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*** *Happy New Year!!* ***



We celebrated Christmas together by visiting the Phnom Penh Safari where we were able to see tigers, elephants, orangutans, flamingos, crocodiles, and various monkeys up close. Then we spent the evening talking about how Christmas has no meaning for many Cambodians. In fact, we learned that a Cambodian once described Christmas as a day when the westerners worship trees by decorating them! We were challenged to share the true meaning of CHRISTmas with our family and friends.

As we welcome the New Year, we want to wish you all a blessed year, full of the love and grace of our Almighty God! Please continue to pray for us as we strive to grow together in God while pursuing education. We are grateful for your love and care for young people in Cambodia!

Introducing Sokyeng Haw

Sokyeng Haw is from Kampong Speu province and is the first one among her six siblings to finish high school and pursue college education. In fact, she's the youngest of her siblings, and she is thrilled to be able to come to Phnom Penh and go to college. Her parents are farmers in Kampong Speu and could not afford to send any of their children to college. In fact, four of her siblings are already married and have a family of their own. Sokyeng attests that she did not give up her dream of going to college because she wanted a better life. She knew that if she quits high school like her brothers and sisters, her life will never improve.



Sokyeng is currently majoring in accounting at the Royal University of Law and Economics. She is in her 3rd year and is excited to be more than half way done with her studies. She hopes to get a job at a bank when she graduates. She confesses that accounting is not an easy major for her, but she says she studies hard because her future depends on it.

Sokyeng's prayer request is for the health of her parents. Because all of her siblings have left home, her parents are left alone to work on the farm by themselves, and this is causing decline in their health. Please pray for Sokyeng's parents' health as well as for Sokyeng's growth in God. She is new to faith and wants to get closer to God. She also wants to express her gratitude for all the donors who are supporting her through college.

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