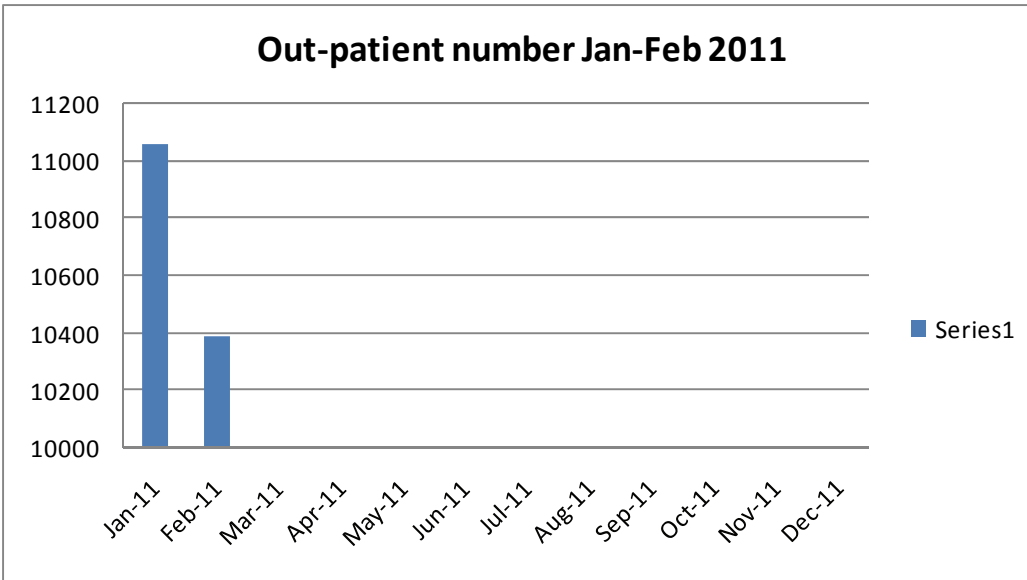




JANUARY—FEBRUARY 2011 AT ANGKOR HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN

ANGKOR HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN. MAKING A DIFFERENCE



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I recently was taught a Japanese Haiku by Issa. *The world is dew, The world is dew, And yet, And yet.* The Haiku came about because the poet faces the death of his daughter and is trying to reconcile the Buddhist teachings he has embraced with the experience of profound personal loss.

As Japan faces a disaster on an enormous scale, I am reminded of this poem because each death, each injury, each loss of home, belongings or loved one represents a profound personal loss for

many. Grief, mourning and reconciliation will be a long process.

AHC was founded with the support and love of many Japanese people and we share in grieving the losses in this tragedy. We are deeply saddened by the loss of life and the suffering and wish to express our sympathy to all members of FWAB Japan and all of our supporters in Japan. The staff at AHC has been profoundly thankful for your support, teaching and encouragement over the years. We now wish during this

time to be able to give back in order to show you our love and respect during this time of tragedy.

As always, I hope as you read this newsletter that you realize the successes and improvements described in it have all come about because of the worldwide commitment and support that Angkor Hospital for Children has garnered over years. We remain thankful to each and every one of you.

*William Housworth, MD., MPH
Executive Director*

PATIENT'S STORY

Sopheaktra, a 12-year-old boy, was admitted with a history of chest pain, fever, cough and drowsiness. His parents first took him to a private clinic, close to their home in Kampong Thom Province. The clinic staff recommended that Sopheaktra be taken to Siem Reap for treatment.

The parents brought their son by motorbike to Siem Reap, a journey of more than 3 hours. A

stranger showed them the way to AHC. Sopheaktra was admitted and diagnosed with Pneumonia. He was treated with I/V fluids and antibiotics. Two days later, he has responded well. He is looking forward to returning home and playing football and volleyball again.

The nursing staff will educate the family regarding hygiene and Sopheaktra's medication before discharging him.



Sopheaktra and his parent one day before going home

MEDICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES IN AHC

SINGAPOREAN HEART TEAM TEACH AHC'S NURSES

In January, the Nursing Department invited Ms. Mary Tan Mui Leng, Nurse Educator at the National University Hospital from Singapore to teach our nurses on Basic Pediatric Emergency Nursing Care Program. The course is to equip nurses to take care of post-cardiac surgery patients as well as general critical patients. The course was held in January 2011, and 21 nurses successfully completed the course.

We would like to give a special thank you to Ms. Mary Tan Mui Leng for her time and knowledge to improve AHC nurse's skills in the critical care of sick children at AHC.

TRAINING FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES

11 NPH nurses attend Basic Emergency Care and Basic Surgical Nursing Care Course at AHC for a 2 week-period. This course is supported by FIDR (Foundation for International Development/Relief). This course provides them with a basic knowledge of surgical nursing care and basic emergency nursing care.

DCH GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Diploma Child Health /International Post Graduate Pediatric Certificate is a distance course held by the Children Hospital at Westmead, Sydney University, Australia. This course was started in 2006 at Angkor Hospital for Children. Since it began 42 doctors, including AHC and government doctors, have attended this course and 27 doctors have graduated.

In 2011, 3 AHC and 1 government doctor were recruited to attend this course. AHC donors, Mr. and Mrs. Commerford from Australia, sponsored the course. It is a one-year course that improves and strengthens the quality of Cambodian pediatric health care across country.

Thank you very much to Mr and Mrs. Commerford for supporting this program!



Ms. Mary Tan Mui Leng giving lecture to AHC's nurses



Mr. Vibol providing tour to NPH nurses

INFECTION CONTROL IMPROVEMENT IN AHC



Nancy Church, Volunteer, giving lecture about Infection Control to AHC staff

Infection control is very important because if Infection Control is poor in the hospital there is a risk of Nosocomial infection. Nosocomial infections are an enormous problem for every hospital in which there are prolonged patient stays. The infections increase the costs of treatment and care and create a shortage of beds for other patients. In the worst cases, the infection causes permanent disability or even death.

Since the official start of this program, AHC is strongly committed to improving the Infection Control in AHC. Hand hygiene compliance observation shows some improvement compared to last

year's baseline observation. The Infection Control Committee has been formed and meets monthly. A hand hygiene policy has been created and submitted to AHC's Policy Committee for approval. ER/ICU has a new strategy to increase Infection Control. Shoes must be changed when the staff comes in to the room; the access of visitors is limited for entering the ER/ICU, and the staff uniforms (Nurses+ Doctors) must be cleaned in the hospital. AHC has followed the MoH and WHO guidelines in using the rubbish bin. Schedule of cleaning inside the ward has increased.

To remind staff about the advan-

tages of strictly following the infection control guidelines, the Infection Control refresher course has been provided to all medical and non-medical staff in the hospital. The new poster of hand hygiene and alcohol for hand washing has been placed around the hospital.

Through this crucial change, AHC expects to increase awareness of hand hygiene among staff, patients and their families in order to reduce the nosocomial infection inside the hospital.

Thank you Ptamingan Foundation for supporting the AHC's infection control program AHC in 2011.

THE 12TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF AHC



Group photo of AHC staff and FWAB's Board of Directors during anniversary 2011

The Founder, The Board of Directors of Friends Without A Border (FWAB), and the Director of Angkor Hospital for Children (AHC) in Siem Reap celebrated the 12th anniversary of AHC on 29th January 2011 at Angkor Hospital for Children. Honored guests included invitees from the board's directors, donors from around the world, staff, as well as volunteers. The morning began at 8:00am and included an introduction about Angkor Hospital for Children's projects, speeches from the keys persons from FWAB, AHC, and a short

statement about the important of research at AHC. The former and current team members of the Institutional Review Board were acknowledged and thanked. Later that morning, there was a dance performance by children from Jay Dancing School and The Certificate of Appreciation of staff that have worked at AHC for 10 years was presented.

Congratulations!

THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF AHC'S SATELLITE

On February 26th, 2011 in the morning, AHC's Satellite in Sotnikum Referral Hospital celebrated its first anniversary ceremony. It was delightful to have Kenro Izu, Founder of Angkor Hospital for Children, John and Nina Cassils from Canada, the Director and staff of Sotnikum Referral Hospital, AHC's Satellite staff, AHC's senior staff, plus other donors

and friends attending. It began with speeches followed by a short film of the Satellite's activities. The morning ended with team building games and lunch for all

It was a very successful and happy day. Many thanks to the founder, donors, friends, staff and all who attended.



Dr. Bill and Dr & Mrs. Cassils at the first anniversary of AHC's Satellite celebration

AUSTRALIAN "END OF SUMMER" FUNDRAISING EVENT

Friday 25th February was a lovely balmy evening in Geelong, Victoria, Australia – just perfect for our "End of Summer" Dinner Auction to aid Angkor Hospital for Children. We aimed to raise enough funds to cover the cost of the new microbiological hood; we did that and had a great time too!

ing the importance of continuing support and urging us to all 'dig deep' tonight!

It was a wonderful evening with superb food and a stunning venue. There were lucky door prizes, balloon raffles, fundraising cocktails; exciting auction items a Spanish band and salsa dancing! There was even a 'shop' selling beautiful Cambodian scarves that Dr. Chris donated. The evening raised \$15,000!

Robert Reed, CEO of Express Promotions the sponsor welcomed everyone. We watched a moving DVD on the plight of AHC. 'Dr. Chris' spoke very well about her experience at the AHC. Setthy Ung came all the way from Sydney to be at the dinner and told us about the improvement in medical care at AHC, emphasizing

On behalf of AHC, the Express Promotions and Dr. Chris, thank you to everyone who supported and came along to the 'End of Summer' Dinner Auction.



Jacqui Rogalsky and Dr. Christine Saderson at the event



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PORTRAITS FROM BURMA AND CHINA BY MONICA DENEVAN IN FRIENDS CENTER

Friends Center at Angkor Hospital for Children is presenting *Portraits from Burma and China* by Monica Denevan featuring photographs from two different Asian countries. The exhibition runs from February until July 2011. There was an Opening Reception in the FC on February 25th, 2011.

AHC's founder, Mr. Kenro Izu, attended this special reception. More than 100 guests joined us and there

were performances by a group of children from the Siem Reap International School and the Three GAGA Heads (Japanese). Some money was raised from the sale of raffle tickets, gift product sales, and donations.

We would like to thank to all guests, sponsors and supporters for generously donating their time and money to help the sick children at AHC.



AHC's Founder and Friends Center team during reception evening



WELCOME TO NEW AHC STAFF!

We would like to welcome the new medical and non-medical staff to AHC's team. There are 5 new male doctors, 13 new nurses (9 female and 4 male), 3 non-medicals (1 male and 2 female) added to AHC's team.

Please welcome them!

TEDDY BEAR PROJECT IN AHC

In this issue of the newsletter we would like to express our thanks to all the donors and supporters of our Teddy Bear Project. The funds received from teddy bear purchases help to give a smile and a direct source of comfort to our sick children. Additionally the funds raised from this project contribute to the overall finances of the hospital and enable us to provide care and services for the sick children of Cambodia through the purchase of medical equipment, infant formula, pharmaceutical products, etc.

Cambodia is a truly beautiful place

yet it remains challenged by endemic poverty and disease. Our hospital strives to help improve health care for Cambodian children on all levels, including encouraging smiles from patients.

In the mean time, please visit our website at www.angkorhospital.org. The website includes AHC activities and other ways you can get involved if you are interested. Our success depends on good relationships and a growing number of people believing in our vision.



Staff nurses distribute donated teddy bear to the children in IPD