

# Humanitus Foundation

empowerment through education





## Humanitus Foundation 2004 - 2014

The Humanitus Foundation is an Australian registered charity working in affiliation with non profit partner organisations in Cambodia and Indonesia. We are united in our commitment to working with children, their families, and communities, in a co-ordinated effort to help break the cycle of poverty. With a focus on education, health care, rural development and inclusive growth, our vision is to see all those with whom we work develop the skills and confidence that are prerequisites to bringing about positive change, renewed hope and better opportunities. Through our partners in SE Asia we currently contribute towards the education, health care and development of approximately 1200 children, their families and communities.

With thousands of photographs to share, hundreds of stories to tell, and a history spanning ten years, it is impossible to encapsulate each step, let alone every success story, in this one small book.

As we move forward into our second decade of bringing about positive change to the lives, and futures, of many we look forward to sharing our journey with all of our partners, friends and supporters.

We hope that you will enjoy this snap shot of our odyssey thus far.

For further information please visit our website - [www.humanitus.org](http://www.humanitus.org)

*With thanks and appreciation - the Humanitus Team*



# Denzil Sprague Pichey Rangsey School

## Pouk Ressey Village - Cambodia

A rural, co-educational primary school located 23 kilometres north of Phnom Penh and currently attended by 720 students



The Denzil Sprague Pichey Rangsey School was built in 2008-2009 by Australian pilot and aviation administrator, Denzil Sprague. The school was officially opened in 2010. In that same year a strategic alliance was formed between Caulfield Grammar School (Junior Campus) and the Humanitus Foundation to directly benefit the pupils. Fundraising is student driven and the considerable sums of money raised every year directly benefit the Pichey Rangsey School and

its students. Humanitus was first introduced to Denzil in 2008 and since that time, through Denzil's dedication and funds raised by Caulfield Grammar students and Humanitus, the school has grown into an exemplary place of learning whilst gaining positive recognition from the Royal Government of Cambodia. Unfortunately in Cambodia official recognition tends to translate to very little, if any, financial support. Through the generosity of Humanitus donors and

Caulfield Grammar students the benefits to Pichey Rangsey students include; regular health care and dental hygiene programs, bicycles, school and sports uniforms, school excursions, sports and play equipment, teaching and learning resources, and an annual English class awards day. The direct benefits of the assistance provided to these children's education and health is clearly evident to all of those fortunate enough to have visited this wonderful school.







30 dentists from Canada and Australia arrived in March 2013 to treat 200 children. The majority required extractions and desks were turned into operating tables



Since having her dental reconstruction in 2011 Srey Shro has transformed from a shy, self conscious girl into a smiling, confident A grade student



Library 2009



Library 2013





January 2014 marked the 4th year of the health care program. All 720 students are checked and receive vitamins, anti-parasite medicines, dental hygiene instruction and any other necessary treatments. In 2011 64% of students were under weight for their age. 6 months later this figure had dropped to 32%.



This Grade 4 boy had a suppurating fungal infection on his legs and elbows causing not only great discomfort but affecting his personality and general wellbeing. His sister was also severely affected however for the meager sum of \$10 they were successfully treated with anti-fungal cream and penicillin.







Having never been on a school excursion before the football team (20 boys and 20 girls) enthusiastically head off to a training session with the Cambodian Eagles.



Many of the students must travel long distances to attend school. In November 2011 new bikes were purchased for the poorer children





## SFODA Orphanage - Phnom Penh - Cambodia

An urban, Cambodian run, care centre established in 1996 and caring for a family of up to 70 orphaned and vulnerable children

To this day SFODA Orphanage/Care Centre is a special place, not only for the children and staff living there, but to the Humanitus team, who over the years have watched many of the children grow to be responsible young people. SFODA was founded by Mrs Ouk Moninarom and the late Mr Pen Sophan, both of whom were orphaned during the Khmer Rouge reign. SFODA is a Cambodian operated and registered non-government organisation. In addition to providing a safe and

secure family environment for orphaned and vulnerable children SFODA also runs programs for people infected with, and affected by, HIV/ Aids. Programs include; Vietnamese Entertainment Workers SMART Girl Program, Community HIV/Aids Care/Prevention Program and Integrated HIV/Aids Care/Prevention and Rehabilitation Program for Injecting Drug Users. This commitment is indicative of the lifelong dedication to SFODA by its founders.



SFODA's resident artist and long term member of the SFODA family







In the midst of a city where up to 200 children per week are trafficked into child prostitution or slavery, where corruption, drug abuse, HIV/Aids, extreme poverty and prostitution is rife, SFODA Care Centre provides a safe and stable, family environment for orphaned, disadvantaged and vulnerable children

The Humanitus commitment to assisting SFODA began in 2008. Whilst SFODA does receive funding from a variety of donors and organisations, Humanitus funding has been consistent and on an immediate needs basis. Over the years we have provided sponsorship for English language classes, supplied food, school uniforms, clothing, sleeping mats, medical supplies, teaching and learning re-

sources and excursions. During the devastating floods of 2011 SFODA was severely impacted and desperate for additional funding to provide food, medical supplies and water transport for the children to attend school and staff to shop at the markets. Through the generosity of our supporters we were fortunate to be in a position to be able to offer assistance with emergency flood relief funding.







Next door to the classroom is the well stocked, and very popular, library with books and resources for all ages

The 2011 Humanitus boat cruise on the Mekong river for the children and staff proved a big hit and proved its not always about the daily grind of school and chores.







Newly renovated classrooms

## Lontung School - Samosir Island - Indonesia

A remote, rural, co-educational primary school in Parbalohan Village - Samosir Island, Sumatra, Indonesia attended by 120 students

Lontung School is a government school at the end of the line in both geographical & funding terms. When Humanitus board members first visited Lontung they were appalled at the state of disrepair the school was in. No windows, broken desks and chairs, no electricity and a general malaise amongst teachers and students. The students and teachers are now proud of their newly refurbished, well resourced school. The school now has electricity, guttering, water tank for drinking and flushing toilets, computer, printer, teaching aids and potted plants in the assembly area and playground. Many of the children are undernourished and in need of health care and nutrition therefore next on our hit list is a health care and breakfast program.



Electricity



Prior to renovation

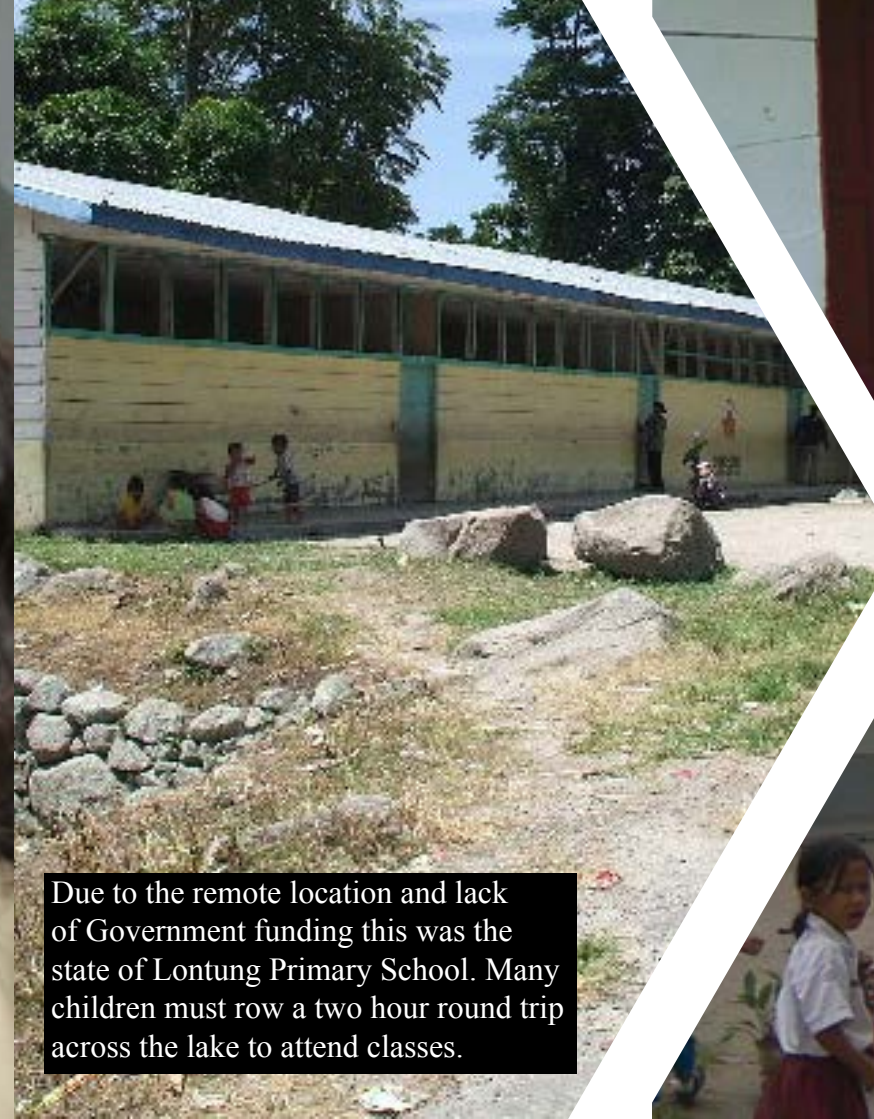


One of Lontungs classrooms prior to renovations

The early days



With electricity installed throughout the school a laptop and printer were supplied, much to the delight of teachers and students.



Due to the remote location and lack of Government funding this was the state of Lontung Primary School. Many children must row a two hour round trip across the lake to attend classes.

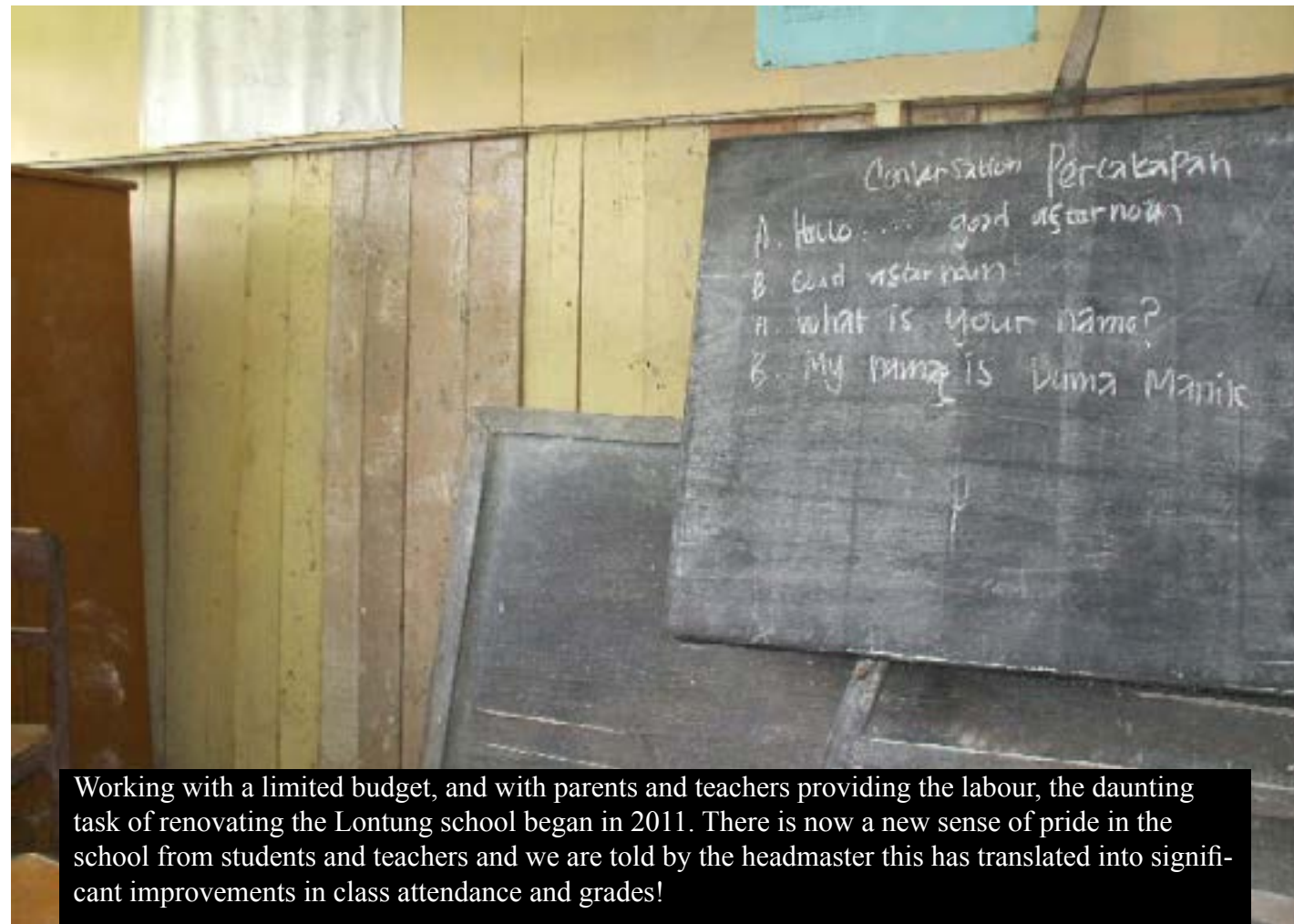


Big smiles and pristine uniforms



Now a school to be proud of









## Mkak Primary School - Mkak Village - Cambodia

A remote, rural, co-educational primary school in Mkak Village, 80 km south of Siem Reap and attended by 210 students

Mkak Primary School is the initiative of the Humanitus Foundations in-country partner, Bright Children Organisation. The founder, Piseth Luon, grew

up in Mkak during the time of the Khmer Rouge and civil war. At that time there was no education available and basic survival was a daily challenge. Piseth's

dream of opening a school to benefit the children and community of Mkak and surrounding villages finally became a reality in 2003.



Solar power

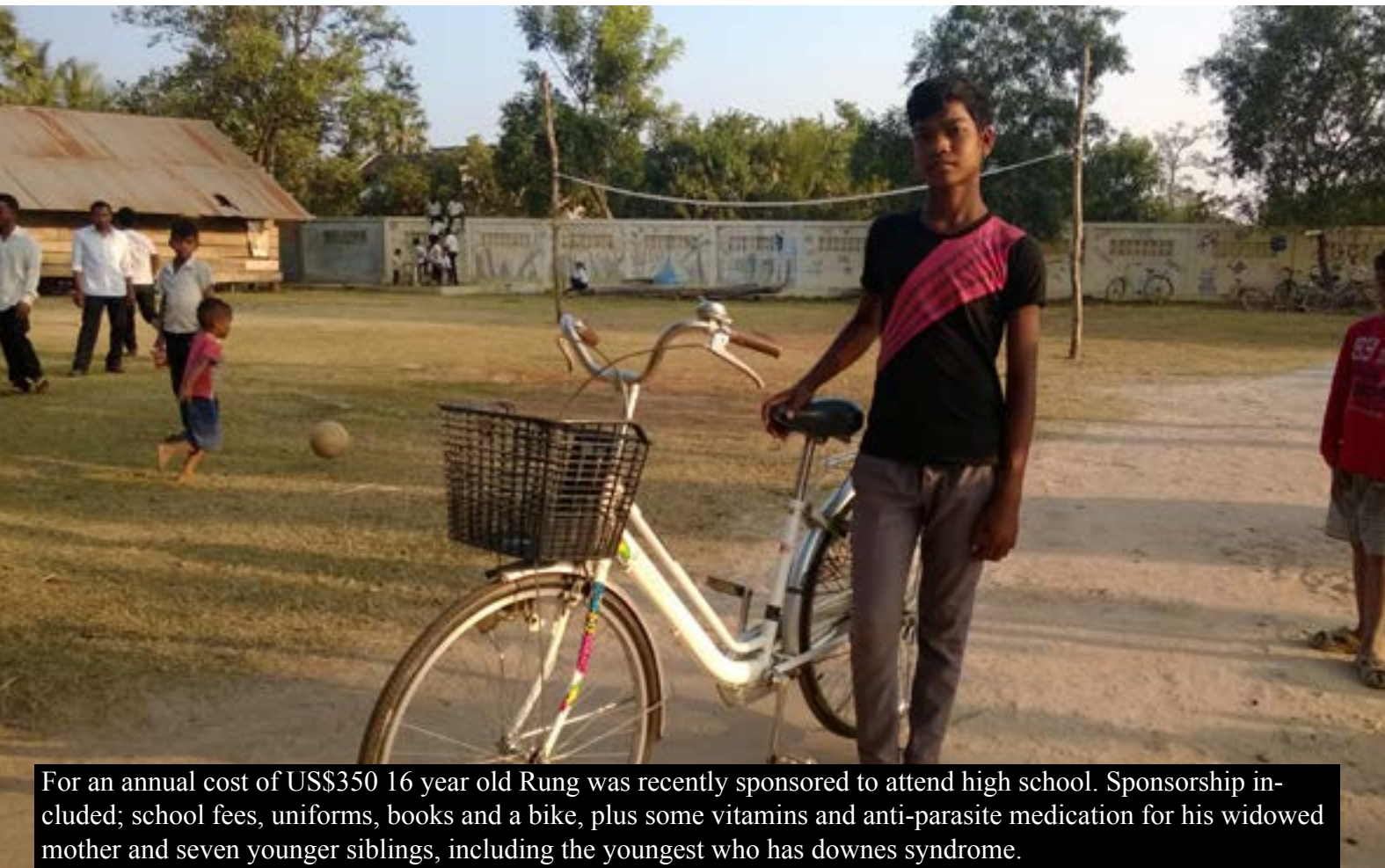
Funding from supporters has vastly improved the education, facilities, health and sanitation for the children and villagers. Contributions have provided; learning/teaching resources, English teachers salary, security, solar power, outfitting new library with books, bookcases, table, chairs, TV and DVD player, toilets, well for community drinking water, water tanks/pumps, childrens vegetable garden, excursions to Angkor Wat, organic farm and 1st stage of a building to house the centre for learning and development. Future funding plans are many and varied, including, but not limited to; comprehensive health care program for the Mkak community, teacher salary subsidies, completion of organic farm and community learning centre, completion of second new classroom building, landscaping school grounds and purchasing more bicycles.



New toilets with septic tanks and running water







For an annual cost of US\$350 16 year old Rung was recently sponsored to attend high school. Sponsorship included; school fees, uniforms, books and a bike, plus some vitamins and anti-parasite medication for his widowed mother and seven younger siblings, including the youngest who has downes syndrome.



Well, pump, tank tower and water tank

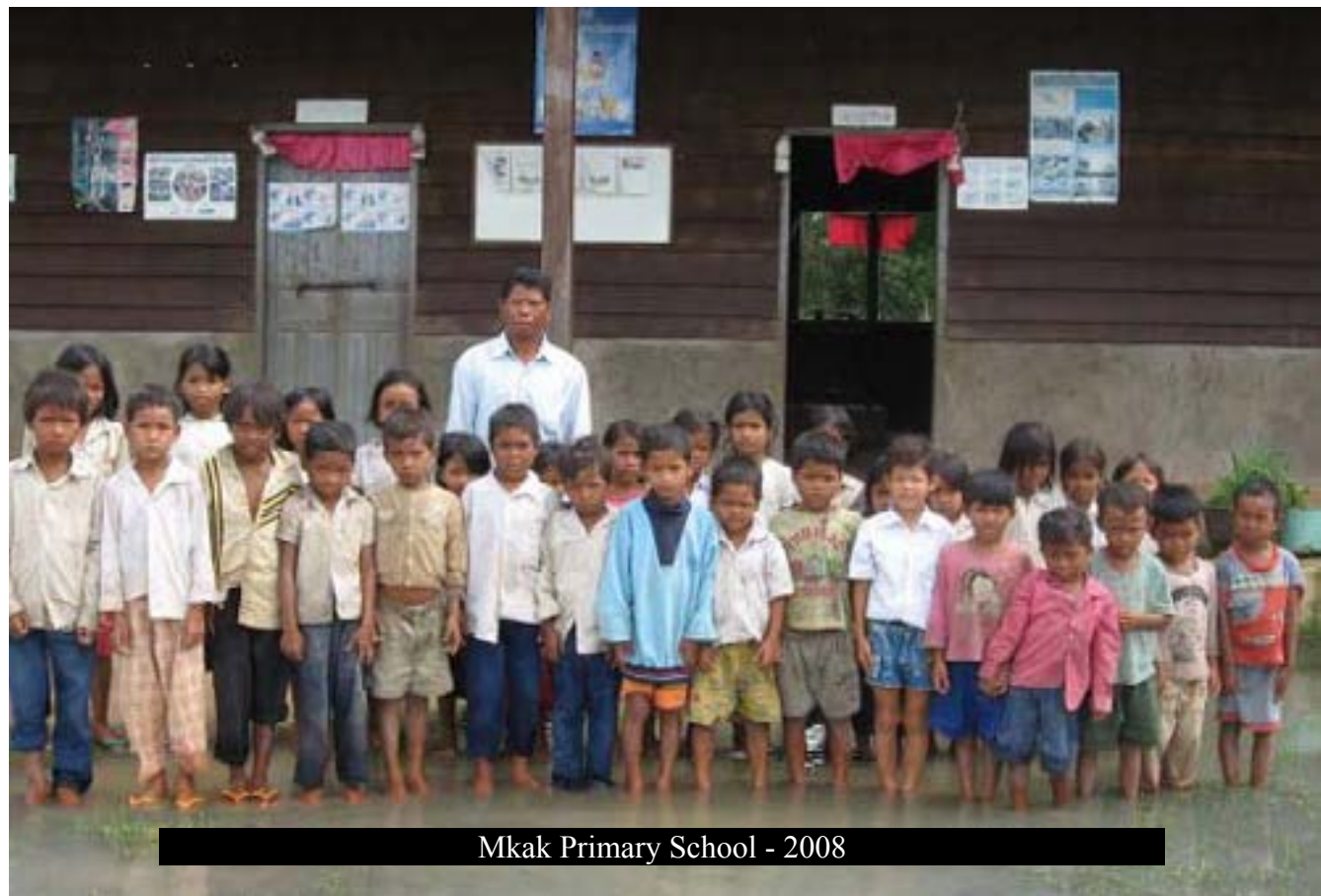


Students vegetable garden



5 acre organic farm and site for community learning centre. The well is the primary source of clean water for the entire region.





Mkak Primary School - 2008



Mkak Primary School - 2012





Piseth Luon distributing school uniforms at Mkak Primary School 2011 opening ceremony

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