

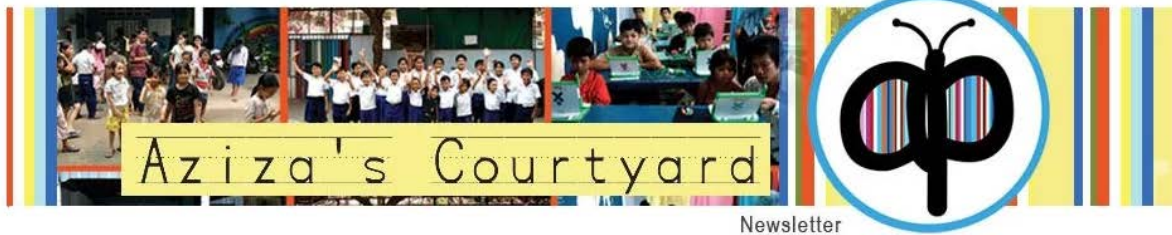
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Dear friends of Aziza's Place,

The new school year has officially started in Cambodia. All of our children have passed into the next grade and our teachers are ready for a new year of extracurricular classes and projects.

We welcome seven new children to Aziza's Place, launch our brand new website and share many more items in this edition.

We thank you for your ongoing support, making it possible for Aziza's Place to keep going and increasing our impact in our communities.

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Seven Children Join Aziza's Place New Arrivals

Aziza's Place has accepted seven new children who recently commenced their three-month probation period and have started to come to our center on a daily basis. Every year, AP assesses the communities

to identify the children that would benefit most from our support and then assesses each candidate child against strict selection criteria before agreeing to conditionally accept a child with full acceptance subject to satisfying the three-month probation period. Once onsite for their probation period, each child is then evaluated for their fit with our organization, how well they integrate with the other children, their level of interest in studying, whilst the parents are also assessed on their willingness to collaborate with AP guidelines.

Once the probation period is over, we will introduce you to the children that will continue to benefit from AP's programs. So far, we see them integrating very well with our other children and all are on track to a positive outcome of their probation period.

For further information on our selection process, please follow the link [here](#).

Picture of the Month

Sreyphea, Karate Champion



Earlier this month, 11 brave children from Aziza's Place participated in the Karate-do Shotokan Friendship Competition in the Olympic Stadium in Phnom Penh, with more than 100 participants. In the individual competition, our Sreyphea blew away all competition in the oldest age category (15 to 18 years old). For the full story and pictures, follow the link [here](#).

Our New Website is Here!

We are pleased to announce the launch of our newly refurbished website! Our new site is fully compatible with mobiles and tablets and has new photos and information on all the latest developments here at AP. Credit to Katy Doughty, our volunteer designer, for crafting this beautiful site. We invite you to visit [here](#).

Enjoy! And, feel free to share!



The Story of...

Nath



Nath joined AP in May 2008 at the age of 8. Originally from the Prey Veng province, in 2007, Nath moved to Phnom Penh with her parents, her sister Ny, and her young auntie Sreymach (who is now in her 20's) for job opportunities.

The family ended up living in Steung Meanchey, near the garbage dumpsites, where the parents started working as garbage pickers. Not much later, Nath contracted tuberculosis (TB) and started receiving treatment that lasted more than 10 months. During this time, her parents contacted AP for support and, after careful evaluation, we decided to accept both sisters and their auntie Sreymach to our programs. Like most of the children when they first set foot in AP's center, Nath was very shy. For her, this was an even more challenging time as she was still in treatment and had to wear a mask, as she remained contagious for another three months.



Nath in 2009

As is often the case upon joining, Nath had some initial adjustment issues. She was originally a willful and selective child who, like many, found it difficult to adapt to the AP way of life. However, we strived to remain patient and encouraged her to participate more and keep healthy habits. Change was hard-won and, even now, Nath expects a lot of herself and is sometimes frustrated when falling short of her expectations.

Nath, today 17 years old, is an excellent example of the positive effects of our reintegration program: Since our transition to a learning and development center in 2014, Nath has been living, with our

support, in a small apartment with her niece and older sister. We have seen her mature dramatically; become happier, more balanced, and, importantly, doing better at school. We are very proud of her progress.

Unique Opportunities...

Ny and Sreyphea on the Road

We are very proud to announce that two of our older children, Ny and Sreyphea, are getting the opportunity to go abroad.



Sreyphea goes to... Japan!

In April 2017, we received a generous donation that allowed us to cover all costs for Sreyphea (16 years old, with AP since 2008) to participate in her first international tournament in Thailand, where she received the bronze medal in her age category. This resulted in her acceptance to the Cambodian National Karate team. We could not have been more proud of her achievement.

Ever since, she has been following an intense training program: every weekday, before and after attending school and AP's programs, she trains with the National Team.

Doing so well with the team and recently winning [her first gold medal](#), Sreyphea has now been selected to join a group of 20 karateka to train in Japan! This time, the National team covers all costs, and Sreyphea will have the amazing experience of training with the Japanese team in Okinawa for a full week in November. Upon receiving the good news, she was (literally) jumping for joy!

Sreyphea will share her experiences with us through our blog on the new website. More news soon!

Ny goes to... Denmark!

Ny (20 years old, with AP since 2007) is currently in her second year in the International Studies Program at the Royal University of Phnom Penh's Institute of Foreign Languages. Ny has been performing well and as a student in International Studies it is of especially important to gain experience

abroad and learn from other cultures. So, to this end, she has been accepted to a cultural exchange project in Denmark!

Ny is one of four RUPP students selected to spend three months in Denmark, where she will speak to children in schools around the country about her personal life experiences and share stories about her culture. As part of the cultural exchange experience, she will be traveling around the country, staying with host families, and enjoying the company of a Danish student along the road.

We are almost as excited as Ny! She will keep us up to date via blog posts on the new website. More news soon!

Quarterly Meeting with the Parents

Every three months, we invite all the parents to join us in a quarterly parent-staff meeting. During this meeting, AP staff give the families updates and share general concerns that need to be discussed. The meeting creates a platform for the parents to raise any concerns with us and the other families. At the same time, this meeting allows the families to get to know each other a little better, creating new friendships within the communities.

Improving Aziza's Place Fixing up the Garden



The breath of spring has blown through Aziza's Place, as the Rainy Season comes to an end we had a welcome donation which will be devoted to making a whole new garden here at the center. To see our progress and more pictures, please follow [this link](#).

Volunteer News

New Volunteers Joining in 2018



In January 2018, Aziza's Place will welcome two volunteers to help us improve our operations and support our teachers. Jill Kyne will help us in our finance department during six weeks, and Brecht Beke will dedicate his creative mind to help us organize English Creative classes (giving our children the opportunity to practice their English in a fun, creative way). We look forward to their arrival!

Celebrating Children's Birthdays



Singh's birthday



Theara's birthday

A birthday never goes unnoticed at Aziza's Place.

We never miss celebrating our children's birthdays. On their special day, we bring everyone together, sing songs and present them with a lovely cake. They make a wish and blow out their candles.

Most children take their cake home to share with their family. A lovely gesture, which makes us happy as well; seeing their families sit together and enjoy cake.

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