

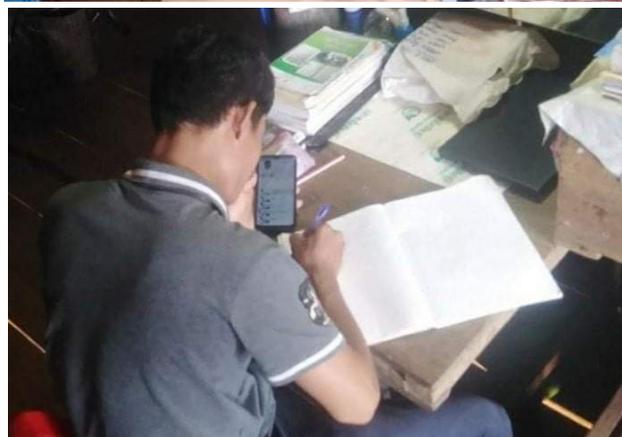


**John Givonetti Giving**  
**A Charitable Organization**  
**Quarterly Progress Update**  
**APRIL - JUNE 2020**

**ONLINE LEARNING DURING SCHOOL CLOSURES**

Beginning in mid-March 2020 Cambodia temporarily closed virtually all educational institutions in an attempt to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus. These nationwide closures impacted students learning at state and private schools, and universities. At the same time, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport introduced a series of online learning programs for grades 1 to 12. These programs were streamed over the Ministry's website, and Facebook page, and on television. Students were expected to use these learning tools without state teacher support.

However, John Givonetti Giving (JGG) was able to rapidly transition to online learning for its Student Teachers for their 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade courses (there are no 9<sup>th</sup> grade Student Teachers). The JGG Director, Program Assistants and the JGG Librarian began working directly with the Student Teachers to insure they understood and completed their lessons satisfactorily. In total, 9 Student Teachers from the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, 10 Student Teachers from the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and 6 Student Teachers from the 12<sup>th</sup> grade regularly participate in JGG's online learning.



*JGG's Student Teachers learning at home during school closures due to COVID-19*

JGG's study curriculum utilizes the Ministry of Education's online programs, and other study programs in mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, history, and English.

Access to good internet is a major difficulty in rural Cambodia. In addition, few students have a computer. However, most Student Teachers have smart phones. JGG provides each Student Teacher with a \$5 monthly data allowance. It also gives weekly motivational awards to the best students (#1, #2 and #3) based on their test scores.

In mid-April, the Ministry of Education enhanced its online program by having state teachers teach the online educational programs to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade only. So, 12<sup>th</sup> grade Student Teachers are now being trained online by state teachers. JGG monitors the progress of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade Student Teachers to ensure the quality of their learning and continues to train the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade Student Teachers.



*JGG's 12<sup>th</sup> Graders learning in the library during COVID-19*

JGG allows all 12<sup>th</sup> graders to use the JGG Learning Center Library and its superior internet.



*SVAs at the Siem Reap dormitory*



*SVAs at the Phnom Penh dormitory*

Most universities in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap have moved their courses online. Former JGG Student Teachers attending these universities remain in JGG's dormitories. Most former Students Teachers attending a university with no online teaching have returned to their home.

## SUPPORT FROM CHARLEYS KIDS IS IMPORTANT DURING THE PANDEMIC

Many of our dormitory students have lost their jobs or are working reduced hours due to the pandemic. This makes it difficult for them to meet their basic financial needs.

Since 2019 Charleys Kids Foundation (CKF) has been an important supporter of JGG focused on helping JGG Student Teachers transition from high school to university. CKF's funding has been particularly vital during the pandemic. It has allowed JGG to provide food and other basic needs to our dormitory students. As a result of CKF's support, the former Student Teachers at our dormitories will remain on a track leading to achieving a university degree.



*JGG's Student Teacher Alumni at Phnom Penh and Siem Reap*

## JGG OFFERS BEST WISHES TO LAURA HELLING AND JESSICA WATSON AND HELLO TO TIFFANY NELSON



*Laura Helling and Sokhary at Phnom Penh Airport*

Over the past several years, Laura Helling and Jessica Watson were among JGG's biggest supporters at our affiliated charity, Wings of Hope. Now, both have left Wings of Hope for new adventures and even greater accomplishments.

Laura made an amazing 8-days visit to Cambodia in 2015. All the Student Teachers and JGG staff will never forget the warmth and

kindness Laura showed to everyone she met. On returning to the US she combined what she learned in Cambodia with her natural enthusiasm to ensure that Wings of Hope continued to be a good friend of JGG.

Jessica was JGG's main connection to Wings of Hope. So many projects in support of JGG were led by Jessica's hard work. One of her last duties was to provide for a smooth transition of her responsibilities to Tiffany Nelson who is now JGG's new contact at Wings of Hope.



*Jessica surrounded by Kimberly, Former JGG Director, and Sokhary*

JGG will never forget what we owe Laura and Jessica, and what Tiffany has already done for JGG in her short time as our contact. And thanks to everyone else at Wings of Hope as well.

## DOK CHANTHY'S STORY OF SUCCESS

### HOW SHE WENT FROM FARM GIRL TO BANKER AND WIFE



Twenty-six-year-old **Dok Chanthy**, has already achieved many of her childhood dreams. She is well educated, has a promising career, is able to help her family, and is a new bride.

Chanthy's starting point presented many obstacles to achieving such success. She grew up on a very poor farm in Oromchang village near Bakchinhchien with her parents and four brothers. Chanty was the youngest of the five children.

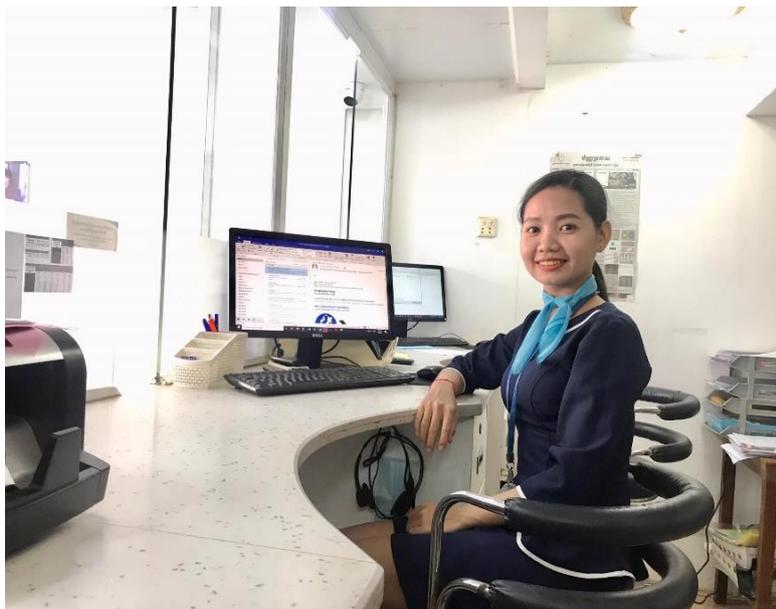
During the farming season Chanthy and her mother started each day at 5:00 AM, transplanting rice seedlings to the field where they would grow into mature rice plants. She and her brothers often went to the lakes to catch fish that she and her mother sold in the market for added family income. Also, there was the caring of the pigs and chickens to keep her busy.

Chanthy began her journey with JGG in 2009 as one of the first students in JGG's English Outreach program. At that time, the program was taught by professional teachers. However, in early 2010 JGG announce it would change to using Student Teachers. Chanthy passed the qualifying test and became a member of the first generation of JGG Student Teachers. Chanthy said she screamed with happiness when she found out she had been selected.



*CHANTHY, as a first-generation Student Teacher*

As a Student Teacher, Chanthy taught English to 6th grade students from Monday to Friday in the afternoon from Noon to 01:00PM and 7th grade students from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Finally, at 6:00 PM she studied her English with the professional teachers provided by JGG.



*CHANTHY at her current work in Siem Reap*

Her computer training, along with the other first-generation Student Teachers, was funded by JGG and provided by a computer school in Pursat city.

Rain or shine, every Saturday, and again on Sunday, the group would peddle bikes to the computer training school 17 kilometers (10.5 miles) away. The dirt roads were so difficult that even an automobile might take almost an hour to complete the route. Later, JGG built a computer training room in the

JGG Learning Center where Chanthy taught the computer to younger Student Teachers.

Chanthy graduated high school in 2013 and was awarded one of three Wings of Hope scholarships given that year to the best graduating Student Teachers. She moved to Siem Reap with other Student Teachers to live initially in a rented house provided by JGG, and then in the JGG dormitory when it was completed. She studied Banking and Finance at Build Bright University, graduating in 2017 with a bachelor's degree in Banking and Finance.



CHANTHY at her wedding day

In her first year at university, Chanthy worked as the manager of JGG's English Outreach program. This required her to work in Bakchinhchien during the week and to take the six-hour bus trip each weekend to attend university full-time in Siem Reap.

Working closely with JGG's Chairman who lived in the US was a great learning experience for Chanthy.

In her second year at university she worked as a receptionist at the Angkor Home Hotel located in Siem Reap. Having to use English with visitors from all over the world greatly improved her English conversation ability.

In 2015 she took a position at Vision Fund Cambodia Institution (currently WB Finance a member of Woori Bank, the largest bank in Korea) as a Data Encoder which allowed her to improve her computer skills. This position required that she again live away from Siem Reap during the week, returning on the weekends for her university classes.

Eventually, Chanthy was promoted to her current position as Branch Teller at WB Finance. She continued to live at JGG's Siem Reap dormitory until early 2020 when she married. She still lives in Siem Reap with her husband.

Chanthy wishes to say "THANK YOU" to everyone at JGG and Wings of Hope and expresses her gratitude to both charities for the many years of support they have given her. "They opened the doors to so many opportunities. They made my dreams come true."

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