



Dear Friends,

Aziza's Place has been running marathons, sitting exams and swimming in the sea this summer. Not all at the same time of course! In this newsletter, we share with you our new level of athleticism, the children's first plunge in the sea, new faces to our program and why Aziza's Coffee is smiling. Thank you for your continued and loyal support. We hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter.



English Teacher conquers Angkor Empire

Our energetic English teacher, Tike, demonstrates that his skills and talents are not limited to painting, playing the guitar and cooking. In August, Tike and his two friends from Jersey, UK completed the Angkor Empire marathon in Siem Reap around the beautiful UNESCO site of the Angkor Wat temples.

Enduring 40km in the Cambodian humidity is an impressive accomplishment and we would like to thank Tike, Mark and Sam for fundraising, training and running all in the name of education for our children at Aziza's Place.

The athletic Jersey boys have raised over £1,000 on the UK JustGiving fundraising website. It's not too late if you would like to donate to their fundraising page! <https://www.justgiving.com/Antiochus-Omissi>

New faces at Aziza's Place

Every summer, the staff at Aziza's Place has the most difficult task of selecting children from the local communities to join our holistic programs at Aziza's Place. After several assessments and outreach visits, we have accepted five children to embark on our programs on a probationary period.

Srey Chen and Sen Ly are sisters who originally knocked on the gate of Aziza's Place with their cart asking if we had any recyclable items to collect. With no sign of their parents or an adult accompanying them, Socheat, our Community Officer, began asking some questions about their circumstances. Their family live very close to Aziza's Place, with both parents working on the dumpsite and the young girls work in the city to collect recyclable items.

Samnang, whose name means 'Good Luck', and his sister Srey Nech are from the Phum Russey community in Steung Meanchey. Our fifth newcomer is Samphors who is a relative of one of our current students.

We will share photos once probation is over. We wish them all the best at Aziza's Place and look forward to watching them grow-up!



Summertime means beach time!

The summer break can feel long when you're young but it didn't seem like long enough when we took all the AP children and full-time staff to the coastal town of Sihanoukville for two nights in August. For some of the children, it was their first time to experience the beach and to swim in the sea. It was a good break after a crucial academic year; AP made a significant decision to move the children out of public school and into private high school education after a poor experience with the public education system. The transition was not easy for the teenagers at first and after a taxing year, a trip to the beach and a cool swim in the sea was just what they needed. Did they have fun? The photos speak for themselves!



Aziza's Place is growing up

Aziza's Place has grown up so much that every summer for the past two years, we have high school graduates eagerly awaiting their exams results and looking at their future options. We are pleased to announce to all our friends that we have had a 100% pass rate with all three young ladies Srey Ny, Srey Mach and Theara, passing their high school exams this year.

As you read this fantastic news, they are assessing their options, sitting university entrance exams and discussing with their families and with the staff at AP what their next steps could look like.

Please join us in congratulating all three young ladies (no longer children!) and wish them the best of luck in their endeavours. We will report their progress in our next newsletter.

We are also happy to announce that all the children from AP have progressed on to the next grade level at school. Wonderful news!!



Aziza's Coffee serves up some social value

Aziza's Coffee has been brewing a great pot of social positivity since we hit the streets of Phnom Penh with Cambodia's first solar-powered tuktuk.

Whilst we receive fantastic feedback from our loyal customers, it is just as important to hear from our staff about how they are getting on. Nothing speaks louder than a wide beaming smile from Win Soeun, our coffee staff and mother of two AP children, who has recently bought herself new teeth with her earnings from working at Aziza's Coffee. Previously too shy to smile and always covering her mouth when she can't help to laugh, Win Soeun is now serving coffee with radiance and a beautiful new smile.

We would like to thank you for your support and contributions from our generous donors in setting up this social business initiative.