



Giving Opportunity to Children

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We partner with local heroes who are having the greatest impact on the most vulnerable children.*



GO'S LOCAL CHAMPION OF CHANGE

**Spotlight: Venerable Somnieng Hoeurn
Siem Reap, Cambodia**

GO Board Member Vicki Kennedy introduced GO to Venerable Somnieng, who founded and runs Life and Hope Association (LHA) at Wat Damnak Temple in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Somnieng's philosophy, "the route out of poverty is provided by loving care and a good education", is the guiding principle for the six innovative programs LHA operates to benefit vulnerable children in the community. Growing up in a poor family, Somnieng became a monk so he could continue his education. Despite the challenges, he not only completed high school but was later granted the opportunity to study Business Management at St. Ambrose University in Iowa and graduated in May, 2010. One of Cambodia's few activist monks, Somnieng and his colleagues at LHA are extraordinary because they are advocates for change and teach children that if you "bring hope into your life and work hard at your education, your future will be bright."

GO's initial grant to LHA created an organic garden that helps feed the 43 children living at the Children's Development Village. In 2010, the International School of Abu Dhabi solicited GO's partnership to find a community in need in which to build a high school. Knowing the impact would be significant and measurable, GO selected LHA as the recipient of the \$47,263 grant. As a result, more than 200 students are now continuing their education. The number of students will double within the year and within the decade, thousands of kids will graduate. GO Founder and Executive Director, Scott Fifer attended the opening ceremony of SomRong High School with GO Board Member Daryl Offer and her daughter Sophie, and they can attest to the monumental impact this school, and others, will make for the students who would otherwise go without schooling.

Thanks to Somnieng's vision, diligent reporting and transparent communication, GO is building upon this successful partnership by raising awareness and funds for new projects at Life and Hope and in the Siem Reap community.

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