

Ellenbrook Lions Donate a Second House in Cambodia

Below is an update from Julie & Keith Bleach, members of the Hammers with Wings 2014 team who are in partnership with the Tabitha Foundation.

The house which was donated by your club went to a poor, farming family in Pursat Province - a father bringing up three young sons on his own.

Now that they have a safe, secure house they can expect to enjoy better health, ensuring improved income and educational outcomes. The experience of having an overseas team come to help them build their new home also helps them to understand that they are considered worthy of assistance- this brings about great improvements in the self esteem of these poverty stricken families.

The Hammers with Wings 2014 team, (9 volunteers from all walks of life) built 10 houses in Outaponig village and had the privilege of being welcomed into the village as trusted friends.

Some of you may have seen the recent ABC documentary about some of the "orphanages" which seem to be springing up in Cambodia to take advantage of the good intentions of Western volunteers.

By building homes in remote villages, we are assisting to prevent the exploitation of children (and volunteers) by these so called orphanages by keeping families together and within the safety of their community.

The photos below show the Lions Ellenbrook house with the very grateful family. The last photo shows all of the recipient families in front of one of the new homes with the Hammers with Wings team.



