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## Update, Spring 2016

### **Your Support Yields Positive Results!**

2015 was a very exciting, active year for our school in Cambodia. We built the school in 2012, and started with 25 students, ranging in age from 4 to 40. The simple two-room school had a dirt floor, no doors and windows without shutters. The school was named simply the Po Pel School after the village it was near. In 2014, the school was given its official name:

### **Anlong Tbal Primary School.**

The Po Pel village is about 7 km from the school, with a population of 100 families, and is still without a school, electricity, running water or sanitation. So our school is the first school the students now have a chance to attend. We built a well near the school, which was intended for the students, but as soon as we built it, everybody from the village used the well, depleting it on a regular basis. Now, we built a second well behind the new school, and hope to have water to facilitate the students' rest rooms we plan on building in 2016.

In 2014, we started to investigate what it would take to make the Anlong Tbal school a certified government school. The various applications' processes were put into motion. We rebuilt the new school behind the old school in order to meet the government standards. A concrete floor was laid down, walls and a firm roof, doors and lockable windows added, all according to the government standards. The district director came to visit, and was very happy and impressed with the changes.

The application is moving slowly through the system and,

hopefully by the end of 2016, will be confirmed. In the meantime, we were provided with government certified teachers, thus making it possible for the students to continue their education in the Cambodian school system. This would not be possible without government certified teachers.



On 11/30/15, we received the following E-mail from our Cambodian contact, William Morse.

*“Hi, Pierre:*

*Some absolutely wonderful news about Anlong Tbal (Po Pel) school.*

*As you know, this school had had problems from the start, particularly the fact that we have been unable to get qualified government-trained teachers there. We upgraded the school by building the new 2-room school house and adding a library. The school director, from the Po Pel District Schools 7 km away, heard about what we were doing, and came to see the new building. He loved it.*

*The school director is willing to send qualified teachers to Anlong Tbal to teach ALL the classes. That means the kids will be added to the national register of schools' children and, when they finish at Anlong Tbal, they can move on to a higher grade at the next school. Without qualified teachers, they cannot move on at al.*

*Pierre, this is an amazing accomplishment, and we are all extremely excited about the future of this little school.*

*William Morse”*

**THIS COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE ADVENTURER'S FOUNDATION'S DONORS. (Continued on Page 2)**



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### ***What Lies Ahead?***

The plans for 2016 are very ambitious, and promising to make a big difference in the students of the remote village.

Here are the proposed needs for the school:

- Salaries for the three teachers.
- Breakfast for 50 students
- Toilets for the school
- School gate
- Sports area
- Lunch benches
- School fence
- Planting trees

This brief report outlines our achievements in 2015 and our goals for 2016. We hope that you will support us in this ambitious task. We thank you for your past loyal support, and hope you feel free to contact us with any questions. Visit our Adventurer's Foundation web page at [adventurersfoundation.org](http://adventurersfoundation.org).

Sincerely yours,

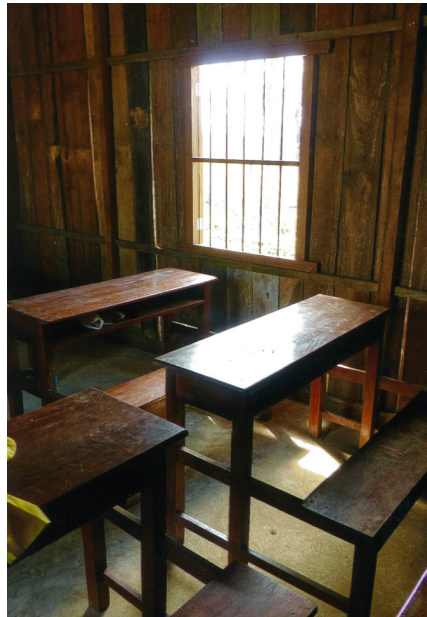


*Pierre Odier*

*Foundation President*















## *Thanks and Acknowledgements from Our Administrator in Cambodia*

I work in Cambodia with a group of ex-child soldiers who are clearing landmines and unexploded ordnance. As well as clearing landmines, we build small schools in villages that have no access to education, or have inadequate facilities.

We started doing this in 2011. One of the first schools we built was in a village called Anlong Tbal. We'd cleared landmines and some old mortar rounds and the villagers asked us to build them a small building so they could teach their kids to read and write. We agreed, but didn't have the budget to do the job.

I stepped Pierre Odier and the Adventurers Foundation. I have known Pierre for many years. He is one of my closest friends. He has been visiting us in Cambodia every February since we moved here in 2009. We took Pierre to the village and he immediately said "The Adventurers Foundation can fund this school and all the needs of the students. When can you start building?"

Our school program is called the Rural School Village Program. With funding from the AF we provided Anlong Tbal with the material to build its own school. We provided the wood, cement, tin for the roof, nails, and hammers. The villagers built their own school. They started a PTA, a Kindergarten class, and are working on a breakfast program.

The first school in Anlong Tbal was simple. It had a dirt floor and accommodated a couple of dozen kids. We had a retired teacher whose grand children lived in the

village. He agreed to return and run the classes.

Today we have fine school building with a cement floor, and a library next door. The school was adopted into the Cambodian school system in 2015, and the government assigned 4 teachers to teach the classes. The government was able to assign teachers there, but they have not budgeted this village yet, so they have no funds to pay the teachers. The Adventurers Foundation stepped in and said "until such time as there is funding for teachers in this village, we will pay the teachers."

Today we have nearly 4 dozen children at Anlong Tbal. We have a government staffed by certified teachers. We have supplies for the kids. The villagers have hope and pride in what they have accomplished

None of this would have been possible without the active, and more importantly, continuing support of the Adventurers Foundation.

Thank you Pierre and all of your supporters for changing the lives of the villagers in Anlong Tbal.

*Bill Morse*

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