



During a recent visit to Cambodia, Maggie & I were able to spend time at a local medical centre in Siem Reap. The centre was established and is run by the New Hope Cambodia organisation; the medical centre is currently managed by Jody Bonar – a RN from Brisbane.

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The clinic is supported with medical / nursing / allied health personnel by a volunteer program coordinated via their website or email voluntourism@newhopecambodia.com The clinic accepts volunteers in this area for a period of 1 week to 1 month.

What really became apparent during the visit was the lack of operational and management support that is available to the clinic. In discussions with Jody, it was revealed that the monthly operational / running cost was in the order of \$5,000 - \$6,000.



At present, this is funded via donations and a "placement fee" paid by each volunteer.

Later that day, we thought to ourselves – we can do something here to help! What if through AAPM, we could –

- secure 60 "support" practices across Australia &
- each "support" practice donate \$100 / month

Let's establish –

New Hope – 60 !

The AAPM aim is -

To sign up 60 practices so that we establish a financial support base that will provide the Helen Bonner Medical Centre with the financial security to continue to develop & deliver life saving & life changing medical care within their local community.

Brett McPherson. Life Member ,CPM, FAAPM

- **How do I become a New Hope 60 "support" practice ?**

Complete the New Hope 60 Sponsor Registration form and indicate whether you wish to pay

- a – monthly payment \$ 100.00
- b – annual payment \$ 1,200.00

- **How are payments managed / processed ?**

Your payment is made using the secure, automated Eway Global Payment Gateway –

Payments are processed and receipted in Australia by Rotary Australia. Rotary Australia is an acknowledged supporter of New Hope Cambodia.



- **Is my sponsorship tax deductible ?**

YES - Australian Donations are FULLY Tax deductible.

New Hope Cambodia - Overview

New Hope Cambodia is a grass roots, rapidly growing Non-Government Organisation (NGO) run by a dedicated individual, a local Khmer called Sot Suo (Kemsour). The focus of New Hope is 'free education for all' as the founders recognition the vital role education plays in helping break the cycle of poverty.

However the organisation cannot ignore the chronic malnutrition, ill health and horrific living conditions of its community. This environment places families at high risk of falling victim to child traffickers. For this reason, New Hope Cambodia's activities and programs address the daily issues facing families in crisis situations and, at the same time, find ways to work toward a better future.

History



In 2007 Soth Kemsour, an ex-Buddhist monk and son of a village chief, purchased land in Mondul 3 after it had been sold off by the army. He soon realised that there was a desperate need for food, education and health care. Much to the dismay of his new wife, Kemsour sold every viable asset they had to build a small grass hut to serve as his classroom. Kemsour taught English and Japanese and eventually founded the New Hope Cambodia organization.



Mondul 3 is located in one of the of the poorest slum areas in Siem Reap province, Cambodia. Once a military base, the village is now home to some 300 families made up of army personnel, karaoke/sex workers and displaced men, women and children. The people of Mondul 3 have no formal education, English language or vocational skills. Living conditions are appalling, work opportunities limited and food scarce. It is also a village with highly dysfunctional families.



Many men have been killed while serving in the army while numerous adults, both men and women, have died of disease. Children often rely on elderly relatives and sibling for care, or are left to fend for themselves. In order to survive many girls fall victim to the sex trade and often have children themselves at a young age. Without help these girls have no future. Many will die prematurely of sexually transmitted diseases. New Hope Cambodia is centrally located in Mondul 3 to allow the people easy access to its services.

New Hope provides this support through a number of programs –

- Helen Bonner Health Centre
- Crisis Care Club
- Education Program
- Half Way Houses
- Sustainable Farming Projects
- Tour Program
- Outreach Program
- Training Restaurant

New Hope, with the assistance of sponsors and volunteers, treats up to one hundred residents each day for burns, wounds, salmonella poisoning, infections and illnesses such as malnutrition, HIV, hepatitis, typhoid, tuberculosis and dengue fever.

Each month, families in need receive food packages and New Hope provides free education to six hundred children and young adults. New Hope also plays an active role in the fight against human and sex trafficking.

The Helen Bonner Health Centre

Preserving health and saving the lives of parents is fundamental to conserving the families and cultures in the ancient community of Angkor Wat.

- In memory of his late wife, Helen, Queensland Pharmacist Chris Bonner contributed significant funds to enable New Hope Cambodia to relocate and expand their one-room medical facility to a large twelve room premises.
- The **New Hope Helen Bonner Health Centre** treats up to 100 patients each day and its medical team performs approximately 1,800 consultations a month. All medicinal costs, estimated at US \$1.20 per patient, are covered by New Hope Cambodia.
- Accompanies patients to major Hospitals in Phnom Penh for surgeries, providing transport, family accommodation and support.



Medical Clinic Wish List

We are accepting of all medical donations but please note that it is preferable if all donations remain within the used by or expiry dates. We are grateful for donations but when expired and unusable items are sent it simply creates waste, which we need to pay to dispose of. If you are unsure as to the usefulness or appropriateness of a donation, please feel free to email Jody (medical@newhopecambodia.com) for clarification. You can check the current wishlist at: <https://www.newhopecambodia.com/project-detail.php?id=3>



Thank you for helping in the continued work of the Helen Bonner Clinic as we give the best care we can to the families of Siem Reap.

