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Marist Solidarity Cambodia

# *Annual Report 2013*



## **Identity**

Marist Solidarity Cambodia (MSC) is an international non-government organization and an integral part of the mission of the Marist Brothers. MSC educates and trains young Cambodians with disabilities, provides referral services for their rehabilitation and further training, advocates for them and seeks to empower them.

**on the cover:**  
Soun Sochy, La Valla graduate

## **Vision**

Marist Solidarity Cambodia wants to be an inclusive community in solidarity with children and youth with disabilities where concern for human development makes care, education and training its highest priorities.

## **Mission**

Marist Solidarity Cambodia engages in humanitarian activities for social and educational development and the public benefit.

### **Students at Government School**



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# Values

The Marist Brothers intend that their work and that of their colleagues whatever their affiliation, will consistently evidence

- a commitment to **PRESENCE** - knowing people, being among them and spending time with them, being a good example for them, affecting others by who we are;
- a commitment to **SIMPLICITY** – in relationships, settings and initiatives to be always honest, straightforward and unpretentious;
- a commitment to **FAMILY SPIRIT** – so that interactions, relationships and priorities for action have more in common with the way loving families behave than with the ways of enterprise;
- a commitment to the **LOVE OF OUR WORK** – enthusiasm, generosity, doing good quietly, keen to be effective, high expectations, open to new learning, all features of the way Marists approach our work;
- a commitment to doing things **IN THE WAY OF Mary**, the Mother of Jesus: doing things the way we imagine Mary did them, with motherly care, with patience, with endurance, with attentiveness. Bringing good news.

# ***Marist Solidarity Cambodia to Date***

Marist Solidarity Cambodia (MSC) was formed from the merger of Marist Mission Australia, (MMA) and Youth with Disabilities Foundation for Education and Employment, (Yodiffee).

In 1998 the Marist Brothers from the Province of Sydney Australia, together with members of staff, Cambodian and foreign, established LaValla School, an elementary school for young Cambodians with physical disabilities. The commitment made in 1998 to help young, physically handicapped Cambodians go as far as possible with their formal schooling meant that members of the first group to complete their elementary schooling at LaValla looked to the school for further assistance. For a period of time LaValla and some staff provided accommodation for ex-students beginning high school.

In 2002 Yodiffee was established with the assistance of the Marist Fathers of Australia. Its purpose was to support young Cambodians with physical disabilities as they accessed secondary and tertiary education or sought opportunities for skills training. Further, Yodiffee was committed to helping those young people to find employment or to establish themselves independently in small businesses. In 2005 again with the assistance of the Australian Marist Fathers, Villa Maria was built, and LaValla and Yodiffee separated to operate independently yet collaboratively.

In 2010 LaValla School and Yodiffee began the process of amalgamation to become Marist Solidarity Cambodia. Now, in 2013, Marist Solidarity Cambodia encompassing LaValla School, Villa Maria and all of the projects initiated by Yodiffee, operates under the aegis of Australian Marist Solidarity and is governed locally by its own Board of Directors.



Students at La Valla School



# **Chairman's Reflection**



In September of each year since 2006 we have had at LaValla a camp for children and young people with physical disabilities, all of them new to Marist Solidarity Cambodia. They come from different provinces, live-in for a week and participate in a mix of activities, some educational, some recreational, some for fun. Our aim has always been to give them experiences that are different and memorable.

Watching our young visitors arrive, deal with the strangeness of it all, meet and get-to-know and overcome any homesickness, is often fascinating and always inspirational. Initially, nothing about them is more obvious than their disability but in no time at all their courage and their keenness command most of our attention.

The transforming effect of a beautiful place, interesting things to do and caring people is wonderful to witness and that combination may well explain why our organization has acquired a reputation for making a difference in the lives of the young people who spend time with us, perhaps in the camp, certainly as students. This Report re-visits the activities of 2013 that constitute our efforts to make that difference. There is much to remember appreciatively.

Particularly commendable have been the efforts of our leadership to improve MSC's administration by building up the capacity of our various project managers; the commitment to a greatly enhanced physiotherapy service; pleasing developments and some successes in our job placement program.

Our report reveals also some of those realities which make our work more problematic by the year. Among our projects are those set up for training but now, after some years of trialling, adjusting and re-imagining, are proving to be too costly. Add to that the steady increases in the costs food and fuel: we are now faced with some hard decisions as to what we can continue to do and what we must change.

However much Marist Solidarity Cambodia has to curtail its activities in order to remain solvent our first concern is to be able to work with as many young handicapped as we can, educating, affirming and assisting them, ensuring that their futures offer better prospects for their having come into our care. Nowhere do we feel that more than when we meet our campers and those just getting started with MSC.

Br Terry Heinrich



# ***Message from the Head of Finance Committee***



As with all organisations such as Marist Solidarity Cambodia, there are ever increasing demands for our assistance. Funding our work throughout 2014 has been challenging and an increasingly time consuming part of our work. We have been assisted in this by the staff of Marist Solidarity Australia who have used their worldwide contacts and expertise in preparing funding applications to secure funding for 2014 and into the future as well as assistance with financial planning and management.

At the local level work has been done with the finance team to improve their administration skills and also we have worked with the individual project managers to improve their ability to use and account for funds as agreed with the individual funding partners.

A process has begun whereby we are able to more closely monitor and evaluate the on-going financial situation of each project and we are able to give a more comprehensive report on the financial situation of each project as well as that of the whole organisation.

Br Tony Burrows



## Grade 6 Graduation Day



# **Message from Project Executive Director**



Every year children and young people with disabilities within our target areas receive education, participate in the society, receive training to equip them with skills and opportunity for employment towards self-sustaining employment. Marist Solidarity Cambodia's aim is that they gain social acceptance and live with dignity.

We look for opportunities to collaborate with Children and Youth with Disabilities and their families, Government, civil servants and social services, Disabled People's Organisations, other NGOs and Vocational Training Centres and all other stakeholders to adapt and replicate our project activities.

Our strategic directions as set have been implemented toward Programme Strategies to ensure that the holistic programme approach remains relevant to the needs of intended beneficiaries as well as to Manage livelihood programme for income generation and learning model for children and youth with disabilities. Open window for employment for People with disabilities for this day from our stakeholders have made our job more success and accessible greater. These achievements are the result from the truly hard working and commitment of our members and close cooperation of our partners and relevant stakeholders in confident in working, responsibility in their task.

My gratitude to MSC Board of Directors, Donors, Partners, friends, Staff Government ministry responsible, and local authority for our smooth work and cooperation.

I invite you to read our annual report 2013 and we continue to be very grateful to you and other like you who support us. It is my proud to what have been done and achieved to assist our own people.

Mr Ouch Nimul

# Our Goals

- to help young, physically disabled Cambodians acquire the knowledge, skills, moral sense and equanimity that will allow them to earn their living, gain social acceptance and live with dignity.
- to educate and care for children and young people with physical disabilities
- to provide hostel accommodation for young, disabled Cambodians wanting to pursue their schooling beyond elementary level;
- to offer guidance and medical care, meals, transportation and essential school supplies together with supplementary tuition and access to rehabilitation services;
- to provide young, disabled Cambodians with opportunities for vocational training, apprenticeships, employment and assistance with small business establishment. The range of skills includes electronic repair, farming, hairdressing, motorbike repair, retail, sewing and wood sculpting. A revolving fund option is available.



Children attending public event

# ***Our Collaborators and Those for Whom We We Work***

MSC looks for opportunities to collaborate with other stakeholders to adapt and replicate our project activities throughout Cambodia. All of MSC's projects are intended to facilitate or provide formal and informal education programmes which, in conjunction with Ministry of Education Youth and Sports ( MOEYS) or with their approval, will assist children and youth with disabilities towards self-sustaining employment.

- **Children and Youth with Disabilities and their families**

MSC's primary beneficiaries are children and young people with physical disabilities throughout Cambodia. Among them – those who cannot easily access rehabilitation; those aged between 10 and 17 eligible for support to attend government schools and vocational training centres; those aged 11 to 17 for whom LaValla School is an option and those aged between 18 and 35 eligible for tertiary education and employment. MSC wants also to provide livelihood support for poor parents.

- **Government, civil servants and social services**

The national strategy for the prevention of disability and for the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities requires an approach to service delivery that is integrated, participatory and decentralized. Several ministries share responsibility for addressing issues to do with disability: the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation (MOSVY), the Ministry of Education, Youths and Sports (MOEYS), and the Ministry of Health.

Initiatives occur at National, Provincial and local levels and MSC seeks to collaborate at all levels e.g.in advocacy work with national and provincial bodies; in policy monitoring at the national level; in program implementation, with other institutions and local authorities.

- **Disabled People's Organisations, other NGOs and Vocational Training Centres**

MSC is part of the Cambodian network of organizations whose focus is people with disabilities. The network includes the Disability Action Council (DAC) and the Cambodian Disabled Persons organization (CDPO). MSC collaborates with other NGOs that are service providers. Komar Pika Foundation provides a day care and educational centre at MSC's farm in Kampot. For vocational training MSC collaborates with the Jesuit Training Center, Banteay Priep.

# ***Progresses in Year 2013***

## **LaValla School Project**

LaValla School aims at educating and caring for children and young people with physical disabilities. It is the only government approved school doing so. The educational program at LaValla incorporates the Cambodian Ministry's curriculum with English, computing, music, art, health and physical education and sewing. On-site medical and therapeutic care are available at LaValla.

The program engaged in child-centred learning and Educational performance appraisal. It has been run to support 100 children as they receive primary school education through various subjects.

The program aimed to facilitate the integration of 30 graduates into government junior high schools and for the continuation of their mainstream schooling in their home communities.

## **Running the music program**

A music programme in Classical and Pop Music is also offered to those students who show talent in music. These students perform in the concerts that are put on to thank the visitors to LaValla. This gives them experience in presenting to a "real" audience, and improves their confidence and self esteem. 28 students are studying pop and traditional music, 5 female and 23 male and 6 are from Villa Maria. Five music teachers are involved.



**Students are practicing music**

Born Sreynich

Born 2004

## ***Success Story***



Srey Nich is 10 years old. She lived with a poor family in Siem Reap province. Her mum is a farmer and her father has divorced her mum a long time ago. Srey Nich was born in 2004 with good physical and healthy; when she was 5 year old she got high fever and then was unconscious 3 days. Her mum took her to Kunthea Bopha hospital and she received medical treatment. When she woke up her legs were paralysed, In the hospital she was taught by the physiotherapist to re-learn walking with a frame for one week. After she left the hospital, she was introduced by a physiotherapist at the hospital at the rehabilitation centre in Siem Reap where she continued physiotherapy for one month.

Srey Nich returned home with a walking frame which was provided by the rehabilitation centre. She walked with a walking frame for her transferring to anywhere around the house, in village and especially walk to school which is far from her house. She had not attendance school regularly because of distance and sometimes she helped to cook when her mum was sick.

On 6th August, 2013 her mum took her to live in RENACER WALK WITH WOMEN CAMBODIA organisation (RWWC) in Siem Reap because her family had violence from her mum's brother in-law.

On 07th September, 2013 RWWC that located in Phnom Penh referred her to LaValla School attending camping for one week and on 22nd October, 2013 SreyNich started her school at Lavalla School. At that time our physiotherapist provided assessment and found that muscle at lower limbs impaired, imbalance in standing, and couldn't walk by herself, Daily Activity of Living (ADL) she had difficulties to go to bathroom, to washing cloth, to access in the classroom, her general health was pale and her weight was 19 kg.



Our physiotherapist team provided physiotherapy for increasing muscle strength of legs, provided standing balance exercise of legs, hydrotherapy at the swimming pool and she received good diet at LaValla School.

Srey Nich now, had independent of her functional activities, can walk by herself around the school without support, her general health has recovered, and her weight increased up to 22kg.

For studying, she is studying at Lavalla School at grade 2, she is a clever student in her class and she hopes that she will pass to grade 3 in new year. She wants to be a teacher in her future life.



**Srey nich and her activities**



# ***Schooling Assistance Sponsorship***

Villa Maria and rented houses provide hostel accommodation for graduates of LaValla and other young, disabled Cambodians wanting to pursue their schooling beyond the elementary level. Guidance and medical care, meals, transportation and essential school supplies together with supplementary tuition and access to rehabilitation services are made available.

This project is an inclusive education project aimed at integrating children and young people into the mainstream schools. The program aims also to assist students living at home, 370 of them, to

- attend mainstream (government) schools, primary through to tertiary levels;
- access services which provide health care, rehabilitation including surgery, prosthetics and improved mobility.

The focus areas of the project have been,

- monitoring and improving the physical functionality of the young person with a disability;
- engagement of young people with disabilities in and outside the family;
- attention to education;
- assistance with job-search and small business initiatives;

Follow-up visits for each student on a three-monthly cycle were made so as to

- monitor their scholastic progress and check their record of school attendance;
- evaluate to what extent the family situation is supportive of the child;
- evaluate and adjust if necessary any assistance required, e.g. to transport and extra tuition costs, living costs, health and rehabilitation needs.

The program provided 30 wheelchairs to children needing them. Wheelchairs for 26 others were donated from Cambodia Trust. Veterans International and Association for Wheelchairs provided others and replacements. There were 44 bikes provided for our children.

Two students had surgery, 7 others, (F2, M5) received new braces. 6 others received prosthetics, (F2, M4).



Students at government School



Students in the class



Limb Slings



Name: Phoung Sokhas

Date of Birth: 11.05.1991

Place of Birth: Komport Province.

Disability: Sokhas has had Rickets from birth.

At age 11 Sokhas was told by a doctor that she could be helped with an operation but her parents refused the operation. Her parents did not seek any further medical help so her disability remained

Sokhas did not receive very much education because her village was a long distance from the nearest school and her family was very poor. In 2008 she received a scholarship to enable her to resume her education at the local school. This included school uniform, school supplies and, most importantly, a means of transport. Because of this support, Sokhas graduated high school in 2012 and is now continuing her education at university where she is studying Accounting. With the ongoing support, Sokhas hopes to work in the Banking sector on graduation.



**Name: San Sobunara**

**Date of Birth: 12.03.1993**

**Place of Birth: Kampot Province.**

**Disability: Polio left leg (Polio is a common disability because of a lack of childhood vaccination) Sobunara has had Polio since he was two years old. Sobunara is the tenth child.**

At age six Sobunara received a brace for his left leg to help his mobility. He had many problems with the brace and, because medical care was a great distance from his village, he received no ongoing medical support. In 2005 Sobunara was fortunate to receive financial support from the project. With this financial support he was able to return to school. He graduated high school in 2012 and was granted a four year scholarship at C.U.S. University in Phnom Penh where he is studying Law. As a young boy Sobunara could only dream of going to university but this has become a reality due to the generosity.



# ***Employment Assistance and Guidance***

MSC provides young, handicapped Cambodians with opportunities for vocational training, apprenticeships, employment and small business establishment. Training, in a range of skills that include electronic repair, farming, hairdressing, motorbike repair, retail, sewing, wood sculpting and microfinance options were again available at MSC or through the collaboration of MSC and other training providers.

Life Empowerment and a vocational employment guidance program are in place.

The project provided 23 applicants with help to start their small business shops and 45 other applicants were assisted to find salaried employment with private companies and other employers.

## **Yodicraft**

The project has continued to run the craft project. The project provided employment opportunity for woman with disability. The project could earn some income to contribute to pay back its cost.



## Farms

The two farm projects have been running. The aims were to provide training for our young people with disabilities to equip with skills and earning income to payback our project.

## Kampot

In Kampot, we have trained four young people with disabilities in animal care and pigs raising . We have been delighted to receive fund from **Aiutare I Bambini** Italy to improve our capacity to manage our Kampot farm toward sustainable project



## Kampot Farm Activities



## Sa'ang

In Sa'ang farm we grew corn, peanut, sugar cane, and ginger. We have also constructed one building (12m x 6m) for use to storage our crop.



Sa'ang Farm Activities



## Clinic and Day Care

The aims of the running the clinic for the people in the area Chhouk District, Kampot province are to:

- Provide free consultation and medicine for the new mothers, children and young people with disabilities and general people in the area,
- Refer the patients to provincial hospital if needs the further action.

We provided this service to 760 people in the areas. 99 percent of the people receiving our service are women, the second class is children and young people with disabilities and the third class is women aged rang 46 to 65 years.

## Daycare

Komar Pika Foundation provides a day care and educational centre at MSC's farm in Kampot. 20 of our children with intellectual disabilities attended the day care classroom 5 days per week. This program equipped with life skills that promote them to live as independently as possible, ensuring self care and positive motivation in order to build self confidence.



## Activities at Clinic





# Young people got jobs at various companies



**Khan Sovan**  
Amputee on right leg  
Security Guard at  
Harvest Dried Fruit Company



**Oun Samnang**  
Polio on right leg  
Security Guard at  
Harvest Dried Fruit Company



**Kheun Phealey**  
Burn on right hand and leg  
Fruit Packer at  
Harvest Dried Fruit Company



**Kheun Reaksmeay**  
Burn on right leg  
Fruit Packer at  
Harvest Dried Fruit Company



**Pov Theavy**  
Epilepsy  
Sewing at  
Village Work factory



**Doung ChanReaksa**  
Polio on both legs  
Sewing at  
Village Work factory



**Phal Sarim**  
Polio on left leg  
Sewing at  
Village Work factory



**Khun Oun**  
Polio on both legs  
Sewing at  
Village Work factory



**Rom Sok**  
Polio on both hands  
Sewing at  
Village Work factory



**Bean Chanran**  
Polio on right leg  
Repairer at  
Nai Heang Motor Shop



**Mon Chet**  
Polio on right leg  
Repairer at  
Motor Shop



**Theng Sitoun**  
Polio on right leg  
Sale Assistant at  
Rehab Craft Cambodia



**Kheun Sokhum**  
Short of left leg  
work at  
Rehab Craft Cambodia



**Hom Sokhy**  
Polio on left leg  
Fruit Packer at  
Harvest Dried Fruit Company



**Thy Veasna**  
Short on right leg  
Fruit Packer at  
Harvest Dried Fruit Company



**Houn Nak**  
Polio on right leg  
Fruit Packer at  
Harvest Dried Fruit Company



**Prom Vi**  
Polio on right leg  
Fruit Packer at  
Harvest Dried Fruit Company



**Nak Nuth**  
Amputee on right leg  
Security Guard at  
Harvest Dried Fruit Company



**Chea Pisith**  
Polio on right leg  
Accountant at  
Harvest Dried Fruit Company



**Ket Minea**  
Polio on both legs  
Fruit Packer at  
Harvest Dried Fruit Company



**Lon Lorn**  
Polio on right leg  
Fruit Packer at  
Harvest Dried Fruit Company



**Long Sokha**  
Polio of right leg  
Sewing at  
Village Work Factory



**Pop Channy**  
Polio on left leg  
Sewing at  
Village Work Factory



**Keng Srey Mik**  
Polio on right leg  
Sewing at  
Village Work Factory



**Sok Heang**  
Polio on right leg  
Sewing at  
Village Work Factory



**To Sarem**  
Polio on left leg  
Sewing at  
Village Work Factory



**Sok SreyMom**  
Polio on right leg  
Sewing at  
Village Work Factory



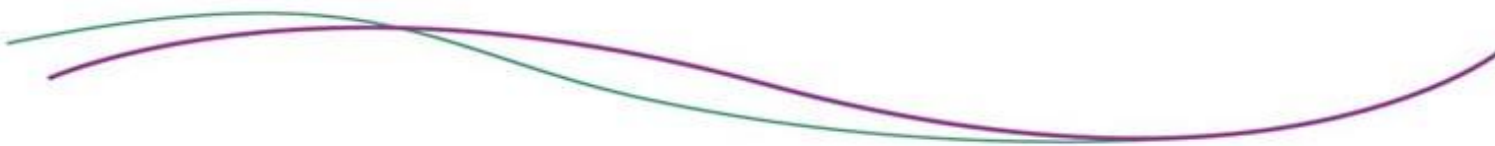
Prom Tida  
Polio on right leg  
Sewing at  
Village Work Factory



Sreang BunThorn  
No Disability  
Seller at  
You Can Company



Phal Sopheak  
Polio on right leg  
Security Guard at  
Harvest Dried Fruit Company



## ***Young people got set up their small business shop at home***



Pi Vearak  
Polio on right hand  
Agriculture of Raising Chickens at  
Home



Sun Sophoan  
Short on right leg  
Electronic Repairing Shop at  
Home



Sorn Ngoy  
Amputee on right hand  
Raising Cow at Home



**Pou Vanny**  
Polio on both hands  
Grocery Shop at Home



**Kiev Loun**  
Polio on both legs  
Grocery Shop at Home



**Rat Ravy**  
Polio on both legs  
Grocery Shop at Home



**Choy Touch**  
Polio on both legs and hands  
Electronic Repairing Shop at Home



**Mi Hokseng**  
Club on left foot  
Motor Repairing Shop at Home



**Li Lay**  
Short  
Agriculture of Raising Animal at Home



**Tub Naran**  
Polio on right leg  
Agriculture of Raising Animal at Home



**Moung Punleu**  
Polio on right leg  
Phone Repairing Shop at Home



**Rim Sokym**  
Polio on both legs  
Raising Cow at Home



**Dol Makara**  
CP  
Agriculture of Raising Animal at Home



**Krouch Thea**  
Polio on right leg  
Motor Repairing Shop at Home



**Pham Sophart**  
Amputee on right legs  
Motor Repairing Shop at Home



**Chhum Sothea Vuth**  
Polio on both legs  
Mobile Phone Repairing Shop at Home



**Chin Chorvin**  
Amputee on right hand  
Agriculture of Raising Chickens at Home



**Chory Bory**  
Polio on both legs  
Electronic Repairing Shop at Home



**Pheun Narin**  
Straight on right leg  
Electronic Repairing Shop at Home



**Ee Nang**  
Amputee on right leg  
Motor Repairing Shop at Home

# ***Important Events and Development***

## **Piggery project approved.**

With funding from Aiutare i Bambini the farm at Kampot is being developed into a commercial piggery. This involves renovation and extension of existing buildings and introduction of an enhanced breeding programme.

## **Government Support for Teachers of Students with Disabilities.**

Towards the end of 2013 the Prime Minister announced that the Government would provide salaries to teachers of young people with disabilities. 13 of our staff were approved to receive wage support from Ministry of education youth and sports

## **Physiotherapy centre.**

This year we commenced work on establishing a Therapy Centre at Lavalla. We will employ two trained physiotherapists who will set up individual programmes for the students. As well as the equipment, use is being made of the swimming pool for hydrotherapy. This is being funded by Marist Mission Centre, Australia.

## **Marist Solidarity Australia – channel of fund source.**

Br Allen Sherry and his team in Australia have undertaken to be responsible for a large part of our fund raising effort. Their extensive contacts and experience in writing funding proposals are a great help to MSC staff. They are also assisting with budget planning and monitoring and reporting to donors. We are very grateful to them for this assistance.

## **Remarkable - MSC**

For people with disabilities in Cambodia life can be and often is difficult. Very difficult. They have much to contend with.

- At that critical time when a disability seems likely or when a diagnosis is needed, many families in rural areas simply cannot reach or cannot afford medical services.
- Opportunities for elementary schooling and education beyond that level are simply not available where access, distance and costs can all constitute barriers.
- Chances of employment in even reasonably paying jobs are few and far between. Disabilities limit the options and not uncommonly there's a perceived risk in employing a person with a physical handicap.
- Provision made for people with disabilities by way of ramps, special toilets, additional space, are negligible. Cambodians with disabilities have to make do or find other ways of managing. And of course they do.
- People with disabilities are bound to come up against other Cambodians who assume that any sort of disability brings with it diminished intelligence.
- There persists the notion that people with disabilities are culpable, that the handicap they bear is punishment for bad deeds in a former existence. That notion can be used to justify discriminatory and cruel behavior.

Marist Solidarity Cambodia, in all its various projects, challenges these attitudes and these realities. Its commitment to young people with disabilities is wholehearted to the point of being, in some respects, countercultural.

MSC welcome into its ambit young people who cannot read and write and sets out to give them basic schooling, the chance of progressing to secondary and even tertiary education, the option of training in particular skills and the offer of assistance in the search for a job. It's comprehensive and it's generous. Most of our organization's interactions with the young handicapped are one-to-one and a great deal of energy goes into identifying and meeting their needs, individually.

Now, because of the steady increase in our numbers, time required of staff and the ever-increasing costs, the extent of MSC's commitment is accentuated: the complexity of our operation increases; it becomes harder to find the funds we need; more is required of our staff. All of this could be a reason for dismay even discouragement. On the contrary ...

Our work for and with young Cambodians with disabilities began with the belief and the hope that we could improve their lives and we have. We continue to be committed to opening up more and better options for them. Each is important to us and we delight in the progress each makes.





Students at La Valla School



# Audit Report 2013

Registration No:  
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MARIST SOLIDARITY CAMBODIA  
(Registered in Cambodia)

## STATEMENT OF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Note	Year ended 31 Dec 2013 US\$	Year ended 31 Dec 2012 US\$ (Unaudited)
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>			
Funds received from donors	3	540,397	624,804
Income from commercial enterprises		19,659	8,080
Other income	4	44,822	58,700
		<u>604,878</u>	<u>691,584</u>
<b>USES OF FUNDS</b>			
Programme costs	5	(301,517)	(306,734)
Personnel costs	6	(149,717)	(142,660)
Administrative expenses	7	(38,096)	(40,679)
Commercial enterprise expenses	8	(36,877)	(13,449)
Capital expenses	9	(60,738)	(82,027)
		<u>(587,945)</u>	<u>(585,549)</u>
Excess of sources over uses of funds		16,933	106,035
Fund balance at the beginning of year		<u>355,288</u>	<u>249,253</u>
<b>Fund balance at end of year</b>		<u>372,221</u>	<u>355,288</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
Cash at bank	10	335,089	274,689
Cash on hand		13,647	39,021
Staff loans		23,485	41,578
		<u>372,221</u>	<u>355,288</u>

# ***Acknowledgements***

Whatever is accomplished annually on behalf of the young people of MSC is the outcome of a lot of collaboration among like-minded groups. We are grateful to the Royal Government of Cambodia which, through the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Education Youth and Sports at national and provincial levels supports our efforts, particularly in regard to the integration of young people with disabilities into high school and tertiary institutions. We are through these Ministries.

We could not maintain our program without the generous support of our funders. We have listed them earlier in this report and are grateful for their confidence in MSC and for the finance they make available for our work. A number of them have been our collaborators since we began this work fifteen years ago.

We are, every year, surprised and delighted by unexpected financial support. There are always limitations to contend with in the organization's budget: the arrival, occasionally of additional funds always means our being able to do the things we want to do but cannot for lack of finance.

We are fortunate for the collaboration we enjoy with other non-government organizations, local and international. Our thanks to Jesuit Service Cambodia, Disability Action Council, Cambodian Disabled Persons Organization, Veteran International, Cambodia Trust, Cambodian Development Mission for Disability and Komar Pika Foundation .

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# Management Team



## Back Row:

**From Left:** Ngin Visal, Ouch Nimul, Choeung SamAng and Chhom Sopagnya

- **Mr Ngin Visal. Registrar**  
Began - La Valla, 1998.
- **Mr Ouch Nimul. Director**  
Began - La Valla, 1998.
- **Mr Choeung Samang. La Valla Site Manager**  
Began - La Valla, 2002.
- **Mr Chhom Sopagnya. Financial Administrator**  
Began - La Valla, 1998.

## Front Row:

**From Left:** Liem Rong, Um Sreynan and Han Sopheap

- **Mr Liem Rong. Head of Schooling Assistance and Employment**  
Began - La Valla, 2000
- **Mrs Um Sreynan. Head Teacher at La Valla School**  
Began - La Valla, 1998
- **Mrs Han Sopheap. Physiotherapist**  
Began - La Valla, 1999

SreyOuch works at vegetable garden



## MEMEBERS OF THE BOARD OF MARIST SOLIDARITY CAMBODIA-2014



**Sr Luise Ahrens** is a Maryknoll Sister who came to Cambodia in 1991. Since then Sister has worked at the Royal University of Phnom Penh to oversee and help secure funding for English language programs, the library and other university offices and to facilitate access to higher degree studies for graduate students, most internationally.

She was an advisor to the National Higher Education Task Force in Cambodia and for ten years was a Director at the Cambodia Development Resource Institute.

From 1983 to 1991 Sr Luise was the Congregational Leader of the Maryknoll Sisters. That role followed ten years of ministry in Indonesia where she was a Professor in the graduate school and educational consultant at Padjadjaran Bandung university.

Sr Luise has her Doctorate from Fordham University in New York.



**Dr David Buckley** is an Australian Oral Surgeon whose commitment to Marist Solidarity activities began in 1999 and encompassed the formation of Marist Solidarity Australia. From 2008 to 2014 he was Secretary of the Board of AMS.

Since its inception David has chaired the Province Cambodia committee whose role has been to advise the Australian Marist provincial and support the work of the Brothers in Cambodia. He is a member of the Board of Marist Solidarity Cambodia where he represents AMS.

David recently retired from professional dental practice early in which he had chaired a committee to establish a Sheltered Workshop in his community. There, in parish activities and in his professional life he has often assumed leadership and advocacy roles.



**Br Terry Heinrich** came to Cambodia in 1997. He is an Australian Marist Brother assigned that year the task of establishing in Cambodia a ministry of the Brothers of the Australian Province.

Together with others, Cambodian and foreign, he established LaValla School in Phnom Penh in 1998 and oversaw the development and re-location of LaValla in Takhmao in 2000.

Before coming to Cambodia Br Terry worked in Australian Marist schools as both teacher and Principal for more than thirty years.

Br Terry is the current Chairman of the Board of Marist Solidarity Cambodia.



**Br Maximiliano Meier** is a German born Marist Brother who has been working in South America for forty years. Now an Argentinian citizen his ministry has always been in schools and other Marist education-related projects. As well as teaching at elementary and secondary schools Br Max has been a Principal and President of several schools in Uruguay and Argentina. For eight years he was responsible for Youth Ministries in his province where he has served as Vice Provincial.

Br Max came to Cambodia to join the Brothers of the Marist District of Asia. He now lives in Sen Monourom, oversees a hostel for high school students and teaches English.



**Mr Nimul Ouch** is the Executive Director of Marist Solidarity Cambodia and a non-voting member of its Board. He has worked with the Marist Brothers in Cambodia since his graduation in Science in 1997. From 2001 Nimul initiated programmes to assist post-LaValla students and in 2005 established Youth with Disabilities Foundation for Education and Employment, (Yodiffee). His efforts to assist young handicapped with education, rehabilitation and training were acknowledged by the Royal Cambodian Government with an award in 2009.

He has been conspicuous for his support of other organizations working for the handicapped and has served on a number of their Boards.

In 2010 when Marist Mission Australia and Yodiffee amalgamated Nimul was appointed Executive Director of the newly created Marist Solidarity Cambodia.



**Ms Sokhany Prak** has, since 1999, taken a very active interest in conflict resolution and peace making while maintaining her commitments to a number of different NGO's where, often, she held leadership roles. She began her working life as a teacher, then teacher of English and then as an interpreter for the United Nations Transitional Authority for Cambodia. Since then Sokhany worked with USAID, UNDP, the local NGO's My Village and the Street Family Centre, with CARE and with JICA.

In 1997 Sokhany joined Australian Catholic Relief as a Program Manager and in 2001 was ACR's Country Representative. Since 2009 she has been Executive Director of the Cambodian Civil Society Support Project.





**Mr HORT SEILA** began his working life as an interpreter, first with the United Nations Transitional Authority for Cambodia then with the US Mines Awareness detachment. There followed twenty years in the development sector often in leadership roles in NGO's that include World Vision and GTZ. For seven years he was Rehabilitation Program Coordinator for Veterans International. He then spent three years in private enterprise. Seila has completed tertiary programs of study in Education and Business Administration. He has a Masters in Law from Camroeun University. Currently Seila is the Country Manager of the Buddhist Library Project.



**Mrs Tith Davy** is the founder and current Executive Director of Operations Enfants du Cambodge, (OEC) its objective, to provide opportunities for better health, education and employment for vulnerable rural children. She established OEC in 1996. In previous years Davy held leadership positions in UNHCR and Partage. A trained teacher her involvement in work with vulnerable Cambodians began in 1992.

Davy has undertaken training for work with street children, drug abuse counseling and rehabilitation, HIV/AIDS, Women's Leadership and Reproductive Health, all of which have served the aims of OEC. Among the five occasions when Davy and OEC have been publicly recognised are acknowledgements of their work in schooling, rural development and rehabilitation. In 2006 Davy was awarded a gold medal by the Cambodian Prime Minister for OEC's contribution to disability affairs.



**Brother ALLEN SHERRY** is an Australian Marist Brother who has worked in development, funding and education in solidarity for the past twenty years. He has undertaken post-graduate studies in theology and education. He was the inaugural foundation Director of the Marists' Bureau of International Solidarity (BIS) being based in Rome for eight years. On return to Australia he established the Marist Solidarity Office (MSO) which merged with Marist Asia Pacific Solidarity (MAPS) in 2011.

Currently Allen is the Executive Director of Marist Solidarity, (MSol) which incorporates three entities, Australian Marist Solidarity, (AMS), Marist Asia Pacific Solidarity, (MAPS) and Marist Volunteers Australia, (MVA). He leads the MSol team based in Brisbane, Australia, and works as a consultant to several other organizations in fund searching and project management.



Graduation Day at La Valla

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