

REPORT FROM THE NOBLE PATH SCHOOL OPENING CEREMONY

A bumpy dirt road leads to a crowd of 300 people sitting patiently under a tent in the early morning heat. A simple, yet beautiful yellow schoolhouse stands in dramatic contrast to the overgrown, rustic surroundings of this remote rice farming village. Our nervous curiosity turns into a bolt of adrenaline the moment we exit the van and see the crowd turn their heads in unison to survey these two foreigners. As we walk from the van, the crowd rises from their chairs and begins clapping. A surge of pride and humility hits us as we take our places in front of a group of Buddhist monks who begin a blessing. We hope we will be able to explain to this grateful village that there are another 170 people who helped build the school - we are just the lucky ones who got to show up for the party today...



From us to you...

Our visit to Ra Village, Cambodia for the opening ceremony of The NOBLE PATH School on December 8th was the experience of a lifetime and a fitting end to our fundraising efforts over the past year.

The scope of our visit was too great to properly address in our monthly newsletter format, so we strongly encourage you to visit our website (www.classroomsforcambodia.com) for pictures and stories from our trip.

We will hit some of the highlights below...

We were joined by the 72 seventh grade students that began class in October, approximately 250 villagers, the five teachers employed by our school, dignitaries from the local and regional Cambodian governments and some Buddhist monks.

The day consisted of a blessing of the school by Buddhist monks, speeches by the various dignitaries and ourselves, a ribbon cutting ceremony, presentations of various gifts - both to and from us, and some playtime with the students.

During our speech, which you can read on our website, we announced that due to the fact that we exceeded our fundraising goal, we will be making additional investments in the school. We announced that we will be creating two scholarships for the inaugural 7th grade class to attend high school starting in the Fall of 2012. The closest high school to Ra Village is in Phnom Penh, an approximately 90-minute drive. Our scholarship will fund the cost of accommodation at the Bright Future Kids Home in Phnom Penh (see below for more info on BFKH).

Since returning from the opening ceremony, we have also decided to fund the cost of additional computers, including solar powered batteries and wireless Internet connectivity. It was clear to us during our visit that the benefit of a computer to the students' academic and professional development is tremendous. More importantly, one computer for 70 students is not enough, and over the next two years, the student body will increase to approximately 200 students as the 8th and 9th grades get filled. As a result, we plan to invest in two more computers in 2010, and another three computers in each of 2011 and 2012.

FUNDRAISING RESULTS THRU EARLY FEBRUARY

Through February 7th, we have raised more than \$33,500 for The NOBLE PATH School from more than 170 donors spanning the US, Europe and Middle East.

\$33,536.31

Total Funds Raised

174

Number of Donations

\$5 - \$5,000

Individual Donation Range

\$134.50

Average Donation

7

Number of Countries Donating



Visit

<http://www.classroomsforcambodia.com/Photos/Photos.html>
for more photos from the opening ceremony!

BRIGHT FUTURE KIDS HOME

The purpose of The Bright Future Kids Home (BFKH) is to provide safe housing for disadvantaged rural students while they attend high school in Phnom Penh. BFKH was created by Bernie Krisher, the founder of our Cambodian partner charity, American Assistance for Cambodia (AAfC). There are currently 35 students living at BFKH, all of whom attended an AAfC-sponsored junior high school prior to arriving in Phnom Penh.

Students get bussed from BFKH to school in the morning, returning in the early afternoon for lunch. Lunch is followed by English and computer instruction by BFKH teachers, recreational time, dinner and study hours.

Our website has been updated with pictures and stories from our visit to the Bright Future Kids Home and the students and faculty we met while there.

AN UPDATE FROM NOELLE & MIKE

Since returning from France in September 2009, we have been very busy on a number of fronts. While our last two newsletters have covered some updates on the personal and charitable fronts, both of us have also recently sorted out the next steps in our professional lives after living and working the past seven years outside the US.

Noelle has returned to work for The Children's Hospital in Denver, the company she worked for prior to our move to London in 2002. She works on a team implementing the hospital's electronic medical record system into community pediatric practices. She is proud to be back at TCH - a dynamic and energizing environment that is one of the best hospitals in the nation for kids.

Mike has decided to start his own business - something he has thought about doing at various points in his career yet never got around to acting on. Following in large part the success and satisfaction gained from the Classrooms for Cambodia project, Mike has decided to launch a business in the education market.

In January 2010, Mike opened the local Denver office for an international tutoring company called Tutor Doctor. Tutor Doctor provides one-on-one, in-home tutoring to students of all ages, across all subjects. The one-on-one model allows Tutor Doctor to tailor a program to the specific needs and personality of the student and match each student with the best available tutor. The company was established more than 10 years ago in Toronto and today has approximately 100 offices across the US, Canada and the UK.

As of February 7th, Mike has signed up his first three student-clients and has a roster of nine tutors anxious to get to work. If you know a student looking to improve their grades, test scores or academic confidence, please ask them to contact Mike to schedule a free initial consultation!

THE PATH FROM HERE

While the opening ceremony marked the end of the fundraising and construction phase of the Classrooms for Cambodia project, it opened our eyes to the impact our efforts will have on the lives of the students of The NOBLE PATH School for many years to come.

As a result, we will continue to monitor the progress of the school and its students. To this end, we have already established direct communications with some of our students and the faculty at both the school and the Bright Future Kids Home.

We intend to make modest investments in the school and its students annually and hope to visit Cambodia again over the next several years.

We will continue to update our website and will distribute future versions of The C4C Report Card once or twice a year.

As we immerse ourselves in our new day jobs and life back home in Colorado, the school stays in the forefront our minds and hearts. We are so glad that we decided to pursue this Noble Path - and so grateful that you decided to join us.

Please feel free to contact us between newsletters or let us know if you have an interest in visiting the Noble Path School or Bright Future Kids Home if you find yourself in Southeast Asia one day.



A schoolgirl smiles as she holds her gift of school supplies

A BIG "THANK YOU" TO OUR WORLDWIDE COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLBUILDERS (as of 7 February 2010)

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Jasper Bailey	Darwin Private Equity
Baird London	Lynn Demchak
Jane Baird	Sarah Dauncey
Anand & Manushi Baldawa	Dave
Lara Bancroft	Dave and Frances
Sally Barker	David Day
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Robert L. Bourgault (in memoriam)	Gym buddy
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Bron	Caroline and Anna Halwax
Peter Bury	Frank Hansen (by Kathy and Jerry Magluilo)
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Betsy Burke (by Peter, Kristen, Livie, and Mattie)	Viv Heckford
Claire Butler	Brian & Lisa Henning
The Cameron Family Foundation	Jill & Malcolm Hill
Kathy and Cliff Camp	Ben Howat
Camping du Lac - Marciac	Michael Hydes
Jennie & Frank Capodice	Isabelle Irani
John and Jane Capodice	Daniel Jackson
Nick and Veronica Cardoza	Stu Jackson
Carys	Chris & Becky Dubin Jenkins
Gwenneth and Alan Casey	Elizabeth Jones
Pat Cassidy	Helen Jones
John and Sandra Catley	(Helen Jones') Dad
Laura Catley	Corky and Marilyn Kellogg
Emma Chadwick	Warren & Rosie Kellogg (in memoriam)
Kathleen Champ	Matt Kessler
Matt & Brenda Ciardiello	John Lapham
Claire	Larisa Lindsay and the Dodge Family
Sharon Clay	Friends of Larisa Lindsay-Winchester fundraiser
Ros Combes	Patti and Paul Lindsay
The Congregational Church of Exeter, NH	Patti Lindsay (by Mike & Noelle Magluilo)
Rick Conklin	Friends of Patti Lindsay
Alexia Constantinou	Maren Leube
Chris Cook	Jack & Estelle Magluilo (in memoriam)
Jo Crooks	
Greg Culshaw	

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Jennifer Magluilo Macey	Maureen Sansone
Jerry & Kathy Magluilo	Anthony and Joanna Santangelo
Walter & Frisky Magluilo (in memoriam)	Rose Ann and Angelo Santangelo
Andreas & Megan Mang	Serendipity Boutique of Exeter, NH
Anthony Marraccino	Ben Shamash
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Alan Maynard	Nick Sealy
Geraldine McAuliffe	Georgina Shorter
Rebecca McCheyne & Matt	Muriel Sibley
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Chris McMahan	Greg Sirotek
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From the family of Mrs Vasantiben Dahyabhai Patel	Toby Voss
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Patty Posisson (by Lin Roy)	James Woodburn
Isabel Prior	Mark Worrell
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Photo taken by Noëlle during the Opening Ceremony

ABOUT C4C AND THE NOBLE PATH SCHOOL

Classrooms for Cambodia is a volunteer charitable project started in February 2009 by Mike and Noelle Magluilo. With the help of more than 170 family members, friends and colleagues, we have raised more than \$33,000 to build a school in Cambodia.

Construction of The NOBLE PATH School, in Ra Village, was completed in July 2009. Ra Village is part of the Trach Torng commune in the Kampong Speu province. Our school is located approximately 70km west of Phnom Penh, a roughly 90-minute drive by car.

As the first junior high school in the area, The NOBLE PATH School will provide nearby children the opportunity to pursue an education beyond the sixth grade. Our school enrolled approximately 70 seventh grade students in its first school year starting October 2009. The school will have three full grades of approximately 200 students by October 2011.

Since the beginning of this project, we have been working in partnership with two on-the-ground charities in Cambodia. American Assistance for Cambodia (a US-registered charity) has built more than 450 schools in Cambodia since 1999 and has been our primary partner responsible for village selection, school construction, teacher recruitment and training and ongoing monitoring and management of the school. HOPE Worldwide (a UK-registered charity) is a partner of AAfC and served as the charity through which we have raised funds from UK taxpayers.

We will remain actively involved in the maintenance and investment required by our school over time and will periodically update the members of the C4C community on the development of the school and its students through this newsletter, the C4C Report Card.

We have put our own money into this project and are taking nothing out, other than memories, new friendships and the satisfaction of empowering a new generation of Cambodians to improve their lives through education.

Thank you for your support of our project.

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