



## Spring 2017 Update



Dear Friends of Speech Therapy Cambodia,

A lot has happened since our Fall Update. Here are some highlights:

- Our **newly-formed Cambodian organization**, Speech and Swallowing Therapy Cambodia (SSTC), now has MOUs with these Cambodian universities and public hospitals: Paññ s tra University of Cambodia, Calmette Hospital, Khmer Soviet Friendship Hospital, and Kossamak Hospital. Meet the members of our Cambodian Board of Directors at <http://www.speechtherapycambodia.org/board-of-directors/>.

- In January, STC volunteer **Dr. Susan Langmore** conducted another series of trainings in the FEES diagnostic techniques she developed. In addition, she also arranged for the donation of three endoscopic systems valued at \$55,000 overall. Watch this [video](#) about Dr Langmore's work with our teams. Kudos to Jonathan Watson Short for this inspiring video. Please share this link with others who may be interested in our mission: <http://www.speechtherapycambodia.org/videos/>.
- Our staff of **volunteer speech therapists** continues to grow, with volunteers from Australia, the US, and England. In addition to shorter-term volunteers, we now work with two full-year volunteers: Stacey Arthur Silverman, affiliated with STC, and Geraldine Harris, supported by the Australian government's Australian Volunteers for International Development (AVID) program. Geraldine is sponsored by Calmette Hospital. This year, Betsy will also be in Cambodia for a total of five months. Find out more about all our STC volunteers at: <http://www.speechtherapycambodia.org/meet-our-volunteers/>
- Two **new university programs** are scheduled to begin this fall and next winter, the first of their kind in Cambodia! The program at Paññ s tra University is an introduction to pediatric speech pathology, and is being co-developed by Speech Therapy Cambodia, Teachers in Cambodia, and Tim Pring from the City University of London. Click to read the *Cambodia Daily* article on ["The Country's First University Speech Therapy Course."](#) The other university course, to begin in January 2018 at the University of Health Sciences in Phnom Penh, is in affiliation with Singapore Allied Health and the Cambodia Physical Therapy Association, and will focus on adult neurological swallowing disorders.
- STC is now listed with **Amazon Smile**. Click [here](#) to designate Speech Therapy Cambodia as your charity of choice on your Amazon account. Shop from that sign-on and 0.5% of your qualifying purchase prices will be donated by Amazon. The percentage is small but there is strength in numbers. Please share this link with your friends to help support STC: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-4255330>.
- Our **Facebook** presence continues to grow, with over 750 followers to date. Please continue to Like and Share posts about STC. Visit our [Facebook page](#) to learn more about our projects and people, such as this recent posting about two full-year volunteers: [Stacey and Gerri](#). A picture is worth a thousand words!

- Our **latest STC video** is now available at [YouTube](#), thanks to the wonderful work of Alexis Bustos with collaboration by Jonathan Watson Short. Please share with your friends to let them know about our work.
- To ensure the sustainability of our projects, we are looking for **additional funding** sources. We are happy to announce that Kathy Barr, an experienced fundraiser for Bay Area non-profits, will be helping us apply for institutional and foundation grants. Individual donations, including monthly support, can be made at our Razoo fundraising site: <https://www.razoo.com/story/Speech-Therapy-Cambodia>

Thank you for interest and support of Speech Therapy Cambodia,

All the best,



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