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Thank you from Fr In-don Oh, SJ

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Hello!

First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you in Australia who have supported our Jesuit school in Cambodia over the years.

My name is Fr In-don Oh, SJ, and I am currently serving as the Director of Xavier Jesuit School. I visited you a few years ago, and I wonder if you still remember me.

Since July 2024, I have been responsible for the school, and I have been working hard and living joyfully with our students, with a deep sense of gratitude.

Thanks to your generous support, the school we established in one of the most disadvantaged regions of Cambodia has grown into a thriving school, and our students are growing and developing well.

I am very happy to share this good news with you, and I also want to emphasize that we still need your support.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generosity. Please continue to remember us in your thoughts and prayers. With your generous support and prayers, we will continue doing our best to serve our students and help them grow.

At present, our school has 900 students, from kindergarten through Grade 12. We have around 90 teachers and staff members working at the school.

Our school has grown into a very large school, with nearly 1,000 people in our school community.

In addition to myself, three other Jesuit priests are working hard at the school.

Once again, I want to thank you for everything you have made possible through your support, from the very beginning until today.

I hope to have the opportunity to visit you again in the future and share more about our school and our students.

Although we are far apart, I am grateful for this opportunity to meet you online. I would like to remind you that your continued support is still very important for our students.

Thank you very much for your generosity and kindness.

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Vin Chivita

As I mentioned earlier, I have introduced our school and expressed my gratitude to you. Now, I would like to introduce one of our students who is doing very well at our school. She is a Grade 9 student.

Her name is Vin Chivita. She is 15 years old and currently in Grade 9.

Her parents are working in another province, so she is growing up under the care of her grandmother. This is one of the challenges we see among our students. Because their parents have to travel to other provinces for work, some children are raised by their grandparents, siblings, aunts, or uncles instead of living with their parents.

Despite these difficult circumstances, Chivita is growing up to be a cheerful young person and is doing very well at school.

She is an excellent student with strong leadership skills. She is also talented at drawing and singing, and she is an honest person.

Among all her wonderful qualities, what I appreciate most about her is her deep gratitude for the help she receives from others.

She remembers that she has grown and developed thanks to the generosity of many people. She hopes that, in the future, she will be able to give back by serving poor and disadvantaged people.

Chivita dreams of working in the healthcare sector. She would like to help people in a hospital, but she feels that becoming a doctor or a nurse might be difficult for her because she is afraid of blood.

Nevertheless, she hopes to work in a hospital in another capacity, where she can directly help people who are poor and in need.

She is still young, and we will have to wait and see how her dreams develop. However, I am very happy to see that she is already thinking about her future in terms of helping others, especially those who are sick and suffering.

I hope you will remember that your generosity has helped Chivita grow into the young person she is today.

I have already shared her photograph and a short story about her with Jesuit Mission Australia.

I hope you will have an opportunity to learn more about Chivita in the materials I have shared.

I would like you to remember that our school is located in northwestern Cambodia, near the Thai border, in one of the country's most disadvantaged regions. Many of our students come from very poor families, and we continue to need your support.

Thanks to your generosity, students like Chivita are growing well, and we are very grateful for that.

As you may know, there was a conflict between Thailand and Cambodia last December, and our school had to close for about a month.

During that time, our students went through very difficult circumstances, hearing the sounds of bombs and living with the fear and uncertainty caused by the conflict.

Despite these hardships, they returned to school at the end of December and continued their studies with determination.

The school year has now ended, and our students are currently on vacation.

When the new school year begins this coming October, Chivita will enter Grade 10 and continue her studies for the next three years.

I wanted to share Chivita's story with you as an example of how your generosity is making a real difference in our students' lives.

Through your support, these young people are growing with joy and gratitude, learning to care for others and becoming people who will serve others in the future.

Thank you very much for your continued generosity and support.