

Phen Pheng

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Phen Pheng is 12 years old, a student in 5th grade at The Chres School, located in Phum Chres Village, Kampong Trach District, Boeng Sala Khang Tbong Commune, Kampot Province.

She has five members in the family; her father, mother, two older sisters and she is the youngest child in her family. Her father name: Bronnh Chan, 51 years old and her mother name: Soeu Saran, 49 years old, they are farmers and they also have some mango trees for collecting mangoes to sell and they can earn about \$50 during the season, naturally it will be one time a year for the cycle of its season. They also have half hectare of farmland for growing rice and they can gather about 13 sacks (50-60kg/sack) of rice product per year. Her family is very poor and they cannot go longer to in supporting Pheng's study. After the rice's field collection, her parents sold out for 4 sacks and got \$70 to pay back to the shop owner for the cost of fertilizers and the remaining money paid for the food but it was not enough for daily expenses in a whole year.

Besides the growing rice her parents had to seek for other extra irregular work and sometime they can earn about 20,000 reils a day.

Pheng is a smart student in the class and her teacher's always admired her. She's the student that studied very hard and she's the good student at her school. After school, she helps her mother with housework. In her free time, she likes to read the books, reviews the lessons and does homework.

Pheng wants to be a teacher of English when she grows up, because she wants to teach all the kids and all the people who want to learn English language in her village and around her work's place. However, she also wants to earn money to support her whole family.

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