



This is Chenda!

Discovering solidarity with the NGO P&C For a Child's Smile!



Discovering Cambodia

There are 16 million inhabitants in Cambodia. Half of them are under the age of 25!



Today, the capital is Phnom Penh, but several centuries ago it was Angkor where you can still see the ruins of many magnificent temples.



Cambodia is located in Southeast Asia between Thailand and Vietnam. The Southwest of the country has access to the sea.

The currency of Cambodia is the riel: \$1 = 4060 riels.



Cambodia is 181,035 km² (just under 70,000 square miles)— the country is three times smaller than France and less than half the size of California.

Find out more about the history of Cambodia in our next issue!



Learn about P&C For a Child's Smile

The story of the founders, Christian and Marie-France



Recently retired, Christian and Marie-France settled in Cambodia in 1995. The country had emerged from many years of war that had destroyed everything: schools, hospitals, townhalls ...

In Phnom Penh, the couple discovered children who worked, lived and fed themselves from the municipal dumpsite. It was a dangerous place where tons of rubbish was piled up! Children were forced to work to help their parents earn money to live and eat.

Right away, Christian and Marie-France decided to do something to help these poor children. They served meals right there at the dumpsite and provided first aid to treat the kids' cuts and scrapes. Then, they started thinking about the children's dreams: going to school, like other children ...



Did you know?

The children nicknamed Christian and Marie-France «Papy» and «Mamie» (Grandpa and Grandma in French) because they consider them members of their family!

You will find out how Papy and Mamie opened a small school in our next issue!



School life in pictures



Students arrive at the PSE School on foot, by bus or by bike. How do you go to school in the morning?



The students have breakfast at PSE. Do you eat at school in the morning, too?



On Monday mornings, students gather at 6:45 a.m. to raise the flag as the national anthem plays. On Friday evenings they lower the flag.



At PSE, school starts at 7:00 a.m. It's awfully early, don't you think?

The day begins very early in Cambodia. The sun rises around 6:00 a.m., and the sets around 6:00 p.m. It's like that all year round, unlike for us where there are big differences (between winter and summer, for example).



Questions & Answers

What is poverty?

Poverty is when someone lacks money to live properly. This causes difficulties in finding housing, clothing, learning, and being healthy. Sometimes people are poor because they have not had the chance to go to school and or to be trained to do a job.



To know if someone is poor, we rely on a calculation: we look at how much money a person has to buy the basics every month. If this sum is below a certain amount called the poverty line, then we can say that the person is poor. In Cambodia, this sum is \$1.80 per day/per person in a family.



Thanks to the actions of PSE, children from poor families go to school and then learn a trade. They also get to see doctors, their parents receive rice and other help if they have a serious problem such as a health condition, for example.



Give smiles to children in Cambodia

Actions of solidarity to help PSE

Gabriel took the initiative to play the accordion on a Sunday morning at the market of Meudon, in France, and collected €100 in donations. Thank you to our young musician!

Every action counts, and all help is appreciated. You too can also help us in other ways: in each issue we will suggest a project you can do alone, with your friends or with your class. Also, send us your ideas of actions, including some pictures. We will showcase your action in one of our upcoming newsletters!

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