “Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it”. Education is an important factor that can help people improve their quality of life and Cambodian parents often tell their children “try to study hard when you are young”.

We recognize that families, rather than institutions, are the best place for children to develop and grow, so we work with families to enable them to function more effectively. We also work directly with children, especially around education.

We understand that we should work **with** people rather than **for** people. So we will try our best to build up the confidence, capacity and self-esteem of participating parents and children, and to advocate with them on their behalf. We will not just be giving them things or doing everything for them. As the proverb says, “Give a person a fish, and they have fish for a day. Teach them how to fish, and they will have fish for a lifetime”.

We believe that for families to develop independence and grow in caring responsibility, SC must find creative ways to increase the commitment and contribution of parents to their own children’s development and to overall family well-being.

We also believe that before we change or help others, we need to change or help ourselves first. Therefore, SC staff must model the Christian life, and develop themselves in terms of faith and commitment, along with cooperation, honesty, respect, improvement, servanthood and transparency.

In a large and complex society, we cannot work alone to fulfill our vision. Therefore we will partner with other relevant organizations and stakeholders in order to achieve our goals.

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<sup>3</sup> The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Article 26), 10 Dec 1948, UN

## Strategy 1: Supporting Wholistic Family Development

**Goal 1:** To support wholistic development of SC families and increase their responsibility in meeting the basic needs of their children and understanding their rights in society.

### 1. Family Visitation and Follow-up

*“Teacher Yutheavy is like my second mother who gives me much more comfort, love, and care than even my real mother”, said an SC mum. “She tries her best to encourage me very often and helps my family”, she added.*

- All families were visited by SC staff who averaged 44 visits per month.
- 7 families and 14 children received counselling from the SC Family Welfare Support Worker and 8 children by Mercy Teams International.



*Another SC mum says, “After my kids were accepted by Sunshine, they can study, have more knowledge and are cleaner. My husband has also changed his attitude and helps me more in taking care of the children. Now I can earn and save some money too.”*

### 2. Vocational Training and Job Placement

- Through partnership with Family Resource Project, 10 mothers did cleaning courses and obtained jobs as cleaners.
- 1 girl graduated from a year-long hair and beauty care course at Open Arms and now is working with White Lotus.

*“I will do my best to study hard as I don’t want to disappoint SC which spent a lot of money on this course”, said SM, the beautician student. “I have improved a lot in all aspects: skills, character and confidence.”*

- 1 SC family improved their livelihood by selling rice porridge. With the savings, they bought a farm and a cow in their hometown.
- 1 boy did a coaching course run by Indochina Starfish Foundation (ISF) and the Cambodia Football Federation.
- 2 older siblings of SC children were referred to Smile of a Child for vocational training.



*“Sometimes we didn’t have anything to eat, and my husband and I were often in conflict. I was so sad and my health was poor”, said a mother. “Now one of my kids studies at SC and two others do vocational training at Smile of a Child. I feel much happier now. My neighbours are more friendly and even praise my kids who have changed a lot.”*

### 3. Micro Enterprise Development (MED)

- SC and Pioneering Partner in Cambodia (PPC) developed a project called Our Family Future.
- PPC trained SC staff with MED related trainings.
- 6 families were introduced to MED and helped to see why their previous businesses were not successful.



*“Now my husband and I both have jobs and can earn more than before. My husband’s income covers daily costs and we can save some of my income. Finally we bought a better quality motorbike for my husband’s taxi job and a piece of land at my hometown,” said a mother.*

### 4. Parents Days

- SC parents were invited to meetings, trainings, and celebrations six times this year. Parents’ Days had themes on how to motivate and follow up their children’s study. In February, a very important event took place, celebrating the hand over to a Cambodian Director. Around 70 parents (including 20 fathers, the highest number of fathers at any SC meeting) and 30 guests attended.



In April, topics included family values, diarrhoea prevention, and loans and saving services from a popular microfinance institute, AMK. The parents were very interested in the loan service, however since then, AMK advised that they need to do further research before providing new loans to urban poor.

48 parents attended in July and 70 parents attended in September. Topics included family relationships, the five love languages, job opportunities, and the new Internal Student Regulations. Money for new school uniforms was provided to the families and contracts between SC and the families were signed. In December, parents and their neighbours were also invited to the Christmas Celebration and were very happy to watch the children’s performances.

*“Now I have joined my husband and son as a construction worker because I think that if I stay at home playing cards, it is useless and waste of money. So I decided that working is better than gambling with cards,” said one mother.*

- At the end of June 2010, 16 Parents joined the meeting about creating a Children’s Club that was prepared in partnership with World Vision (Ponloeu Khnong Chet Project). The parents supported this club and they also voted to select committee leaders from amongst themselves.

## Strategy 2: Supporting Wholistic Child Development

**Goal 2:** To support wholistic child development of SC children so that their basic needs and rights are met.

### 1. Education Program

#### A. Formal Education Support

SC supports 112 students in 3 state schools:

- Wat Sonsomkosal Primary School: **94** students
- Bun Rany Hun Sen Psar Doem Khkov and Dambok Khpoh Secondary Schools: **18** students



#### B. Informal Education Support

- SC provides extra tuition to supplement the state education as well as English and computer classes, library, crafts, and various creative activities.
- Secondary and high school students are sponsored for extra tuition in Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics, Khmer, and English/French.



*I have been with Sunshine for 7 years and am now in Grade 7.  
When I was not in Sunshine, I had no knowledge, no morals in living,  
and not enough teaching from others. My family's living condition was very difficult.  
When I was allowed to study in Sunshine, my family's situation improved and  
it was not so hard like before because the centre provided us with food, uniforms  
and study materials, and supported me to study. I also got good advice and was  
taught to know right from wrong, and I met many friends here.  
When I made mistakes, Sunshine teachers helped me to change to a positive attitude.*

*Sunshine has helped me so much; without it,  
my life would be like the floating plant with no direction.*

A 16 year old student's speech at SC 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary

- A preschool class runs the full day.
- A team from CMS-Australia ran special activities for the kids and taught 14 secondary and high school students on Money Management/Budget Planning as well as practised English conversation skills. We held many awareness seminars: Drug Awareness (35 children), Drug Addicted Influence (27 children), and Human Trafficking (24 children).
- 15 kids from Y6 and secondary schools learnt about Job Readiness and Interview Skills.

- During the August-September holidays the children enjoyed special activities such as painting pictures, sewing shorts, making jewellery, and learning to play the recorder.

*“At first, I felt both afraid and excited about learning the computer. But after a while, I can type text and design pictures and now I feel more self-confident and proud that I have another skill.”*

## 2. Food and Health Care Program

### Food and Drink:

- Breakfast and lunch with soy milk, fruit, or dessert is provided Monday through Friday to all kids.
- Drinking and tap water were tested and the results were good.

*“I like the food at Sunshine. It is delicious and cooked fresh in the new clean kitchen. It can make me strong and healthy.”*

### Health Care:

- First Aid is always available with relevant staff receiving further training.
- 90 children in first semester and 101 children in second semester received dental check-ups and treatment from Cambodia World Family.
- 46 children from grades 2-6 received dental and wound care lessons from a Danish volunteer.
- All kids also got dental check-ups from a CMA- Australia visiting team.
- All kids received regular de-worming medicine and multi-vitamins 2 - 3 times a week.
- SC supported a severely disabled boy with cerebral palsy by providing the daily (M-F) transport costs to a special school. SC also organised weekly physical therapy by an English volunteer who then encouraged the family to continue the massage and exercises at home, as well as deal with negative attitudes within the family itself.
- SC helped 2 SC parents and 5 children by taking them to the hospital because they could not pay for treatment, although some contribution is always encouraged. Additionally, SC gave a small amount of money to a family whose child was in hospital for a time.



### 3. Sports, Arts and Social Interaction Programs

#### Football:

- With support from ISF, 5 teams of 68 boys and girls joined the soccer program, practicing twice a week. Currently, the teams have matches every Sunday.
- The boys' team competed brilliantly in the Barclays Capital/ISF Youth League 2010 for 3 months, ultimately winning the trophy. Our Under 13s boys' team also entered the Pricewaterhouse Coopers Cup tournament on March 20th. Our boys finished amongst the top 4 teams (out of more than 20 teams). Our players were thrilled to receive medals.
- 16 girls joined the Girls Football Festival organized by the Cambodia Football Federation.



*"I like playing football. It makes me happy, healthier and I meet more friends. The best thing was beating many other teams and winning the cup!"*

*"By playing football I can have good friends rather than bad friends who could lead me to do something bad that society doesn't like i.e. take drugs or be in a gang. I want to be a well-known footballer like my hero, Rooney in MAN-U!"*

#### Swimming:

- Cambodian children usually never get swimming lessons. So when Danish and Norwegian volunteers took 10 boys and girls to the pool there was much excitement and trepidation!

*"When I arrived at the swimming pool for the first time, I felt very happy but when I started to get into the water, I felt a bit afraid. But after I learnt how to do swim, I felt better. Learning to swim can save my life and other people from drowning."*

*"I felt good in the water and wanted to play more!"*

#### Painting and Drawing:

- Our volunteers also taught oil pastel painting. Teachers from Global Art taught Y5 and Y6 students how to use colour in painting.
- Creative drawing and painting are also part of the regular schedule.



*"I like drawing and painting pictures especially trees, animals, houses and rice fields. It makes me happy and relaxed and I can bring my feelings into the picture"*

**Music:**

- 20 Year 5 & 6 students learned how to play the recorder. They practiced hard and performed well during the Christmas celebration. 11 preschool kids also enjoyed singing and playing with different percussion instruments.



*"I am proud that I have one more skill I never had before and can now play the recorder."*

*"I like arts and music. The sound of the recorder is so beautiful. I was so proud to perform in front of other children, teachers and my parents."*

**Traditional Dance:**

- Some classes were taught traditional dances including the Wishing Dance, the Love Handkerchief Dance, the Crab Dance and the Fishing Dance to perform at special celebrations.

**Trip for children and staff:**

- International Children's Day was celebrated by taking all the kids and staff to the river and waterfalls at Thmor ROUNG in the countryside.



**Children's Club:**

- In July, a Children's Club was established in conjunction with World Vision Cambodia (Punloeu Knong Chet project). 28 kids attended and 3 were voted to be Club leaders. In August, the Club was held again with 23 kids and Child Rights were discussed.

**4. Saving Scheme:**

- With a 50% subsidy from SC, 15 children were highly motivated to save up for their own bicycles.
- From the new school year beginning in October, SC encouraged parents to save \$1.5 per month to contribute to the public school fees for their children.

**Strategy 3: Organizational Development**

**Strategy Goal 3:** Pursue organizational development toward professionalism and increased sustainability.

**1. Staffing**

At the end of December, there were a total of **26** staff (**13** full-time, **3** part-time), **5** casuals and **5** foreign volunteers.

## 2. Staff Capacity Building

Various staff undertook the following training programs during the year: Master of Business Administration, Healing Through Creative Arts, Drug Foundation Course, QuickBooks, Practical Social Work Skills, Basic Counselling, Project Cycle Management, People Care, games for children, First Aid, Celebrating Children Course, Micro-Enterprise Development, Child Protection and Child Rights, Family Therapy, Case Management, Child and Family Rebellion, Drug Awareness, and Child Wellbeing.

Community staff also joined various network meetings, forums and workshops covering topics such as Knowing Myself, Communication, Team Building and Leadership, Conflict Resolution, Teacher Training, Discipline of Children in Cambodia Society, Leadership for High Performing Teams, Circle of Security, Donor Relations, and Using a Child's Photo and Story with Dignity.

## 3. SC Governing Board

The SC management board was established as a governing board in January 2010. There are currently 6 members, both Khmer and expatriate, and the board's goal for the coming year is to invite more Khmer members to join. In 2010, the board approved a new 3 year strategic plan and developed policies relating to finance, recruitment, bribes and commissions, conflict of interest, media guidelines, volunteers and updated the child protection policy. A philosophy statement was also developed and the vision, mission, strategies and values revised.

## 4. Leadership Handover from Australian to Cambodian Director

On 25 February 2010, the SC board, SC staff, various representatives from partner organizations, the principal of Watsonsomkosol Primary School and the parents of SC children celebrated the handing over of the directorship from Mrs Bonnie Lepelaar to Mr Nop Channy, which officially took effect on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

## 5. Staff Team Building

In order to strengthen the relationships between staff and management and to build a culture of open communication, a 5 day workshop on the topics of communication and team building was held in August by Chrysalis. We also had a three-day staff retreat in Sihanoukville and held a barbecue in December for all SC staff and their families.

## 6. External Audit

An external audit for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 was done by Barachina Consulting Co, Ltd. Financial statements are available on request.

## 7. Strategic Planning

A 3 ½ day strategic planning workshop involving all staff and management was held leading to an adjustment of the vision, mission, values and strategies. New policies were developed and restructuring plans made.



## 8. Child Protection

The Child Protection Policy (CPP) was reviewed with staff in January. The policy was also amended by the Board in regard to publicity and media guidelines.

## 9. Networking and Partnership

SC works with several organizations such as Pioneering Partner for Cambodia, World Vision Cambodia (Punleu Knong Chet project), Smile of a Child, Family Resource Project, Cambodian World Family, Indochina Starfish Foundation (ISF), CSI Mercy Medical Clinic, Rabbit School, and other NGOs.

SC is a member of Chab Dai Coalition (50+ member organizations), Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (100+ members), EFC- Children's Commission (30+ networks) and Freedom Cambodia (20+ members).

SC is also a partner for Project J529 with Global Development Group, an Australian AusAid approved NGO, carrying out approved aid and development projects with approved partners to relieve poverty and provide long-term solutions.













## 10. Financial Statement as at Dec 2010 (summary)







Description	Amount in USD \$
<b>Income</b>	
Overseas donors	101,130.44
Local donors	7,635.35
Other income	701.61
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>109,467.40</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Food Program Expenses	15,059.76
School Expenses	6,274.41
Health and Medicines for kids	242.83
Staff Expenses	47,465.80
General Expenses	3,265.86
Property and Utilities	9,392.42
Capital/ Special Projects	4,104.07
Other misc	8,229.30
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>94,565.45</b>
<b>Net Income<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>14,901.95</b>

<sup>4</sup> Net (surplus) income is applied to the operational costs of the next financial year.

**With Thanks and Appreciation...**

As always, we are totally reliant on the generous donations of many individuals and churches. Some contribute by direct debit, some by responding to appeals, some by sponsorship, many with a one-time gift. There are too many donors to name individually, but we would like to mention some wonderful people and groups who make the extra effort to keep the Sunshine name shining!

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	Danish Lutheran Mission
	Riverview Children's Foundation
	Global Development Group
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	Kingsford Church of Christ (Chin Yaw-Sinn)
	Bathurst Community Church (Kath Henderson)
	North Ringwood Uniting Church (Ian and Lorraine Webber)
	Darwin Uniting Church (Wayne Lo)
	Dapto Baptist Church (Robert & Leela Kempton)
<p><b>A Joint Initiative of:- Turramurra Uniting Church, Turramurra and St Andrews Uniting Church, South Turramurra</b></p>	Turramurra Uniting Churches Flea Market
	Temple Christian College
	Rouse Hill Anglican College

	<p>Arden School</p>
	<p>Regency Park Primary School</p>
	<p>Chab Dai Coalition (Doorsteps Project)</p>
	<p>Revlon (Cambodia)</p>
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From all of us at Sunshine –

*THANK YOU VERY MUCH!*