

ANNUAL REPORT

2016

MARIST SOLIDARITY CAMBODIA





Director's Message

I am honoured to present the 2016 Director's annual report to you, on behalf of the staff, teachers and students of Marist Solidarity, Cambodia. This is my first report since being appointed Executive Director in July 2016, and it is with great pride that I share this overview of the many accomplishments that we celebrate here at MSC.

Our broad priorities remain: success for students, success for teachers, and other project supporting staff. These align effectively with ministry of education, youth and sport goals in Cambodia, our multi-year strategic plan (MYSP), and our own Board and organization plans.

The projects also reflect the the four pillars of education, knowledge, skills, morality and harmony, the priority of livelihood and social recognition in all our activities, and the aspiration to have all in our care live with dignity. With a Lavalla school primary education as a foundation, our students continue to high school and tertiary studies and seek the skills necessary to succeed in whatever vocation they select.

We are thankful to everyone for their generous contributions to this project, most notably that of Australian Marist Solidarity. Our primary beneficiaries are children and young people with physical disabilities who lack access to education and rehabilitation and we seek to collaborate with parents, often

poor and little-educated, to take care of their children and to empower them with skill and knowledge enough to find their own ways into self-reliance and social participation.

We still have a long way to go and I hope that this report demonstrates that our

friends and volunteers for spending time with us and helping us do our job.

I, along with our trustees and senior staff, am very proud of the achievements highlighted in this report. We invite you to spend time to read more about us.

“I thank in particular those with whom we collaborate, all of MSC's stakeholders, partners, friends and volunteers for spending time with us and helping us do our job.”

organization is making good progress. I would like to thank, MSC staff and teachers for responding so well to new leadership, taking so much initiative themselves, and working extremely hard to meet goals and deadlines. I thank in particular those with whom we collaborate, all of MSC's stakeholders, partners,

The Governing Board of MSC 2016

Sr Luise Ahrens Maryknoll Chair

Br Max Meier Marist Brother

Mr Hort Seila

Br Andrew Chan Marist Brother

Br Allen Sherry Marist Brother Representative of Australian Marist Solidarity

Br Terry Heinrich Director until June 2016

Mr Cheng Bunthoeun Director from July 2016

Members attended four meetings in 2016 along with Br Anthony Burrows, Marist Brother, Financial Overseer for MSC who kept the minutes and advised the Board and Mr Chhom Sopanya, MSC's Financial Administrator. We are especially indebted to Brother Allen and Brother Andrew who journey from Australia and Thailand respectively for the Board meetings.

Br Anthony completed his appointment in Cambodia in December 2016 and returned to Brisbane where he will join the staff of Australian Marist Solidarity. The MSC Board expresses its deep appreciation to Br Tony for the excellent work he has done over four years to manage MSC's finances.

Sr Luise, a member of the Board since its inception, will leave Cambodia in January 2017. Our thanks to her for the many ways in which she has assisted and enhanced the work of MSC and our good wishes for her future in Maryknoll, New York.

Marist Solidarity Cambodia, through Brother Allen especially, maintains a strong link to Australian Marist Solidarity in Brisbane, Australia, to whom it is accountable in the execution of its mandate, notably in the matter of finances. MSC records here its appreciation to AMS for this collaboration and ready support.

Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) is the international agency for the aid and development work of the Marist Province of Australia throughout Asia and the Pacific Islands. AMS works with the people in this region on a combination of long-term and short-term development projects. These projects aim to develop or support locally sustained education opportunities for the young people in these regions.



Mr Cheng Bunthoeun
Director

Sr Luise, a member of the Board since its inception, will leave Cambodia in January 2017. Our thanks to her for the many ways in which she has assisted and enhanced the work of MSC and our good wishes for her future in Maryknoll, New York.

“Our students are the best advertisement to the success of the programs of Marist Solidarity Cambodia.”



Photos of Lavalla students in the computer classroom and general learning areas and working in the agriculture area.



MSC Report

The New Director of MSC

Following the departure in June 2015 from MSC of its first Executive Director Mr Ouch Nimul, the Australian Provincial Superior of the Marist Brothers, Brother Jeffrey Crowe, asked Br Terry Heinrich to assume the Director's role for one year and during that time, with the collaboration of the MSC Board, to recruit the new Executive Director for MSC.

The recruitment process began in April and the response was especially heartening: many very suitable applicants. Out of one round of interviews for twelve selected from that group came a short list of six who met with a panel of the MSC Board for further interviewing.

Mr Cheng Bunthoeun was chosen by the panel and subsequently endorsed by the MSC Board. He began his appointment in July. Prior to joining MSC Cheng Bunthoeun has spent 10 years working with the commercial enterprise, Cambodian Harvest Dried Fruit.

Catering

MSC employs eight cooks, two in each of Villa Maria and a rented house where our oldest students reside and four at LaValla. On any school day they would prepare the equivalent

***On any school day
they would prepare
the equivalent of five
hundred and fifty meals***

of five hundred and fifty meals which means using about 50k of rice per day or 1500k per month.

Their work day begins at 7 a.m. when they arrive at the Takhmao market. One of MSC's vehicles collects them and transports them to one of the three places at about 9.15 a.m. They prepare lunch, then the evening meal in the afternoon and they end their work at 4 p.m.

Visitors and others attest to the fact that MSC is lucky in its cooks: meals are planned, tasty and well prepared.

Australian Volunteers

In recent years MSC has been fortunate to have living and working here competent agriculturalists from Australia. Mr Kym Hall from Melbourne was with us for two years, 2013-15 and he was followed by Mr Sam Lolicato from country Victoria who instructed and worked with us 2015-2016.

Kym's focus was the LaValla property and his legacy seems to be a commitment, on the part of staff and students here to composting. Quite a change of attitude that! Sam was asked to help us establish our agricultural training space behind LaValla and this he did most competently. Since his departure we have had a number of crops from that site and in place is a fine irrigation system.

Both men exemplified an excellent work ethic: they modelled for our young men the very best standards of planning, preparing, executing and appraising their work in all of its aspects. We've been given an excellent opportunity through the presence of these two men.

In a different domain altogether was the work of Mr Dennis Mussig in Human Resource Management and Mr Dave Henshall in Employability. Again, MSC was fortunate to have the assistance of these two Australian Volunteers in 2015-16 who divided their time between Maryknoll's Deaf Development Program and ourselves. Mr Mussig and Mr Henshall, experienced and astute men, assisted our organization in a variety of ways despite the fact that our readiness for their input fell short of their expectations.

Other Volunteers/Visitors

Throughout 2016 MSC received a steady flow of visitors and volunteers. Their time with us might have been as short as a week or so and as long as three months.

Among those who came to work for a time were Peita and Declan McClenaghan

from Brisbane, Madeleine Page and From Newcastle, Tri Nguyen Van, a Marist trainee, who was joined by another trainee late in his visit, Guang Zhao Zhang from China, Andrew Cornwell his parents and family from Maitland, Patrick McCulloch from Canberra, Alessandra Mora from Milan, the Sidorko family from Canberra, Kreso and Lanette Gravan from Canberra, Samay Bansal from Singapore, Mike Duffy from New Jersey USA.

From the USA also came Arlene and Michael Willis with Roberta Drew, all representing Grapes for Humanity, visiting as they have briefly, almost annually. From Germany and Misereor came Ellen

Schmitt who conducted workshops for staff and students of MSC.

Fr Kevin Corrigan from the Newcastle-Maitland diocese, a friend and frequent visitor was with us for two weeks and there were often others who were lunch guests.

School Groups

The practice has been for groups of upper-high school students to spend a week or more with us, working around our properties, interacting with, perhaps teaching our students. In 2016 groups came from Brigidine St Ives for a day, United World College in Singapore, Marist North Shore College in Sydney, St Francis Xavier's in Newcastle, Marist College Ashgrove from Brisbane, St John's College from Woodlawn, Australia, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School in Alice Springs, Marist College Bulleen for a day, Red Bend College in Forbes for a morning and Kiangsu-Chekiang College from Hong Kong for a day.

The Catholic Church and MSC

A member of the Catholic Alliance for Charity and Development (CACD),

MSC wants to collaborate with other Catholic agencies working for the poor and disadvantaged in Cambodia. MSC enjoys with them the leadership of the Apostolic Vicar for Phnom Penh, Bishop Olivier Schmitthaeusler and the close collaboration of the Pastor in Takhmao, Fr Mario Ghezzi. We appreciate very much the friendship and support of each. As we do given our connections to Maryknoll Cambodia, to Jesuit Services and to what was called New Humanity until recently and to Infant Jesus Hospital in Takeo.

Our volunteers, visitors and school groups are a significant part of the annual life of MSC

Students Abroad

We are very pleased that each year a few more of our students and ex-students have an opportunity to travel abroad. In 2016

- Pring Mean continued his Keo San scholarship in Norway and was joined by Seng Sreythai mid year;

- Khieu Samet, San Sot, Chan Srey and Eurn Not spent ten days in Seoul, Korea for a sports camp. Korean organizations for people with disabilities have been especially generous in their efforts to provide such opportunities for other young people with disabilities. They were chosen by the National Centre for Disabled People;

- Has Lihak was selected by the Cambodian Disability Action Council to attend a music camp in Korea;

- The entire Cambodian team for the I.T. Challenge for young people with disabilities was made up of our students and ex-students. Teuch Toum, Thin Seyha. Sambath Vutha and Kol Channaroath went to Qungsu in China for that tournament.

Educational Program

Government Certificate

Lavalla Primary School provides education and care for children and young people with physical disabilities. The students attend classes morning and afternoon and are able to complete 2 academic year levels in each year. The students range in age from 10 to 20 years old. Lavalla School is the only government approved school providing a full primary education for children with physical disabilities and offering Graduation Certificates which are recognized by the Cambodian Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport.

Enrollment

LaValla maintains an enrolment of just fewer than 100 each year for whom education is provided by 10 regular teachers. There are 7 Classes (Grades 1-6 and a special class for those who have some learning difficulties). Extended learning programs are provided in addition to the approved and accelerated curriculum. The approved subjects are : Khmer, Mathematics, Health and Physical Education, Science, Social Studies (Art Education).

Extended Program.

The Extended learning program includes English, Computing, Music, Art, , Sewing and Agricultural Program. The teachers also conduct recreational activities such as swimming, games, sports, trips and educational excursions. In general, the children who attend Lavalla School report that they enjoy their time and achievements as students at the school. Primary School Graduating students will then be accepted at Villa Maria to reside as they begin their public secondary schooling.

Marist Solidarity Cambodia educates its students to value the role of hard work and to make the sincere effort to learn and to be active in life. They are involved in maintaining the school grounds and in domestic roles such as cleaning and assisting the cooks amongst other things.



Class Teachers - Pan Yat, Um Sreynam (Principal), Prel Seng Im, Long Chiva, Nop Sam Ath, Vath Hokhy, Thorn Tima and Hong Lay



Inclusive Education

- Villa Maria and Community

General

MSC - Villa Maria, provides residential facilities for the students who attend the local government high school. Non-residential students who live with their families receive support to attend their nearest government high school. The Villa Maria site also co-ordinates the skills training program for those who have chosen to the leave formal education program. Vocational training networks with outside training facilities, as well as conducting some programs on site, to bring the young people with a disability to a point where they can either be employed or become self-employed in a sustainable way.

2016

The students at Villa Maria who attend the Government High School in Takhmao are assisted in their transport to and from school.

As well as following the Government curriculum the students who are resident at Villa Maria have access to computing and assistance in using the computers. They have lessons in English and tutorial support in Mathematics. There are also music lessons and access to instruments.

As the year progressed residential students had the possibility of field trips and the opportunity to join in the activities on Disabled Persons day. Training in

leadership and invitations to programs with partners of MSC were also undertaken. Instruction on Personal Development was an important aspect of life at Villa Maria this year.

The young people at Villa Maria also the opportunity to access rehabilitation services with the support of the staff of MSC. Also guidance is given to the students with relation to career opportunities for young people with disabilities, including developing skills for interviews and the preparation of a CV.

Non- Residential Community Program

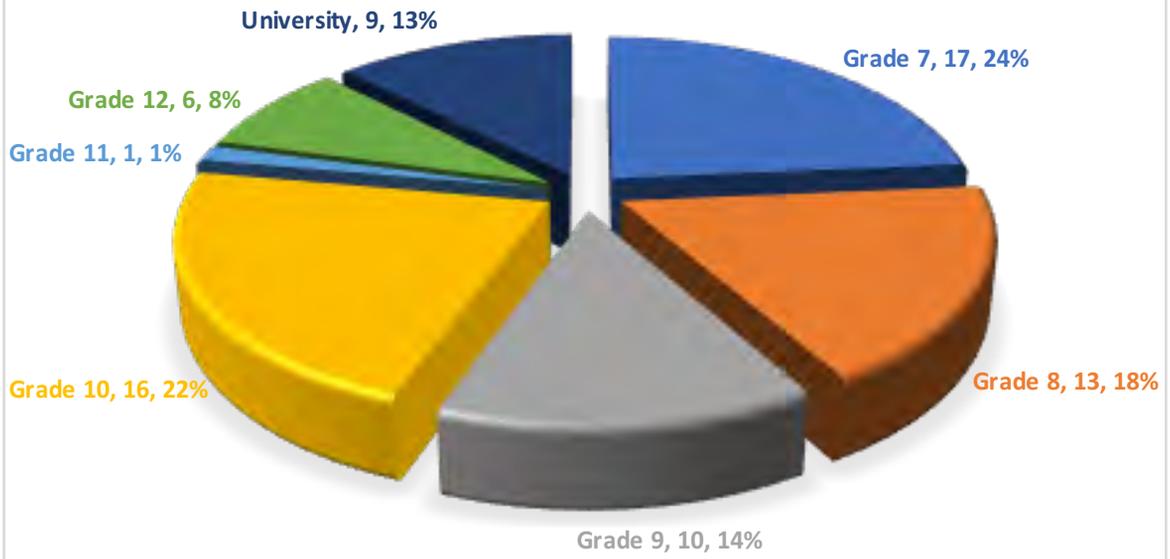
There are a variety of aspects to this program. Young people who are supported are helped with one or a combination of the following: Health including medical, medicines and rehabilitation; School uniforms; school materials – stationery and text books; transport to and from school; extra classes; University students may receive support for tuition fees; students are visited in their homes by the program mediator; students are invited to join in special events such as the activities on the international day for people with disabilities.

When combined with the numbers of students in the Inclusive Education Residential program there are 200 young people being supported.

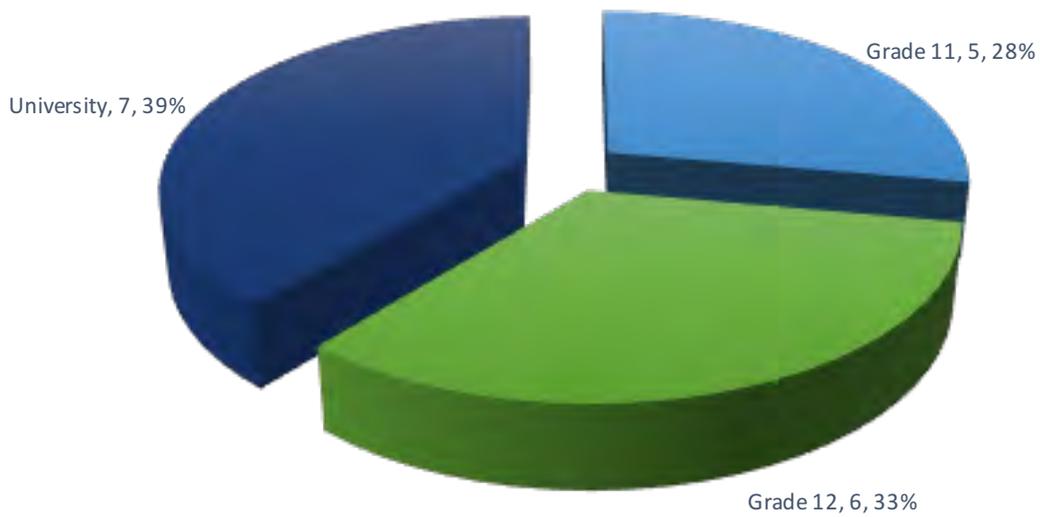


Lien Rong, Srieng Leap and Thai Kimheng Inclusive Education Coordinator, Vocations and Employment and Finance

Inclusive Education - Villa Maria Students



Inclusive Education - Hostel Students





Villa Maria students work together at computing competition



Keang Sophoan - Teacher of English and Computing



Chen Chhun - Manager at Villa Maria Residence



Students at Villa Maria gather for a presentation



A student thanks guests at Villa Maria

Other information

The Village and Village Farm Project

Largely out of the work of Australian Volunteer, Sam Lolicato, an agricultural scientist from Tatura in Victoria, a large portion of the land behind LaValla, purchased in 2015, was prepared for cropping in 2015-2016. The first and very pleasing development was to install irrigation, drawing from the large pond on the property, then to do the planting. In 2016 we harvested beans, melons, corn and mung beans from the site.

The other part of the property is destined to be the site of a village for young people with disabilities who are attending school or university. Living in residences of ten the young people will be expected to cultivate vegetables, perhaps fruit, care for the property, attend tuition classes and go to school daily. MSC continues to seek the necessary funding for this work hence the delay in beginning this construction. MSC is fortunate for the collaboration it enjoys with the Company Idea, Design and Construction.

The Sa'ang Farm

Throughout 2015-16 MSC has rented-out the property at Sa'ang. A local farmer has done an excellent job, caring for the property and making it profitable. During that period two MSC staff lived on the site, cooperated with the tenant and looked after MSC's interests. The same renter has requested an extension of his lease and MSC has agreed. As well, the tenant has agreed to collaborate in any training program MSC initiates. It is the intention of MSC to take advantage of the opportunity to have its farm-trainees work and learn with the current tenant.

Staff Departures

During 2016 two members of staff left MSC: E Keo, student supervisor and driver at Villa Maria and Yang Vou, responsible for overseeing the revolving fund ended their employment with us. Both very good and reliable young men, we wish them a happy and secure future in their new roles and thank them for their efforts on behalf of MSC

Collaboration

Throughout the year MSC has enjoyed mutually useful collaboration with a large number of agencies and institutions. We list them below and record here our appreciation for the opportunity to work with so many caring organizations and individuals. Amongst these are; Preh Kosamak Hospital, Chey Chhamnas Hospital, Kantha Bopha Hospital, Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital, National Pediatric Hospital, Cambodia Trust V.I., CIOMAL, DDP, KPF, PACHID, Rose Charities, Childrens' Surgical Centre, CDPO, HHC, FSC, HI, SFI, CCAMH, PSE, CSC, WHF, OPBG Takeo, Sunyaki Memorial Hospital. Also Support from Cambodia World Family with dental care for students; Caritas in assisting with testing and referral for visual aids. JSC staff visit Lavalla to checking on hearing and attend to needs with students ears.



In the art workspace



Students in learning traditional music



In the classroom with Long Chiva

Supplementary Courses of Study



Mit Vey - Teacher of English



Nov Nop - Teacher of Computing



Thai Somaly -Teacher Assistant of Sewing



Phol Sophy - Teacher of Agriculture



Doung Noeun - Teacher of Art



Chou Chhoeun - Teacher of Music



Srieng Sokna - Teacher of Agriculture



Sun Seng - Teacher of Sewing



Loeurng Sophors - Facilities Maintenance



Choeung Samang - Facilities Manager



Ngin Visal - Registrar



A case study of a student at Lavalla

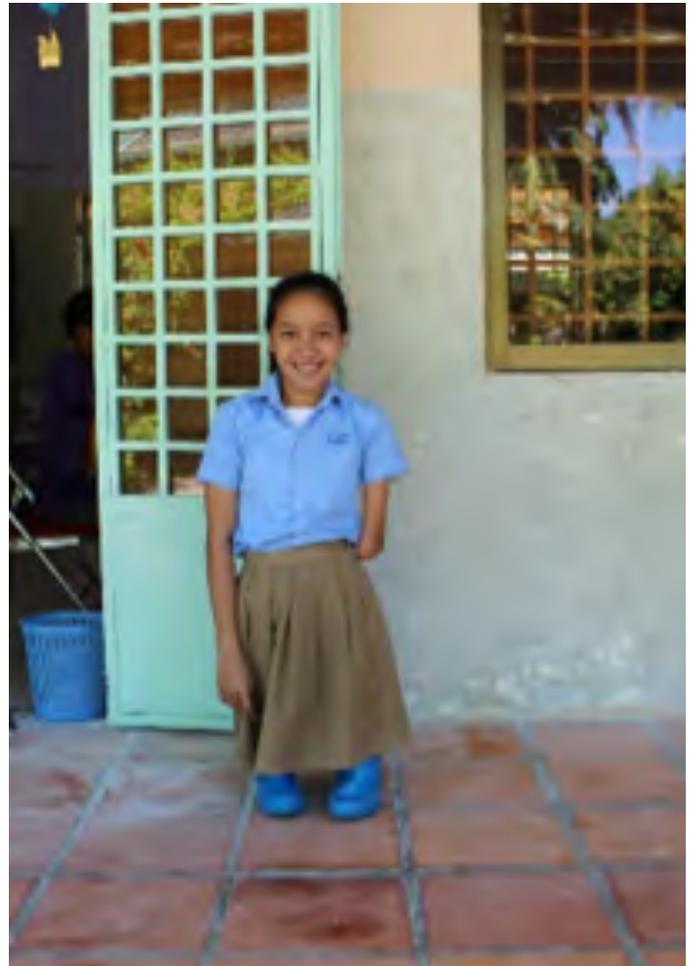
“Sreynich” (not her real name) is 17 years old and was born in a rural part of Battambang Province, in a small village close to the border with Thailand. Sreynich was born with congenital defects, which resulted in her legs not forming properly below the thigh, and her left arm not forming below the elbow. She is the youngest of six siblings and shortly after her birth her father abandoned the family.

Several of Sreynich’s siblings worked as labourers in Thailand and sent money home to her family. Her mother was able to enrol her in a local school as she grew older, however, she found it increasingly difficult to support her needs. Wanting the best for her daughter, Sreynich’s mother contacted the local Monks who told her about LaValla School. From that day forward her life changed.

Sreynich commenced at LaValla School in October 2014 aged 14. She was placed in Grade 1 as her entry assessment revealed that the education she received in her village school was extremely poor. Sreynich divulged to LaValla School registrar, Ngin Visal, that she barely attended school because she was bullied and treated as an outcast.

Sreynich arrived without any assistive devices so LaValla School immediately sourced two leg prosthetics and a walking stick for her. This was the start of a new Sreynich. Her confidence grew and her social skills improved as she became more comfortable with herself in the new environment of LaValla School. Her movement has greatly enhanced and she has discovered a love for hockey.

Sreynich is currently completing Grade 4 and her favourite subjects are Khmer and English. With the end of her primary education in sight, Sreynich wants to further her education and attend secondary school and one day become a teacher.



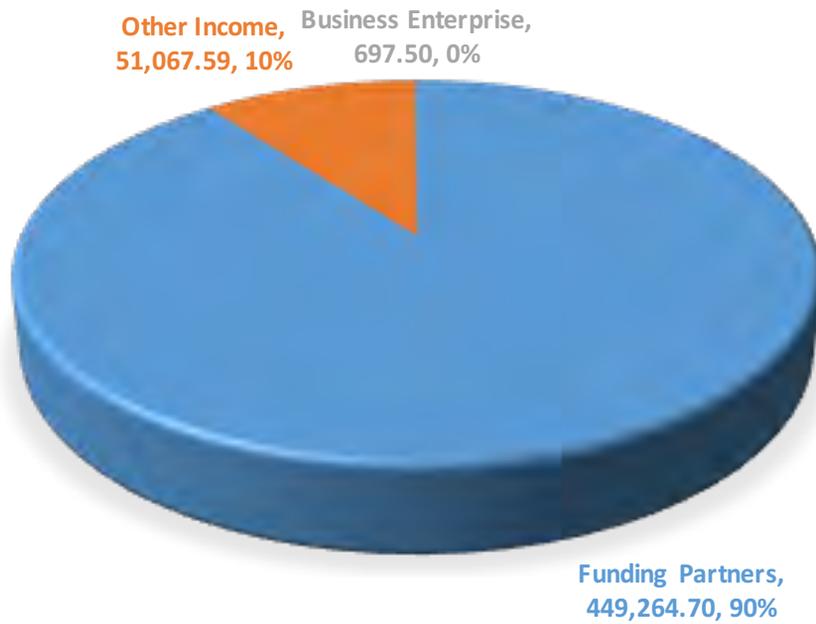
Students at Villa Maria attend a life skills meeting.

Financial Report

Profit and Loss statement for 2016 Shows an income from funding partners of \$449,264.70 USD. Other Income sources provided \$51,067.59 plus \$697.50 from Sa'ang Farm giving a total income of \$501,029.79 USD. Total Expditure was \$517,037.34. The operating deficit for the year 2016 was \$16,507.55 USD.

The Profit and Loss Summary statement for 2016 is included with this report.

INCOME

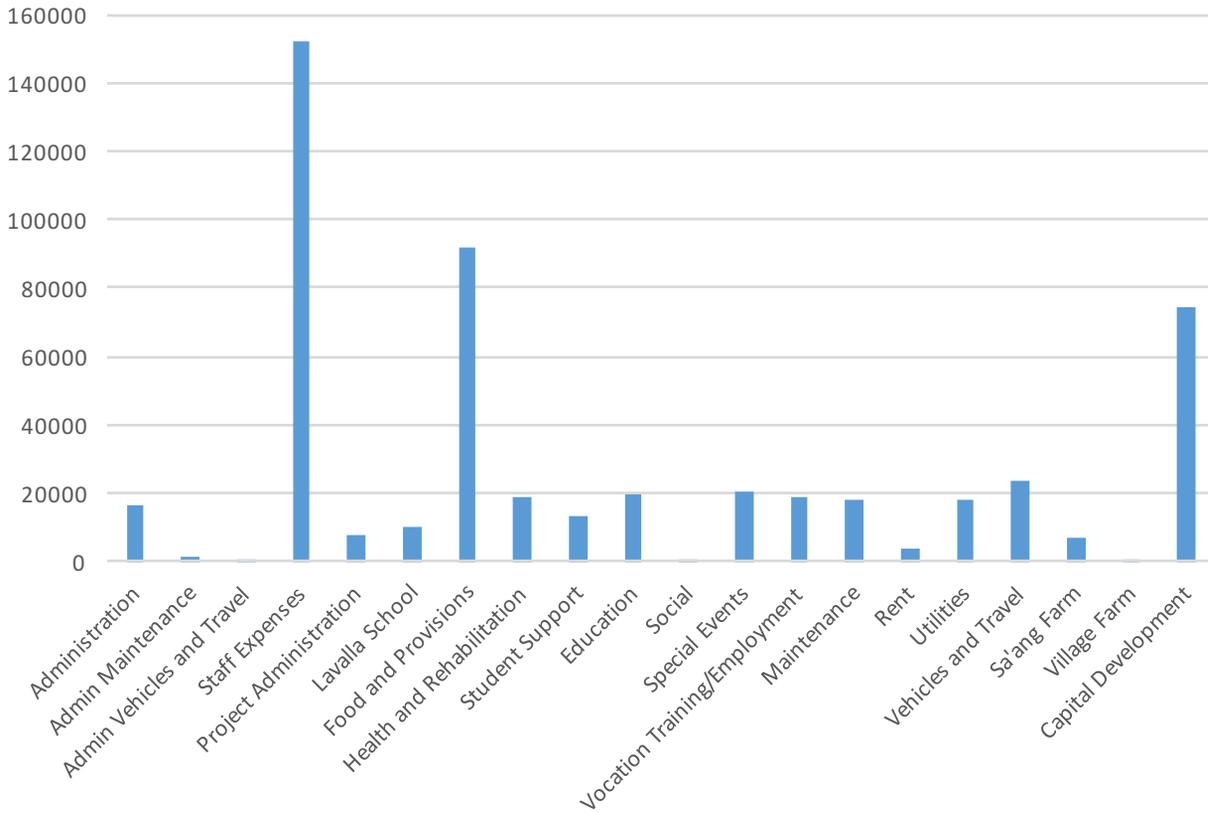


Sopagna Chhom - Finance

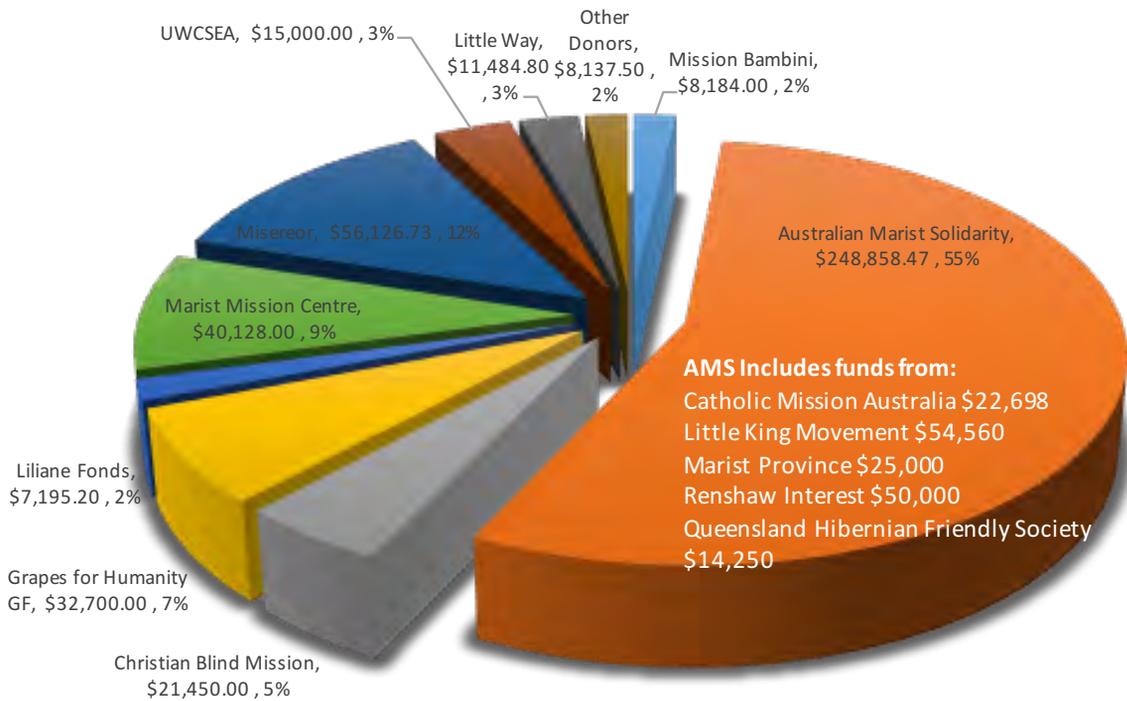


Chhan Sreylen - Finance

Expenses 2016



Funding Partners - Total and Percentage



Gratitude for our supporting Organisations

We are very pleased to be able to record here the names of the funding organizations on whom we rely to keep the work of Marist Solidarity Cambodia going. The list does not include all families or individuals, rather our major donors.

Australian Marist Solidarity	AMS	Australia
Christoffel Blindenmission	CBM	Germany
Mission Bambini	MB	Italy
Stichting Lilian Fonds	SLF	Netherlands
Misereor		Germany
Grapes for Humanity	GfH	U.S.A.
The Marist Mission Centre	MMC	Australia
Little King Movement for the Handicapped	LKMH	Australia
Catholic Missions		Australia
Innocents Relief		Australia
The Dougherty Family		New Zealand and Australia
United World Colleges	UWCSEA	Singapore
The Little Way		United Kingdom
St John's College Woodlawn		Australia



Students at Lavalla School Graduation Day

Also in Gratitude..

Father (Dr) Josef Peruvril is an Indian priest who has worked most of his life in Germany. He was asked to do so as a way of finding funds, from the German church for his Indian diocese. He saw an article on our work in 1999 and then sent us a donation, about 450 euros. That gift to us has been repeated annually since then. Some years it might be 600 euros, most years less.

The funds are collected every year on November 1, the feast of All Saints. The weather is cold, but Father Josef's Confirmation class stand at the gates of the cemetery to solicit funds from people who come to pray for the dead. We are very grateful to Father and his students over the years.



Physiotherapy



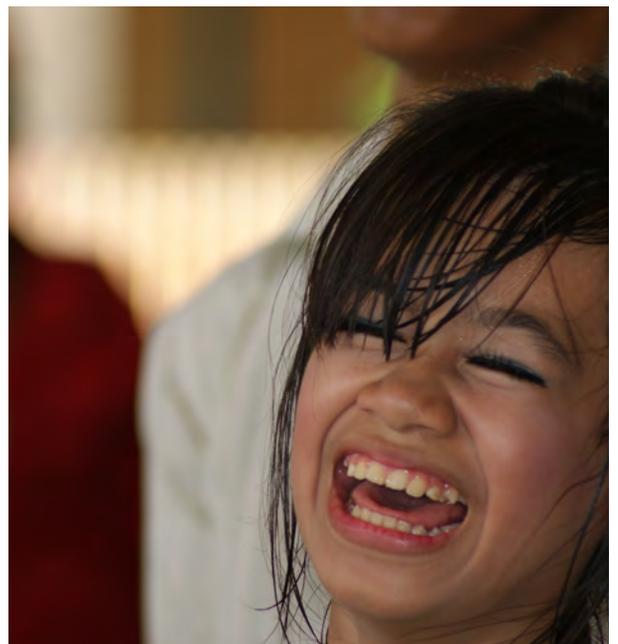
Students at Lavalla School Graduation Day

Student Death

The death occurred in July of Kan Chan of kidney disease who was about 14 years old. He had returned to his family quite ill a month or so earlier and could not regain good health. He was a particularly conscientious boy, at ease with all and very well-liked. We record here our sympathy for his family. He is sadly missed by his classmates and staff.



Student at Lavalla School Graduation Day



Student at Lavalla School Graduation Day

Profit and Loss Summary 2016

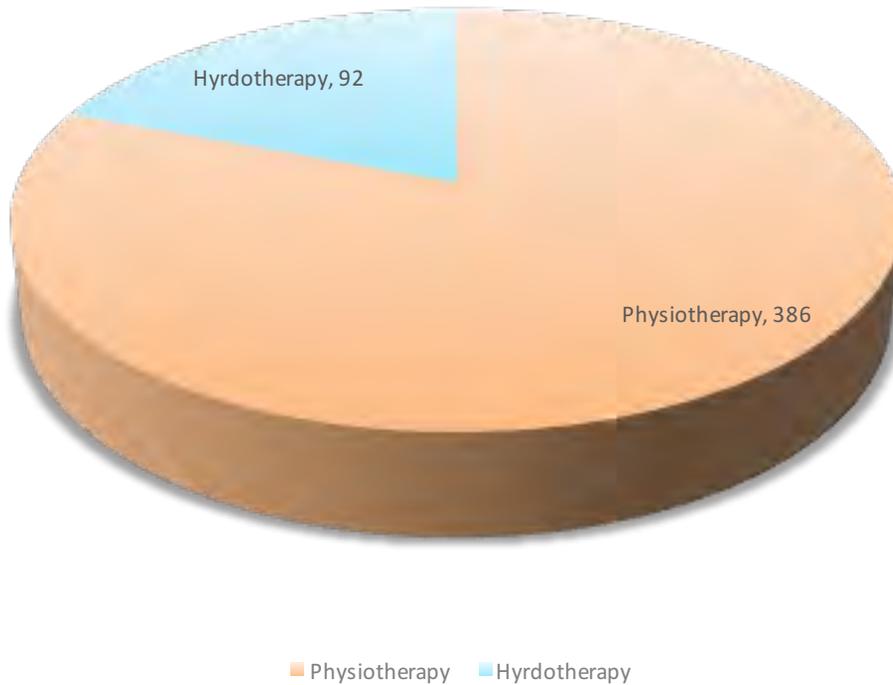
Jan - Dec 16

Income	
4-4000 · Funding Partners	
Total 4-4000 · Funding Partners	\$449,264.70
4-4100 · Other Income	
4-4101 · Bank Interest	\$14,675.93
4-4102 · School Fees	\$2,842.50
4-4104 · Revolving Fund Income	\$15,659.39
4-4105 · Income From Nimul House	\$670.00
4-4110 · Miscellaneous Income	\$1,369.77
4-4150 · Sale of Capital Asset	\$15,850.00
Total 4-4100 · Other Income	\$51,067.59
4-4200 · Business Enterprise	
4-4201 · Sa ang Farm	\$697.50
Total 4-4200 · Business Enterprise	\$697.50
49900 · Uncategorized Income	
Total Income	\$501,029.79
Gross Profit	\$501,029.79
Expense	
6-1000 · MSC ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	
6-1100 · Administration Expenses	
Total 6-1100 · Administration Expenses	\$16,811.76
6-1200 · Admin Maintenance	
Total 6-1200 · Admin Maintenance	\$1,179.78
6-1400 · Admin Vehicles and Travel	
Total 6-1400 · Admin Vehicles and Travel	\$782.00
Total 6-1000 · MSC ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	\$18,773.54
6-2000 · PERSONNEL EXPENSES	
6-2100 · Staff Expenses	
Total 6-2100 · Staff Expenses	\$151,761.82
Total 6-2000 · PERSONNEL EXPENSES	\$151,761.82
6-3000 · PROJECT EXPENSES	
6-3001 · Project Administration	
Total 6-3001 · Project Administration	\$7,893.61
6-3100 · Lavalla School	
Total 6-3100 · Lavalla School	\$10,154.46
6-3200 · Food and Provisions	
Total 6-3200 · Food and Provisions	\$91,972.62
6-3300 · Health & Rehabilitation	
Total 6-3300 · Health & Rehabilitation	\$19,068.46

6-3340 · Student Support	
Total 6-3340 · Student Support	\$13,255.33
6-3350 · Education	
Total 6-3350 · Education	\$19,663.11
6-3370 · Social	
Total 6-3370 · Social	\$567.50
6-3390 · Special Events	
Total 6-3390 · Special Events	\$20,234.13
6-3400 · Vocational Training / Employment	
Total 6-3400 · Vocational Training / Employment	\$19,084.67
6-350 · Maintenance	
Total 6-350 · Maintenance	\$18,016.79
6-3600 · Rent	
Total 6-3600 · Rent	\$3,900.00
6-3700 · Utilities	
6-3701 · Electricity	\$13,869.15
6-3702 · Gas	\$3,771.40
6-3703 · Water Supply	\$94.13
Total 6-3700 · Utilities	\$17,734.68
6-3800 · Vehicles and Travel	
Total 6-3800 · Vehicles and Travel	\$23,869.22
Total 6-3000 · PROJECT EXPENSES	\$265,414.58
6-6000 · ENTERPRISE EXPENSES	
6-6100 · Sa Ang Farm	
Total 6-6100 · Sa Ang Farm	\$6,842.51
6-6300 · Village Fam	
Total 6-6300 · Village Fam	\$742.32
Total 6-6000 · ENTERPRISE EXPENSES	\$7,584.83
6-9000 · CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	
6-9110 · Village Project	
Total 6-9110 · Village Project	\$39,514.57
6-9200 · Vehicles	\$34,488.00
Total 6-9000 · CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	\$74,002.57
69800 · Uncategorized Expenses	\$0.00
Total Expense	\$517,537.34
Net Income	\$(16,507.55)

Physiotherapy Report

Number of Students accessing Physiotherapy Services 2016



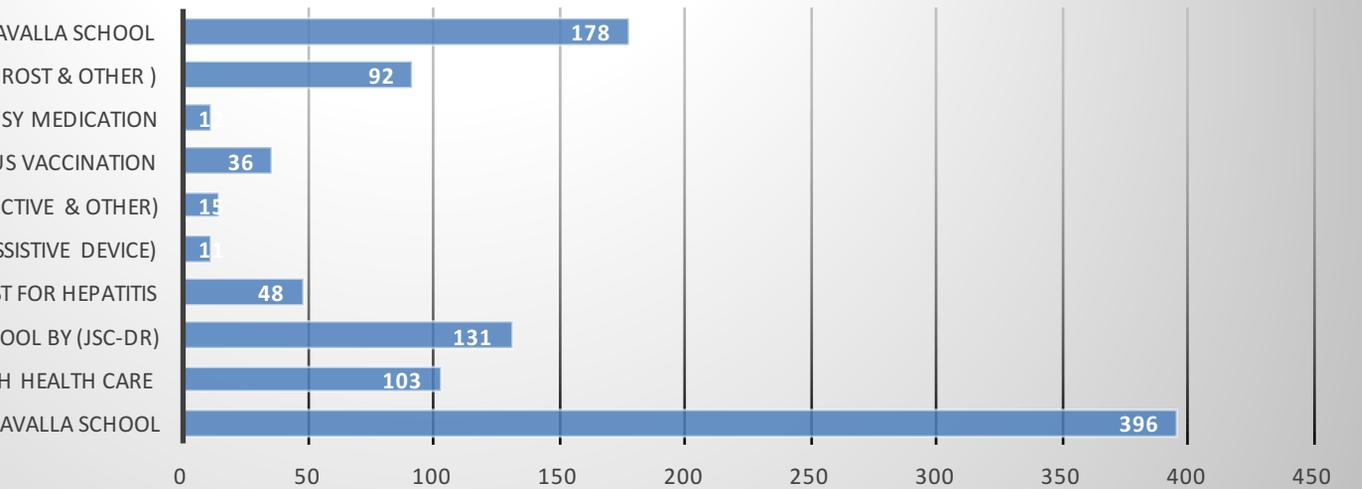
Sokny, Puthera and Heang - Physiotherapy and Health

ASSISTED DEVICES REPAIRED AT REHAB & AT LA
RECEIVED REHAB ASSISTIVE DEVICES (ORTHOTICS, P
RECEIVED EPILEP
RECEIVED TENU
RECEIVED SURGERY (PHYSICAL RESTRI
RECEIVED VISAUL CARE (AS
RECEIVED BLOOD TES
RECEIVED HEARING CARE AT LAVALLA SCH
REFERRED FOR MOUTH/TEET
PROVIDED MEDICAL CHECK & MEDICATION AT L



Students in the Physiotherapy centre at Lavalla

Health and Reahbilitation Numbers 2016





Marist Solidarity Cambodia
Phum Prek Reang.
Sangkart Kampong Samnanh. Takhmao.
Kandal. Cambodia. 08256
+855 (0)12 804 206
E: director@maristsolidaritycambodia.org

Postal Address:
PO Box 1817
Takhmao, Kandal
Cambodia