



## New Futures Newsletter

### New Futures Partners with CamKids

During a recent visit to Cambodia, I spent a few days in Takeo, about 2 hours South-West of the capital Phnom Penh, to see what progress had been made at ETO, the rural education project CamKids is funding and to visit the New Futures Organisation (NFO), which CamKids is now supporting.

NFO consists of an orphanage for 55 children and a nearby Vocational Training and drop-in centre. Some of the children in the orphanage are in their teens and so the aim is to try to equip them with the necessary skills and training to find work when it is time for them to leave. Sponsorship has already been secured to fund the cost of putting some of the children through college, including medical training. However, many more long-term donors are needed to secure the futures of these children.

CamKids is now funding the monthly food costs for all of the children and is also making available our donation collection and payment systems to NFO, to allow them to receive donations in the UK, Australia and the US, without any deductions for administration costs or funds transfer fees. In addition, we have also extended our child sponsorship programme to the

younger children at NFO and are helping to find sponsors for those children who are able to secure places at college.

*Mark Purser, Trustee of CamKids - New Futures' newest supporters.*

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### New Futures Organisation

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### Christmas in Cambodia

Neville is hoping to throw a big Christmas party for the children this year. He has been trying to track down a turkey for months, which is not an easy feat in Cambodia! Donations towards the cost of the party would be gratefully received. However, it would be even better if people could send out gifts for the children. So we have started an appeal to all our supporters and

volunteers, asking them to send out a small gift and a Christmas card each. The gift needs to be no larger than an A5 envelope so that it can be easily posted. We have 52 children, so if each person sends one gift, we should have more than enough for each child. Our children are aged 6-17 and we have a mix of boys and girls, so please mark on your envelope whether your gift is for

a boy or girl and the age group you have bought for. Your card can simply say 'Merry Christmas from...!', and all gifts can be sent to the address below:

New Futures Organisation,  
House no 86, National Road no 2,  
Lory Village, Rokkakhnong  
Commune, Dounkeo District,  
Takeo Town, Takeo Province,  
Cambodia



## Volunteering—Paola's Story

I volunteered at New futures Orphanage last August and I found the experience to be very rewarding. Although the children are clearly underprivileged, they are some of the most grateful, friendly children I have ever met. Before going to Cambodia I was shocked to read that over 50% of children there are mistreated in some way. I am a middle school teacher and working with underprivileged children is something I am passionate about.

I took my saxophone to Cambodia

with me as I wanted to entertain the kids. On the day when a party was held for the children, I decided to teach them the lyrics to the Beatles song: Yellow Submarine and I accompanied them on the saxophone. It was boys versus girls and the boys won!

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## Volunteering - Ash's story

Hi, my name is Ash Perrin and I visited NFO with my sister in January this year. I work as a clown and played with the kids at a lake nearby. I was only there for a few days but was profoundly affected. The children were so beautiful and funny and loving even though they haven't often received any love themselves. After leaving I couldn't stop thinking about them all, then my thoughts extended to all lost kids worldwide. The immense sadness I felt stunned me into a realisation. Something had to be done!

Since the visit I have started my own charity group 'The Flying Seagull Project'. Our aim is to take fun and laughter in the form of music, arts and circus to children around the world who need a bit of lightness. We are currently in Romania for a few months where we



have already met over 4000 lonely, or abandoned or outcast children. The project has been a massive success and we are going to repeat it again and again, and travel to wherever we can find a sad child (pretty much anywhere!). Obviously we have Cambodia clearly on our hit list. This would not have happened if it wasn't for the amazing and moving experience I had with the kids at NFO. Thanks and love to them all x

## A request...

If anyone is planning to go out to Cambodia and visit New Futures soon, please could you let me know. We have received a donation of 3 laptops from Ravenscourt Park Preparatory School and we need people to take them out for us. Volunteer Kay has already taken one for us, so we have two left. Also, we get occasional requests for equipment that is difficult to get in Cambodia such as an electric drill or HP sauce! So if you could help us out by taking things out in your luggage, we would appreciate it.



## Tidying up the House Volunteering - Andy's Story



The new orphanage has undergone a huge transformation recently. Volunteers and the kids have worked together to create some wonderful, bright, friendly murals all over the building, making it an altogether more fun and exciting place to be!

## New Futures Online

There are many ways you can keep up to date with events at New Futures. First, we have moved our Blog to a new address at: [www.getjealous.com/newfutures](http://www.getjealous.com/newfutures) We always want to hear about your experiences and see your pictures on the blog, so please email us at [newfuturesvolunteer@hotmail.com](mailto:newfuturesvolunteer@hotmail.com) with your stories and photos. Secondly, you can join our Facebook

## New Projects and Ideas

We often have requests for suggestions of projects to fundraise for, so here are some suggestions:

- Build / Modernise dining area
- Put in drinking water system (filter one cannot manage)
- Build shower/toilet/clothes washing area
- Build Classroom
- Build medical room
- Buy or make bunk beds

I spent some time with the children in Takeo in September. The kids are all a lot of fun and really enjoy learning, talking and playing games with the volunteers. They were very keen to give me a 'guided tour' around the orphanage and show me their book of photographs from previous trips and activities! You need a lot of energy to keep up with the children - they're full of life and are great fun! We played numerous games of soccer, volleyball, dodgeball and tag while I was there, as well as going fishing, singing songs, reading, using the internet at the training centre, cooking, flying paper planes - I

certainly had a great time, and I'm pretty sure the kids enjoyed themselves too!

One suggestion I have for future volunteers - If you enjoy your time in Takeo and want to help raise more money for New Futures, take lots of photographs and when you get home, give a talk and slideshow to a local school, church or community group. I gave a presentation to members of my parents' church, who have been fundraising for the orphanage for the past year, and that event raised a further £300 for New Futures!

group: New Futures Orphanage.

Finally, we have a brand new website, very kindly designed for us by volunteer, Andy Clay at [www.newfuturesorphanage.com](http://www.newfuturesorphanage.com)

**The Beauty Room,  
Sewing training and  
youth centre are all  
now up and running!**



Volunteer Nou showing off the Beauty Room part of the Vocational Training Programme.

## Sponsor a Child

We are now starting a child sponsorship scheme, where you can donate a small amount each month to support one particular child. Your money may help with medical costs such as dental check ups, or it may even pay for them to go into higher education when they finish school. For more information email Neville: [neville@newfuturesorganisation.com](mailto:neville@newfuturesorganisation.com)



## Photo of the issue



This lovely photo of Sang Rey helping decorate the new house was taken by volunteers **Eddie** and **Martine** during their stay.

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## Interested in Volunteering?

Volunteering your time is one of the best ways you can support New Futures. Our volunteers have come from a wide range of backgrounds, from students on their gap year and backpackers, people on career breaks, people in their home country who volunteer online and even families with young children.

All of our volunteers have shared their huge array of interests, skills and talents with the children and the wider organization.

Here is an example of just some of the skills our volunteers have offered:

- Teaching English
- Teaching IT
- Website design
- Building work

- Cleaning and renovating
- Catering
- Health care
- Translating
- Marketing

Of course, all of this is in addition to the general English conversation practice and the improvement of social skills that the children gain from regular contact with foreign volunteers.

The children are even now learning how to use computers, the internet and even email, thanks to the tireless hours volunteers have spent teaching the children how to use them.

If you are interested in



volunteering for us, please email Claire at [newfuturesvolunteer@hotmail.com](mailto:newfuturesvolunteer@hotmail.com). You don't need to have experience, just a lot of energy and enthusiasm. And if you stay at in our guest rooms, your \$5 a night goes directly towards supporting the orphanage.

If you would like to know more about different volunteers experiences, you can also go onto our facebook group and message past volunteers.