

Writing Up On the Funeral Support From January to March 2020

All the beneficiaries and needed people of SCC in target areas, they have satisfied and content with SCC and Firefly Mission who always concern and support the poorest of the poor families of deceased with mostly understanding of their heart, their feelings of what they needed the most or what they feel of being hungry and serve honestly to the poorest of the poor with loving-kindness and compassion.

Funeral Support in Phnom Penh City

Mrs. Koem Pom, 60 years old, lives in Preaek Thmei village, Preaek Thmei commune, Chbar Ampov district, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. She is a widow with two sons and one daughter.



SCC Monk offered 40 USD to the dead family in Feb. 2020

They live together in the small home after her husband died for a long time. She did whatever she could to earn incomes to support her family members. Now all her sons and daughter got married. They built a new small house in their mother's land. Mrs. Pom lives with her lovely oldest daughter Mrs. Thorn Theory. Both mother and daughter did not have any permanent jobs and her daughter was working as a construction worker. Regarding her oldest daughter, she got

married for a year, unfortunately her husband who also was working as a construction worker infected by HIV, but he kept secretly without letting his wife know and mother-in-law have known his infection until he got seriously of HIV affection that caused his wife who got a pregnancy infected by HIV. Their baby and husband had died because of HIV for 2 years ago. This bitter situation made her bad feeling and moods with poor living conditions. Even she had infected by HIV, she never careless on her health. She went to the health care center for her health. She and her mother worked as a jasmine flowers pickers from the rentals or owner plantations and plugged it with good decorations styles to sell it at the markets. All the money they got from selling jasmine flowers, they divided it for supplementary foods and other necessities welfare support especially for her transportations to take the medical treatment. Mrs. Thorn Theory had lacked of her money to pay for further treatment. She felt ashamed others with her illness until she decided not to go to take medicine and kept herself in her home. She lost her chanced to survival. Her mother works hard to earn income for supporting her family members. She got from selling jasmine flowers were less only 15 USD per week. This amount is not enough to pay on daily needed, daughter's medical treatment and hospital care. Mrs. Thorn Theory had lived with HIV/AIDS for 7 years with more hard depression in her life.

Sadly, Mrs. Thorn Theory departed from her family on 19th February 2020 in the age of 36 years old. While she died, her mother has no money to organize the funeral for her. She did not know how to do cremations for her daughter and got more hardly pressures on poor living status. She decided to borrow money 500 USD from the neighbors for arranging

funeral ceremony for her daughter. In the meantime, she asked for help from relatives, neighbors, village chief and local authorities for preparing her daughter's funeral. By pitifulness and love of neighbors, village chief and local authorities, they helped to celebrate the funeral ceremony for her last day. Meanwhile, Mrs. Kuy Samet who is the commune committee for women and children (CCWC) of Sangkat Preaek Thmei (commune), she contacted SCC and asked for help. SCC staff members and monk team leader came to visit the deceased family's home and offered 40 USD which supported by Firefly Mission from Singapore. Additionally, neighbors, village chief and local authorities would like to express their thanks and gratitude to SCC and Firefly Mission for offering the significant money to the dead families in their community.

Funeral Support in Siem Reap Province

Mr. Chom Vibol, 50 years old, has four family members, such as his wife, a son and daughter.



SCC staff took photo with the dead family in April 2020

They, farmers, live in a small old house constructed by some bricks, old zinc and low-quality woods. This family live in Ta Ros village, Krabei Riel commune, Siem Reap municipality, Siem Reap province. In addition to farming, they don't have any permanent jobs. Mr. Chom Vibol has got a chronic illness for many years. So the

breadwinner of this family is his wife, Mrs. Yin Siven. She has to work as a dishwasher at Angkor Hotel for earning money. Her monthly salary is amount 110 USD. She has supported her family foods and other necessary in her family. She also took care of her husband curing at hospital with medical treatment. Actually Yin Siven was living with HIV so many years. But she kept secretly without letting anybody know, especially at her workplace because she was afraid of losing her job. She continues this occupation until her illness became more serious. She decided to stop working and stayed home. Her oldest son knew the hard situation of his family. So he decided to work as a construction worker at Siem Reap municipality to make money. As a construction worker, he works hard under the sunlight day by day; he could get money only 3.75 USD per day to support his family. He has still tried all his best with his hands and stimulates his heart working for family. As for his youngest sister, she had stopped study because of poor living conditions, she also work for helping her family as brother did because only her brother alone, incomes were not enough for paying on her parents curing at hospital and other expense in daily life. She sells cane juice in her village for supporting their family. Both brother and sister have to work hard for feeding their family.

Unfortunately, on 22 February 2020, Mrs. Yin Siven died by liver disease. It was a great shock for her children and husband. They felt extremely upset of losing her. Her husband and her children did not have enough money for arranging the funeral ceremony. They asked the relatives, neighbors and village chief for helping them to manage the funeral. The villagers helped to arrange the funeral cremation for her last day. The village chief directly contacted SCC staff members based in Siem Reap and asked for helping them because he knew that SCC has a budget to support the poorest families when they died. Then SCC staff, Mr. Long Saroun came to their home as in the above photo. He provided 40 (forty) USD to them which was donated by Firefly Mission from Singapore. Furthermore, SCC staff, relatives, neighbors, and village chief managed the funeral by Khmer tradition for Yin Siven. They shared their

condolence. The families of the deceased, the neighbors, village chief and local authority are very grateful for this donation and would like to express their thankful to SCC and the Firefly Mission who always support the generosity of helping the poorest families with their loving-kindness and compassion.

Funeral Support in Battambang Province

Mrs. Ly Navy, 41 years old, lives in Norea Muoy village, Norea commune, Sangkae district, Battambang province. She is a Khmer Islam and has five members in her family, her father, husband, son and daughter. They live with her grandfather's residence in a small house constructed by old zinc and low-quality wood in the rural area and had no land for doing agriculture. Navy and her youngest daughter have sold fish at the market. The way to the market is so far from their house. Nay's husband and the oldest son are fishermen and also have made fishing nets for catching fish by themselves. They said these jobs are not regular income because it lacks of fish. This



SCC staff provides money for the dead family in March 2020

causes so much difficulty in their living status. They have transformed their livelihood by doing the fishery for facilitating the initiative on supplementary foods and others needed welfare support for their family. Furthermore, they have an old age father who had the chronic medical illness; they needed to pay some money for their old father's health care. Even the whole family still had been lacking of main incomes and low in living condition, they have never hopeless. They always find solutions for their family economic crisis. They have a good solidarity in the family and standing for solving lack of income step by step for their family survival. Every morning, both father and son have to wake up early in the morning and have rowed the small wooden boat to the lake for catching fish. As for his wife is a seller. She sells fish at the market. With small amount of money from this career and it can help feeding their family day by day. With this low standard of living, they have helped each other for survival and struggled to be free from this hard situation. Even though hard situation, they still look after their old father and their children, such as sending to schools and feeding. They have fulfilled their duty as children to their old father. They also have fulfilled their duty as parents to their children as well.

Regrettably, their grandfather has fallen sick seriously. He departed from this world on 16th March 2020 in the age of 78 years old. While dying, his family did not have enough money for arranging the Khmer Muslim funeral ceremony. They had asked for help from their relative, neighbors, village chief and member of Islamic community that was the largely group of Cambodian Muslim. They helped by doing the fundraising in their village for supporting funeral which followed by Khmer Muslim tradition and participated the funeral ceremony in order to share their condolence and the last farewell day of Nak Loh. By seeing and knowing the consequence of this poorest family facing, Mr. Ril Mon who is the member of Norea village has contacted SCC Battambang for help. Then SCC staff members, Mrs. Ty Vimom came to visit the family of deceased home and they invited her to come in their home as you saw in this photo. She asked them about their daily poor living conditions, hard

consequence of their lives and offered 40 USD to the deceased of family which was donated by the Firefly Mission from Singapore. Furthermore, the deceased of family, village chief, Islamic community and local authority expressed their thankfulness to SCC and Firefly Mission for helping the poorest families in their village without any racial discrimination.