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End of Year
2014
Newsletter

Changing the way we learn



2014 in numbers



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2014 highlights



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2014
in numbers



847

Students enrolled in our Free Classes Program



32

Students enrolled in our Sewing Classes



68

Home Gardens planted



76

Current JWOC Scholarship Students



9

Scholarship student workshops

2014
in numbers



1144

Hours of
Computer
Classes taught



8000

Clean Water beneficiaries

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225

Microloans disbursed totalling \$43,298



REVOLUTIONIZING FREE CLASSES

From November 11th to November 23rd, JWOC welcomed 12 volunteers from [VMware](#) and [Team4Tech](#) as part of a large-scale IT project aimed at integrating technology into learning models, strengthening digital literacy and building leaders with 21st century skills. The project was made possible because of a \$12,500 grant from Team4Tech which was kindly matched by the Rotary Club of Sacramento.

The VMware and Team4Tech volunteer team worked with JWOC to strengthen English-language learning, digital literacy and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs for underserved youth and adults in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Leading up to their arrival, the team researched relevant software and digital content, mapped software to current curricula and consulted JWOC on IT hardware and systems. During the implementation, the volunteer team deployed group and individual trainings to over 40 teachers and staff, completed hardware and software installations for the lab, classrooms and office, and finally, monitored and evaluated initial usage of the new technology systems.

Project Outcomes

- JWOC's computer lab was completely refurbished with 26 new PCs installed with current licensed software and state of the art interactive English educational software. A new server and network were installed with staff and scholarship laptops also being re-purposed.
- A new student information system to monitor student enrollment and progress has been selected and prepared for deployment
- 39 teachers were trained on how to use the educational software provided by Team4Tech and VMware.
- Over 700 students have benefitted from this training and we plan to increase this by 30% by the end of 2015.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

Four VMware volunteers worked with our full-time teachers and our scholarship students to integrate technology into our English curriculum.



JWOCs teachers were trained used Rosetta stone software which is targeted for youth and adult language learning. This voice-recognition software allows students to practice their pronunciation and listening skills. Bringing this technology to JWOC helps place us at the cutting edge of ESL teaching and provides huge benefits to the local community, improves student's English skills and in turn helping make them more employable in the local job market.

Our teachers who teach English to children under 8 years old were trained using www.ESLgames.com. And JWOC teachers for youth aged, 8-16, were introduced to 'British Council' an online platform for learning English.

The impact that these additions will make to our Free Classes program at JWOC are significant. We now have technology supporting our teachers and learning curriculum and providing an interactive more immersive learning experience for our students.

" I was honored to be able to learn these new techniques for teaching English as a Second Language. I am so excited about the impact this will have on my community and I look forward to the possibility of working with Team4Tech and VM-Ware again."

Khoeurn,
Free Classes
Program Manager



STEM AND ART

VMWare and Team4Tech volunteers trained our Child Development Coordinator, Nesa, and scholarship student volunteer teachers to use educational LEGO. Using this program, students build robots and program them from laptops which helps develop critical thinking skills and introduces them to engineering and IT



technology at a young age. For our Art Class we now have the option of taking the children into the computer lab to use 'Tux' paint. A computer based art program where children can create and design images online. Developing their creative side by using technology provides new possibilities to the young generation of our community who enjoy Art class on a weekly basis.

"It was a pleasure working with the JWOC staff, you guys are all truly inspirational people and we've learned so much just being there for a short while. I hope we were able to make a positive impact on the staff and students with the short amount time we were there for."

**William
Lam,**
VMWare
volunteer





JWOC RACED 4 CHANGE

On December 6th, 23 students and staff members from JWOC Raced 4 Change. By collectively cycling 600km around the Angkor temples students and staff raised awareness and funds for JWOC's programs. The aim was to raise \$9000 in support of 140 water filters, continue our art and science classes for one year, fund 15 microloans and provide one whole village with 60 Home gardens. The JWOC family rallied together and helped raised over \$10,500, a truly brilliant effort and something we are all thankful here at JWOC.

The following day, on December 7th, Victoria, our Education Manager and Makara, a graduated scholarship student, ran the Angkor half marathon. Alex, JWOC's Managing Director, also took part in the Angkor 10km race. They too dedicated their run in raising awareness and funds for JWOC.

It was an event which really bought JWOC together. Everyone connected with JWOC wanted to help, from the Journeys Within Tour Company and Hotel staff, to tour guides, graduated scholarship students and donors from no less than 8 countries.



" The day itself was great fun, it was long, and hard work but definitely worth it. It was an experience I will never forget. We had been planning the event for months, from registering for the race, organizing bicycle hire, putting together the online campaign and doing our best to spread the word about our good work to blogging, taking photographs and organizing food and water. I was so glad to be a part of it, and happy that we helped JWOC raise so much money. "

Chhorvy,
4th year scholarship student,
Communications officer and
Race 4 Change organizer



" I loved being part of Race4Change. It was such an exciting day, from arriving at JWOC in the dark at 4am and collecting our bicycles until we finally returned to the community center 8 hours later, sore and aching from the ride. The ride itself was brilliant! We laughed so much and although it was hard work we kept on going and everyone finished. I am already looking forward to next year. Maybe next year I can do the 100km race!! "

Nesa,
Librarian and Child Development
Coordinator



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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



"My highlight of 2014 was working in Kork Srama village. It was a village where we faced many technical issues and we had to rethink what type of wells we could use in the village due to the water table being considerably lower than other villages that we had encountered. The technical challenges required creativity and we came up with a solution that proved very popular among the villagers. Using a new type of well which reached much deeper we solved the problem and we are better equipped next time we face such an issue."

Seng
Clean Water Program Manager

"This year I really enjoyed the scholarship selection process. At the end of it all I felt as though we had 22 brilliant candidates that were fully deserving of scholarships, but furthermore we had 22 students who wanted to help their community and will make a real difference through the work they do and the skills they learn. 2014 was the first time we were able to visit all of the applicants houses and meet their families, we travelled up to 80km away in some cases!

Another highlight of 2014 was the mentoring program. This year we decided to match one graduated scholarship student with one first year student and we are already starting to see the benefits. The mentors and the mentees have already created a strong bond with each other and the new students have really benefitted from the advice they have received. "

Vantha,
Scholarship Program
Manager

Khoeurn, Free Classes Program Manager

" This year I really enjoyed seeing our Art class blossom and the launch of our new Science class. Nesa, our Librarian and Child Development Coordinator is such an energetic and creative personality and that has really shown through into our Art class. The launch of Science Club at JWOC is brilliant! When I was at school Science was something that was only taught on a blackboard, we never got to experience the hands on side of it. Unfortunately, this is still true in Siem Reap schools but at JWOC, children are enjoying the opportunity to immerse themselves in science in a whole new way. "

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

"This year has been a really great year for our program. The annual flooding that normally affects Siem Reap didn't arrive this year which was a huge relief for our community. Instead we took the time to focus on Emergency Preparedness and invited experts from Angkor Hospital for Children to talk to our community about these important issues and I am confident that people in our locality will be better prepared for the floods when they next arrive.

I was also incredibly happy to find four of our scholarship students very high level jobs in Siem Reap. Of course the students did the hard work by passing the interviews and making a good impression which we are very proud of them for, but seeing the results makes me proud of my program."

Konthea,
Community Liaison and
Assistance Program
Manager

"This year I set one of the Microfinance goals as disbursing 15 student loans for local university students who were not scholarship recipients, the Microfinance team has achieved that and I am glad to say we have a repayment rate of 100%. We understand that students can struggle financially through university and being able to ease that economic burden is really pleasing. We continue to have excellent repayment rates for our other microloans; 100% for our sewing loans and 98.72% for our business loans.

One of the biggest improvement to our Microfinance program this year was the introduction of the new financial management system. As the program continues to grow it is important to have the right resources in place to manage that growth and with our new E-trust Microfinance management program we are perfectly positioned to do so."

Sovann,
Microfinance Program Manager



THANK YOU !

It has been a wonderful year here at JWOC, together with the community JWOC serves, we have accomplished so much and we are excited for what is in store for us in 2015. We want you to be a part of the journey also, follow us on Facebook, Instagram and on Blogger if you haven't done so already.



We want to thank everyone who supported JWOC in 2014. If you would like to make a donation in support of our work please click on the donate button below and help make a real difference within the JWOC community.

