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**A Look into Rice Farming**

*Interview by Mr. Tongheng and Mr. Chanda*

The youngest son, SUN Channy has two sisters and one brother. He is 13 years old and his parents work as farmers. They live in a palm-leaf house on four foot stilts in Krang Popleak village. Inside, it is dark and empty – a big space where seven people can sleep. Channy would like to thank all the sponsors who support our students and provide him with further opportunity to study English, Khmer and Math. During the planting season, however, he misses classes many times because he helps his family plant rice. As the rain starts in the rice planting areas of Cambodia, people drop everything and spring into action to plant rice as quickly as possible.



**Learn more in the Full Edition about the Rice Planting Season**



Channy planting side-by-side with his family and neighbors



The SUN family in front of their home

**Three New Preschools Give Rural Children a Head Start**





## World Food Shortages and Inflation ~ How SC Programs Can Help Families to Persevere and Recover

*Interview with Kov Bong, Community Development Coordinator  
by Volunteer Adi Philson*

SC's programs are helping to relieve some of the strain inflation has placed on the people. The preschool, for instance, frees up time and energy for the parents to work in the fields or run their businesses. The wells that have been installed in some of the villages also save time for families, reducing the amount of time spent making trips for water. Furthermore, SC's agriculture programs, such as the home gardens, are helping the families save money by growing their own fruits and vegetables.

**The most important thing the families are getting from SC**, however, Bong thinks to be "the education that comes with the programs." He is firm in his belief that this training is "the most helpful and beneficial part of the programs" as it fosters sustainable living.

## Pursat Market Fire ~ One Year Later

*Interviews by Student  
Reporters Stapor Phoung  
and Visa Thun*



## Stapor Phoung Awarded United World College Scholarship

Stapor Phoung is the second SC student to win a UWC scholarship, and she will be the first Cambodian student to attend the UWC of the Adriatic. When she was informed that she was selected to study in Italy, she felt like she was "in the paradise." **Stapor found her motivation in wanting to win a scholarship that would allow her to bring knowledge and ability back to her community and country.**

## Beekeeping School to Open Soon

Tomaz Ostir is a beekeeper by trade in his home country of Slovenia and a volunteer consultant for SC. Four years ago, Tomaz and SC created Cambodia's first bee farming project in a poor rural area in Pursat province. Now SC and Tomaz are creating a Beekeeping School, **the first place of its kind in Cambodia**, with construction to start in late 2008.



## SC Travels to Thai Border to Explore New Cash Crops

A group of four SC managers, twelve community leaders, and two international volunteers set off on a three day trip to the Banteay Mancheay and Battambang Provinces near the Cambodia ~ Thai border to gather information on model farms, cash crop production and the development of relationships with potential buyers. The Team returned with clear plans that launched the operation of **village co-operatives for the purchase of seed and other necessities as well as the provision of microloans.**