

Project update – Computershare Sunrise Centre - March 2009

Helping children with HIV

For many years the Sunrise Board has been keen to embrace children affected by HIV and the new orphanage will be a centre for excellence in Cambodia serving such children.

Sunrise have signed the government ministry contract that they have been pushing since December, which is government approval to construct such a facility on the site. Sunrise can now request official sign-off from the PM for the actual land transfer. This is a large project and whilst we are keen to start, in the interests of our donors, we must ensure that all the necessary factors are in place.

To ensure that the children get the very best of care, we have invited John and Kathy Tucker to operate the centre because of their unequalled experience in medically caring for HIV children and we are delighted that they have accepted our invitation. Do visit their website www.newhopeforcambodianchildren.org to see what they are already doing.

Most of the children will be HIV, but there will be cases where siblings are not affected, and Sunrise will not split up a family and will take the brothers and sisters of an infected child.

Bear in mind that the local population in Cambodia are in the stage of fear and ignorance of the disease that we in the West felt back in the eighties, so these children do suffer from a lot of discrimination and so are more in need of our love and care that we will be able to give them, through the generosity of staff at Computershare.

We can assure you that it will not be long before the first brick is laid!

Computershare staff, please accept the gratitude and thanks of the many children out there that do not even know yet that help is just around the corner for them.