

Girl's Name: Meurn Leakna



Meurn Leakna is 11 years old, and is in grade 5 at The Janie's School #524 in Snam Preah Village, Snam Preah Commune, Bakan District, Pursat Province.

Meurn Leakna is the only daughter in the family. She is an orphanage. Her mother's name is Chea Ratana and she is 32 years old. She was divorced her husband about 10 years ago. Now her husband was in the prison in case of a dispute with the villager when he got drunk. This dispute make a villager got serious injure and sent to the hospital. So, the whole family got big problem to resolve. Then they have to sell all the farmland and cows to pay to that serious injurious villager. This accident was happened before Leakna was born. Sometime, his father hit her mother when he gets drunk.

Because of losing everything, now her mother is a full time mattress a private clinic in the village. She has to responsible to do kinds of work such as cleaning, cooking meals for the clinic owner, taking care of their children, washing dresses...etc. She gets a salary \$100 in a month to feed herself and her only daughter to go to school.

Leakna is a good student. She keeps coming to school regularly even she doesn't get good score in her studying but she is really a hard studying student. She usually keeps quiet and talks little and she usually spend her spare time in the school's library to read all kinds of Khmer children books. Her favorite subjects at school are Math and Khmer literature. She can't read Khmer letter very well but she keeps trying everyday.

In the future, she wants to work in NGO organization on Education sector like her English teacher because she wants to educate the children to have knowledge, live in happiness and leave away from bad habits such as smoking, drugs, drinking and gambling like her father did to her mother.

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