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This month of February I dedicate to give THANKS!.

Give THANKS for every day that has dawned and that Life has allowed us to be in. Give THANKS for all the good that has happened and for what we have learned from the not so good.

We should give THANKS more. We should be more GRATEFUL.

THANKS

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

SAMBO'S GRADUATION

The long-awaited big day finally arrived, dressed as February 9th!. An unforgettable date for SAMBO and for all of us who love her, because the BUILD BRIGHT University celebrated the graduation party for all of its students in Cambodia from the last year. They did it in style with a great ceremony in a spectacular venue in Phnom Penh, which will last forever in our memory. Our adorable SAMBO graduated in LAW. An unforgettable date, an unforgettable day!.



We are all very proud of her. She is the light on the path, she shines with such magic that the new generations are inspired by her.



We proudly showed the credentials that allowed us access to the venue. Like two squires, supporting and enjoying a truly special and unique person on her big day!.

Dearest SAMBO, continue walking your path, with dreams to fulfill, you will achieve what you set out to do; your level of commitment in each action radiates strength for everyone. Here by your side, on your day. What a joy!



There were many magical moments. The day before, we went to investigate the location, since we had never been in that area of the city before. We were speechless, because the chosen venue was truly spectacular, new, spacious facilities and with a festive environment that enhanced it even more.



Outside the venue where the ceremony took place. Moment when SONY hands over the graduation bouquet the night before. The bouquet, an essential part of the event.

Without a doubt, seeing her parade collecting her certificate with the greeting of authorities was the most exciting, but the informal moments also enjoyed protagonist, and there was room for the fun photos that began to take shape. Here is an example!



Many THANKS to the **BENEFACTORS** who supported SAMBO with her education and upkeep making it possible, with all our hearts THANKS to the **CASPER** family from the USA, especially **LIZ** and **STEVE**.



Many THANKS to each of the people who have sent their support through messages and greetings.

And to you SAMBO we wish you all the best and that you continue to fulfill your dreams, with effort, enthusiasm and your beautiful smile. We feel very proud of everything you have achieved with tenacity, courage and positivity. And now, as director of TOGETHER FOR CAMBODIA, you are an example for present and future generations.



WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH!.

THE KITE

In the year of our 15th anniversary, we continue celebrating with the news that our new LOGO is now official!. A KITE that flies happily high with the dreams of our treasures, with the Benefactors being the wind that propels them towards their goals. From the Ministry of the Interior we have received the signed and sealed approval, so now we are getting down to work to change it everywhere, little by little, choosing well, without rushing but without stopping. Very soon we have a meeting with a group of local graphic designers, to modify business cards, brochures, uniforms, posters, murals and an endless number of things, which will be developed with enthusiasm.



We would like to take advantage once again and we will never tire of giving THANKS to the INGENIOUS SOLUTIONS FACTORY – ISF team, led by our friend, Benefactor and former aviation colleague, ANA SALAS, who have made this corporate image possible, which identifies us so well!. They understood us from the first moment. They were able to empathize with our objectives, regulations and desires to reach everyone but with discretion in the image of the wonderful children whom we care for, protect and love.

At the same time it is another formula of HUMANITARIAN AID, since they have donated their Talent, Time and Affection, three extremely valuable values.

For those who are interested in changing their image, updating it and being in the hands of a great team of professionals, contact www.isolutionsfactory.com

In Cambodia, CHILDREN PLAY and make magic. First they look for used plastics; they have to be thin but not too thin, so that they do not break easily. Normal thread to darn clothes or sew buttons. Some wooden, plastic or bamboo rods, they have to be strong without being heavy. Then they join everything together, with color, giving a personalized touch. And run, run, run looking at the sky and wanting to touch it.



FLYING KITES

I could spend hours watching them. I never get tired of watching them. What they do is very SPECIAL. It's MAGIC. They have been taking advantage of recesses, the breaks between activities, for several days. Ideating. Thinking. Testing. Improving. They have found greater stability by designing a longer tail. Their materials are simple but precise:

* Garbage bags from the kitchen. * Bamboo sticks from the garden. * Sewing thread. * Old bottles for use to roll the sewing thread. And a loooooong desire to run and keep their heads up to the sky.



I never get tired of watching them. What they do is very special. And watching them, the girl inside me comes out, the girl who, even if she can't be seen, peeks out from time to time to enjoy herself as one of the group. What they do is very special.



HELPING PACHAMAMA

Extraordinary WEEKEND! Sundays are especially reserved for rest, but it is also the only day of the week during the academic period, in which all the children can meet during the day; for this reason they are key days to carry out activities all TOGETHER. The first of February came loaded with a new adventure!. DEI KOMA rises with rakes, shovels, drills, hoes, buckets to clean the entire outer perimeter and prepare the ground to plant LEMONGRASS .



With the best TEAMWORK. There was no lack of music or good humor. 400 units were planted, with their fertilizer and with great enthusiasm. Objectives achieved to give a hand to Mother Earth or Pachamama, (deity of Andean mythology that nourishes and protects human beings). We THANK her with this offering of our work to improve her with these precepts:

* Our streets are cleaner.

* Investing in physical and mental health.

* Betting on nature.



And then there was POPCORN!. THANKS to ANNETE and XAVIER for your gift when you came to visit us on the first day of 2025, you can see how happy we were!. When I told you that with this gift you were going to hit the bull's eye!. We were really excited!. I prepared 8 packages!. I didn't have time to prepare one because two had already been used up!.



It is just as important to donate books, rice, medicines as it is to donate accessories for fun, I would even say that well-measured entertainment is the most important thing, because being well-motivated gives better results.



STUDYING ONLINE

Reviewing the science curriculum, especially in the upper grades of High School, can become a complicated task for many students. Many of our students find this extra help through the Internet, and do it in the afternoons from the tranquility of the administrative office.



PLAY, WE HAVE TO PLAY MORE

How nice it is to see them play with so much enthusiasm. The littlest ones in the house received some toys that made them very happy!. It was so emotional to see their little faces and eyes so wide open. During the breaks at JAVI SCHOOL, they quickly went to play in the sand in the leisure area, and at the same time motivated them to do their homework well in class so they could go out to play on time!.



RICE, RICE, RICEOOOOOOOZ

And like every month, hundreds of kilos of rice arrive at DEI KOMA-The Land of Children. Essential. Our food would not be the same without this food supplement.



PIA & LUCY

Our Benefactor PIA, accompanied by her best friend, LUCY, visited us in the middle of the month. It was great to have them with us and share some great moments. We all met in Phnom Penh on the same Saturday that we arrived for SAMBO's graduation Sunday. They were also arriving in the capital of the Khmer kingdom, so they had the opportunity to share our excitement and go out to dinner together.

The trip to Siem Reap was a non-stop catching up on so many things!. SIX hours on the road without stopping to talk!. PIA and I happened to be working in commercial aviation at the same company quite a few years ago, it's fantastic that she supports us and also comes here to see everything in person.



It was a pleasure to introduce them to our live programs, and since they came with their corresponding Criminal Record Certificates, they were able to participate in a culinary activity and make a delicious and nutritious gift to everyone at DEI KOMA - The Land of Children.

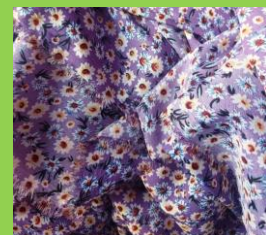


One morning they went to the market, the same one where we do the shopping and they bought kilos and kilos of fruit, so that when the children came home from school at noon, they would find a fantastic multi-coloured dessert made of pieces of fruit, which they prepared on individual plates so that everyone received the same. The children were super happy and the girls were very happy to live the direct experience of collaboration.



HAPPY CURTAINS

Fixing up the Administrative office and the Compassion building. Giving the windows colour and the interior more privacy, with some cheerful flowery curtains. We bought the fabric at Oressey Market and Mrs. NEANG made them. It was like going back to the times of the SPOTLIGHT Bag's Workshop, in the same market and with one of the same seamstress, who with such care sewed thousands of bags and improved the quality of their lives by being empowered, offering better resources to their children. Nowadays when we need sewing services we go to her, because she is a good professional and that is how we maintain ties.



LIDIA'S THOUGHTS

A few months ago I told you, although very briefly out of respect for their rights to privacy, about three cases that were causing us many emotional ups and downs, use of resources and bad results, especially in behavior.

One of them, since he returned from the government center where he was temporarily staying, has been managing to overcome challenges. First, recovering from a severe skin disease caused by scabies, which took him almost two months isolated in one of the rooms that we have for this type of cases or others with similar conditions.

He returned to a social life at DEI KOMA, once he had overcome the disease and with 100% guarantees of not being infected. He decided to collaborate by doing work, to "Give Thanks," and for 3 months he has been doing work together with the security staff, from 07:00 to 17:00, in this way he is also busy and by doing it well he earns pocket money.

Not wanting to return to the usual high school studies, since he abandoned them almost 3 years ago (between an escape, living without order out of our reach, returning and another escape), he opted for technical studies, which give him a skill, choosing GRAPHIC DESIGN at the Polytechnic School. He started on February 10, daily from 07:30 to 11:30 to continue his work at DEI KOMA from 13:00 to 17:00.

We hope that he feels motivated enough to continue forward, because it is a good opportunity to study something he likes and learn responsible tasks with money for his expenses. He will soon be of age, and we hope with all our heart and effort, that this time it is YES and everything goes well, with challenges, with dreams and with courage to face them honestly.

From My Beloved Cambodia.

Lidia Linde Ginesta.

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