

# 2018 Second Quarter Report

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Dear Friends & Partners,

Greetings in Jesus' glorious name.

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. [Acts 4:12 \(NKJV\)](#)

It is in this name that Emmanuel Community School (ECS) is founded. Each passing day we are more than convinced that there is salvation in Jesus Christ and in Him alone.

Let us celebrate together that today all the full-time teaching staff and the majority of the students have now called upon the name of the Lord as Savior and Lord.

Choup Virak is in Grade 6 today but some time back he became depressed after his parents split up and as a consequence he lost interest in doing well in school. However, during one of Emmanuel church services he heard about Jesus who answers prayer and he put this to the test and asked for his parents to be reconciled. *"I prayed every morning and night even over lunch time. One day my mother pleaded for my dad's return and he did"*. He was overjoyed that God answered his prayer with this miracle. He has not stopped since to testify that Jesus is the true God to his fellow students.

We have known that our students are fervent in prayer.

To our surprise they are also fast becoming evangelistic! Early in June students from Hong Kong Poly University came to ECS to do their social outreach (a necessary requirement for the students enrolled at this prestigious university) as they have done regularly over the years.



However, this time around our ECS students themselves without prompting from the teachers invited the university students to join them on their Saturday church service. Those came were touched by the worship and testimonies. Interestingly, couple of these

university students hailed from Pakistan and had never been to a church service. Before they departed they expressed to us how amazed they were seeing the sincere faith, good conduct and maturity in ECS children that they had not seen anywhere else. Glory to God!

## **INTRODUCING PHOR PHEAREAK, ECS SCHOOL CHAPLAIN**

We have been praying for a school chaplain for some time and finally God answered our prayer by providing one that we reckon can perform the role well.

At the beginning of June Por Pheareak formally joined the ECS staff as the School Chaplain cum English Language teacher.

He has tertiary training in English Language and in Management.

Before joining ECS he worked part-time as a Bible teacher at a fast-growing local church.

Apart from providing pastoral care to the students and fellow teachers he will assist the school principal and teachers in their interaction with parents and community.



## **INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL NETWORKING**

A new development that took us by surprise recently was the hand of friendship extended to ECS from a leading private college in New Zealand – Queen Margaret College in Wellington.

Our 8 years old granddaughter, Gloria, who lives with her parents in Wellington happened to have read the biographies of Nobel laureates Nelson Mandela and Malala Yousafzai.



She was particularly touched by the latter's work on education for girls in developing countries where girls were discouraged from receiving formal education. Gloria brought to her class teacher's attention of the possibility of helping out in educating the disadvantaged children at ECS.

The class teacher then brought Gloria to see the school principal who later encouraged Gloria to speak to the school prefect board to get them behind the fund-raising project. She got the school support and with the help of her classmates they put up a store on the school's funfair day selling craft works produced by ECS students.

They raised almost NZ\$1,500 in the process and the principal was so overwhelmed by it that she suggested taking the initiative further by hosting some ECS students over at their

school in Wellington and formalizing a long-term partnership between the two schools.

*'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'* [Matthew 21:16](#)



*"I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. [Luke 10:21](#)*

We continue to be amazed and even challenged by all God is doing around the world and particularly with the younger generation. There is hope, even more glorious, for the future generation that is *looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith* ([Heb 12:2](#) ) .

Amen.

In Christ's love, your fellow co-workers,  
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