

## Message from Happy Man

### Late Drill

Happy Man Mr. Jerry Wong, General Executive (Voluntary)

I cannot forget the boys and girls prancing about with delight. Their faces are always glowing with vigor, even if they suffer from the poverty and illness. Oh, how hard for me to forget their hearty laughter! I have gone away from Cambodia for two months due to advanced studies, but the children's images kept being imprinted on my mind. I believe that all the people would concern about the kids in Cambodia, China and India ever.

"Never be afraid of the adverseness, carry on with gratitude" is my innermost thought during the financial tsunami before. However, this tsunami did not struck me as fierce as today. Happy Tree has encountered the decline on donation of operating cost since August this year. (Fortunately, thanks to the Happy Angel Adoption, most orphans' lives have not been affected.) Such decline continued till the early December. In fact, operating cost supports not only the daily administrative works but also backs the emergency. As a result, the long-term operating cost insufficiency hinders the daily operations of Hong Kong office as well as the development of the new Pilot Projects.

I guessed the two financial tsunamis should be the disaster for children but we have weathered them peacefully. Thus the operating cost insufficiency now will not discourage the Happy workers, in contrast, such difficulties are like a drill coming late, encouraging us to work harder; we need to put more emphasis on marketing besides the frontline services. We need to alter the financial backup structure while being cautious in spending money. We will start setting aside 2% of the donation as our internal financial backup account from January 2010 to strengthen the operation stability, so that we can keep sharing happiness with others.



Happy Tree wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Donation Form

Thanks for your generous support! Hope to see you participate more in the future! Please fill in the form and email ([info@happytree.org.hk](mailto:info@happytree.org.hk)), fax (+852 2730 0277) or send to us by post.

### I would like to have

- Donation on Happy Tree operating cost, one-off HK\$ \_\_\_\_\_ / monthly\* HK\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Donation on projects: \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify), one-off HK\$ \_\_\_\_\_ / monthly\* HK\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Donation Method

- Cheque:** Please make payable to "Happy Tree Social Services Limited"
- Credit Card** Please fax this form to us at 2730 0279 or by post
- Visa  MasterCard

Holder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (ENG)

Holder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (same as Credit Card)

Credit Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Valid Date \_\_\_\_ (month) \_\_\_\_ (year)

### Donor Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential address: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Monthly donation will maintain at least 12 months or until your further notice by letter. \*\*Please write down your name on the slip for identification.

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Happy Tree Social Services Ltd.  
HRB 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Special Issue

## 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of House of Rainbow Bridge AIDS Orphanage Extend Rainbow to Future



House of Rainbow Bridge Orphanage (HRB) exists for AIDS orphans' lives and wishes. We have been working hard for the survival of these children for last five years. Let's look back to its history and look forward to its future.

### 5 Years, from Sadness to Success

In October 2003, Dr. Jerry Wong got support from Cambodia Military to use a military hospital in Phnom Penh for free as an AIDS Orphanage. After one year repair, HRB Orphanage officially opened at 28th December, 2004. General Meng Sampon, Secretary-General of the Department of Defense of Cambodia cut the ribbon on the Opening Ceremony.



*Children in HRB are very strong, even if they feel uncomfortable or their skins are covered with pustules, they try to be happy. Only when they cannot tolerate the suffering, they go back to their rooms to have a rest.*

We adopted dozens of AIDS orphans, who got HIV through parental transmission innocently. Some of them were sent to HRB because both of their parents passed away and their relatives couldn't take care of them, or they were referred through nation pediatric hospital. By December 2009, we have totally adopted 161 orphans. During the first two years, 23 orphans passed away, 47 orphans were picked up by their relatives. We are now taking care of the rest 91 children.

Staff of HRB has dedicated themselves for our children over past 5 years. Besides the regular care, we ensure children take anti-HIV medicine on time in order to help them enhance their immunity and treat all kinds of sudden diseases. We are happy to witness the achievement of our efforts in past 5 years. The death rate of last 3 years is 0. Our children in HRB haven't developed into higher stages of AIDS. We hope that the medical science can develop more anti-AIDS medicines so that the AIDS orphans don't have to live under the shadow of death.



*We provide not only daily living and special HIV medical care for children but also opportunities for education, entertainment and social interaction. Meanwhile, we also help them to develop a proper values and all-rounded personality.*

Currently, there are 91 orphans live in HRB. 44 are girls and 47 are boys. We arrange children who are at the right age and with good health to receive formal education.

Grade one	10 children	Grade two	21 children	Grade three	17 children	Grade four	5 children
Grade five	4 children	Grade six	5 children	Grade eight	2 children	Grade nine	1 children

Total is 65 children, 1 child is studying in special school for deaf-mutes.

### Recognition from Cambodia Community

As a charity, contributions of Happy Tree and House of Rainbow Bridge have gained recognition from local Cambodia government and community. This gives us great encouragement and makes us to realize the need of local community, which accelerating our continuous development and benefiting more and more AIDS orphans.



In December 2005, in the 1st anniversary of House of Rainbow Bridge, Meng Samp, Secretary-General of the Department of Defense represented the Cambodia Government to present the Medal of National Construction to Dr. Jerry Wong.



Contributions of HRB were also recognized by King Norodom Sihamoni. He has invited 80 orphans and 40 staff from HRB to visit the palace, and received them in person and had breakfast together.



In recent years, our Operation Manager Mr. Huy Ly has also been invited to different conferences, for instance Cambodia Co-operative Committee, Children's Right Committee and Australia Children Aid Association, etc.

## Prospect

### House of Rainbow Bridge for Youth

HRB was originally mainly taking in AIDS orphans and providing hospice service to them. Thanks to the support from various parties, we are able to rescue more and more little kids who are on the verge of death. Seeing that these children are growing up and we have to prepare for their growth. Hence, we set up the "House of Rainbow Bridge for Youth" for these kids.



In November 2009, 12 girls aged over 12 have moved into the newly rented facility called House of Rainbow Bridge for Youth. Under the guidance of carekeepers, they have learnt how to cope with their daily life and self-caring, as well as practicing family life and integrating into the community. As the "parents" of these children, we are committed and dedicated to prepare the best for their growing up.

### House of Rainbow Bridge – Phnom Penh Land, Stoeng Treng Paradise and Home of Batdambang

In addition to Phnom Penh, there are still numberless AIDS orphans awaiting salvation. However, due to remoteness and big travel expenses, some of the AIDS orphans could not be sent to HRB. We felt sad about this and hence determined to step forward for these helpless children. We have decided to set up HRB in two more provinces – Stoeng Treng Province and Batdambang Province. The orphanages preliminary named as "Stoeng Treng Paradise" and "Home of Batdambang", while the existing House of Rainbow Bridge would be named as "Phnom Penh Land".

#### House of Rainbow Bridge Home of Batdambang

Batdambang Province is located at the Northwestern side of Cambodia. It is the most densely populated province in Northern Cambodia, as well as the second most developed city, other than Phnom Penh. Batdambang is known as "Barn of Cambodia" due to its fertile soil. Cambodians mainly engage in agriculture and lumbering. It takes only five hours from Batdambang Province to Phnom Penh by highway.



#### House of Rainbow Bridge Stoeng Treng Paradise

Stoeng Treng Province is located at the Northeastern side of Cambodia, and near Laos. As the nearby provinces are famous for producing valuable wood, Stoeng Treng becomes the transportation junction between Cambodia and Laos. After repairing of the highway no. 7, it takes only five hours from Stoeng Treng to Phnom Penh.

#### House of Rainbow Bridge- Phnom Penh Land

**The above orphanages will be set up in 2010 and we would like to appeal for your support and generous donation.**