



John Givonetti Giving A Charitable Organization Quarterly Progress Update October – December 2019

RE-OPENING DAY OF STATE SCHOOL YEAR 2019 – 2020

Re-Opening Day of the School Year 2019 – 2020 was celebrated throughout Cambodia on the 01st November 2019. The students were welcomed to continue their studies for the coming school year.



Re-Opening Day 2019-2020 celebrated at Bakchinhchien and Romlech Hun Sen High School

At Bakchinhchien and Romlech Hun Sen High Schools, where JGG provides its English Outreach Program, the events were presided over by Directors of the District Office of Education, Youth and Sport. They read a welcoming statement from the Prime Minister encouraging all students to study hard so that they will have the knowledge and skills needed to escape poverty and develop their communities and country in the future. JGG staff members joined both celebrations.

New Program Assistant for Romlech Hun Sen High School

Mr. Yang Sereyvin resigned as JGG's Program Assistant in Romlech High School in October in order to pursue his study at the National Institution of Education (NIE) in Phnom Penh. Everyone at JGG wishes to give Sereyvin their thanks for his years of service spent helping the JGG Student Teachers and their students. Mr. Chem Chork, a Romlech High School teacher, replaces Sereyvin as the new JGG Program Assistant.



Mr. Chork, New Staff



A party was held in Sereyvin's honor to wish him good luck and thanks



Professional Teachers Begin Tutoring 12th Grader Student Teachers

JGG Student Teachers who began the 12th grade this past November are no longer required to teach English during the week. Instead, during the time they used to teach, JGG provides them with private tutoring from professional teachers in the key subjects of English, mathematics, chemistry, biology and physics. This will help prepare them for the 12th Grade Examination they will take in August 2020. While passing the 12th Grade Examination is not a requirement to graduate from high school, universities use the results in determining if a student is

admitted to a certain school and the amount of a tuition discount, if any, they will receive. These 12th grade Student Teachers will also continue their computer and English training with JGG on the weekends. Some of this training is accomplished by the 12th graders teaching the younger Student Teachers computer and English. Finally, they will receive training from JGG on how to write a CV (resume) and practice interviewing for a job. Most of JGG's Student Teachers will work full time when they go to university.



Training by Professional Teacher

Regular Weekly Meetings for Discussion and More Learning

A Student Teachers' Weekly Meeting is conducted on Thursday at Bakchinhchien Hun Sen High School and on Friday at Romlech Hun Sen High School. At these meetings the Student Teachers and JGG staff review the events of the past week and discuss how to solve problems that were experienced. In addition, JGG training sessions for Student Teachers are held every weekend for English and computer training.



Computer Skill Training at the weekend & Student Teachers' Weekly Meeting

JGG's English Program Participations



Students teaching students – Program at Romlech

JGG's student population was 343 students at the end of the reporting period. This represents a decline of 17 students from last quarter's 360. The primary reasons for the decline was poor performance, and/or poor attendance.

While JGG provides assistance when it can, JGG cannot resolve the multitude of obstacles to success that every student and Student Teacher confronts each day. JGG does promise that every student who possesses an

English Program Certificate of Completion issued by JGG, or a letter of recommendation from JGG for being a successful Student Teacher, can be trusted to have achieved a high level of excellence. JGG has a reputation in Cambodia for delivering excellent university students and employees. That is our goal.

The JGG Director and all Program Assistants and the librarian conducted regular inspections of the classes taught by Student Teachers (5PM to 6PM weekdays) to check the performance of the Student Teachers to make sure they have good pronunciation, speak clearly, have good penmanship, good lesson delivery (reflecting good preparation) and show encouragement toward their students. Also, they need to have a positive attitude, and dress neatly. The students are interviewed to make sure they are successfully attaining reading, writing, and speaking proficiency.



Class Inspection – JGG BCC

JGG's STUDENT POPULATION					JGG's STUDENT TEACHER POPULATION				
Locations	Q3 2019	In	Out	Q4 2019	Locations	Q3 2019	In	Out	Q4 2019
Bakchinhchien	228	0	14	214	Bakchinhchien	15	0	0	15
Romlech	132	0	3	129	Romlech	15	0	0	15
TOTAL	360	0	17	343	TOTAL	30	0	0	30

STUDENT TEACHERS OF THE MONTH – FORTH QUARTER



During the fourth quarter of 2019, six Student Teachers received a “Student Teacher of the Month Award.” This award reflects their excellent teaching, good attendance and their adherence to JGG’s rules and policies. The “Student Teacher of

the Month” award is a motivation for all the Student Teachers to reach a standard of excellence now and in the future.

These outstanding Student Teachers were: **Phan Phatsa, Bung Marya, Chhai Chhorven, Hort Seima, Him Tony and Soeurn Lory.**

THE SUCCESS STORY OF MR. PECH VERIEK



Former Bakchinhchien Student Teacher, **Pech Veriek** belonged to the first group of 12 Student Teachers organized by JGG in 2010. Now 26 years old, he is the Assistant to the Admissions and Administration Manager at Southbridge International School Cambodia (SISC), a school known for delivering a high standard of education to elementary and middle school students through 9th grade. Veriek, like all JGG Student Teachers, grew up in a poor family. His

father was a farmer and fisherman and his mother both fished and was a fish seller.

Veriek and his father usually got up at 4:30 AM to prepare the farming materials for that day and deliver them to the field by cart quite a distance away. He also helped his mother take fish to the market. If there was free time, Veriek would spend days and nights living in the fields with his father.



Veriek during his high school and being a Student Teacher in Pursat.

Though he was busy helping his parents, he never gave up his studies. Veriek joined JGG’s English Outreach Program as a student in 2009. This was the first year of the program and the only year when all students were taught by professional teachers. In early 2010 JGG announced it was looking for Student Teachers to teach the next school year. Veriek took the Student Teacher test but failed. Not

discourage, he was allowed to take it again and succeeded. Veriek exclaimed, “It was an amazing time for me to pass and become a Student Teacher. I knew it would help me a lot in achieving my success.”

As a Student Teacher, Veriek, taught English to 6th grade students from Monday to Friday in the afternoon and 7th grade students from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Finally, at 6:00 PM he studied English with professional teachers provided by JGG. In 2010 JGG did not have a computer training center, so JGG paid for a private computer school to train Veriek and the other Student Teachers on the weekend. This required them to bicycle 15 miles on mostly rugged dirt roads to the computer school in the provincial capital city of Pursat. In a car the trip could take 45 minutes to an hour. It was much longer on a bicycle, especially when rain made the mud deep. Later on, JGG built a computer training room in the JGG Learning Center and Veriek was selected to give computer training to the next generation of Student Teachers.



Veriek at his current workplace

Veriek graduated high school in 2013, and then moved to Phnom Penh with other Student Teachers to live initially in a rented apartment provided by JGG, and then later at the JGG dormitory when it was built. He studied English Literature at Cambodia International Cooperation Institute (CICI), graduating in 2017 with a bachelor’s degree in English Literature.

While attending university, Veriek worked full time. His first job was as a real estate sale executive and admin assistant. A year later he moved on to an English teaching position at an international school. Then in 2017 he moved to Southbridge International School Cambodia (SISC) as an Assistant to the Admissions and Administration Manager.

Currently, Veriek is studying for a master’s degree in Educational Administration and Leadership at the University of Cambodia (UC). Also, investing in his future, and in the future of Cambodia, he recently purchased his first home in Phnom Penh.



Veriek inside his purchased house

Veriek expressed his gratitude to JGG. He said that JGG provided him with “so many significant things and opportunities to develop his abilities starting in high school and through his years at university.” He greatly appreciated JGG’s kindness. He said “I always keep everyone at JGG in my heart. My family is very satisfied with and proud of JGG, too. JGG has made me become a good person and a leader in society. JGG helped me to make my life bright. I will never forget JGG”.

FOREIGN VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

JGG is seeking Foreign Volunteers to spend at least six weeks working with JGG's program in Bakchinhchien and Romlech. The Foreign Volunteer will help Student Teachers improve their English teaching, conversation, and pronunciation skills. No teaching experience is required. This is a self-funded position with the Foreign Volunteer paying for transportation to Cambodia and \$10 a day fee to cover room and board. For more information please visit the JGG website shown below. All expenses are US tax deductible. The experience will be amazing!

See www.jggcharity.org and Facebook page www.facebook.com/jggcharity.org

FURTHER ACTIVITIES BY PICTURES IN THE QUARTER



Class inspection by JGG staff



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Student Teachers' Weekly Meeting



Weekend Computer Class



English Outreach Program Test



Class inspection by Director



Training by Professional Teacher



Basic English and Grammar Training



Student Teacher of the Month

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