



I 2011 sponserede Hesse-Ragle Fonden Grace House Community Centers uddannelsesprogram. The Grace House Electrical Course var et af de sponserede projekter. Takket være denne hjælp er dette projekt nået rigtig langt siden og det betyder at projektet nu er klar til at tage det sidste skridt mod at blive økonomisk selvforsynende. Det skal ske med projekt "Sparkies". Sparkies bliver en virksomhed hvor de uddannede elektrikere fra The Grace House Electrical Course bliver ansat og skal udføre el arbejde i Siem Reap og lokal området. Alt overskud fra Sparkies vil blive brugt på den fremtidige drift, på uddannelsesprogrammet og til at udføre gratis el arbejde for de mest udsatte familier i de lokale landsbyer.

Forkert udført el arbejde er et stort problem i Cambodia og de fleste af verdens fattige lande. Huse bryder i brand, folk kommer alvorligt til skade og desværre koster det også dødsfald. Grace House har valgt at gøre noget ved problemet, hvilket betyder at mange huse nu får udført sikkert el arbejde. Derudover får 5-6 unge mennesker hvert år en uddannelse, og med Sparkies, nu også et fast job og dermed en enstående mulighed for i fremtiden at blive ansat lokalt eller starte egen virksomhed.

Her følger en beskrivelse af Sparkies som projektleder Alan Cordory har skrevet. Der er også et regnskab for hvad projektet skal indsamle for at få det startet samt for udgifter det første år.

Jeg har også vedhæftet en fil med en update af "The Womens Weaving Project" som Hesse-Ragle Fonden også sponserede i 2011. Projectet hedder nu Grace Gecko Vocational Centre for Women og det har også udviklet sig meget i de seneste år. De produkter som de fremstiller i dag er meget imponerende. Jeg har et par eksempler med som jeg købte da jeg senest besøgte Grace House i februar i år. Det var mit tredje besøg og det varmer mit hjerte at se hvor meget Grace House udvikler sig år for år og at se hvor mange mennesker der har glæde at stedet. Og det faktum, at de gør meget ud af, at det er lokale der skal lede Grace House i fremtiden, er også noget der tiltaler mig meget. Den daglige leder, Chan Dani, bestod sin eksamen i ledelse og

management i 2012. Jeg sponserede selv Chan Dani så hun kunne tage til Phnom Penh og afslutte sin uddannelse.

Jeg ser frem til at fortælle mere og svare på eventuelle spørgsmål som godt som jeg nu kan d. 5.november.

Med venlig hilsen

Mikkel Munk Petersen

SPARKIES

Grace House Community Centre is a well established and respected non-government organisation (NGO) in Siem Reap, working in areas of vocational training, community development, children and youth education.

The Grace House Electrical Course has been running successfully for two years and has had four graduates from 2012 with five more recently graduated. The course runs for 12 months and provides the necessary knowledge and practical skills to pursue successful careers in the electrical trade, filling a great need for safety and professionalism in this industry. A certificate is presented to successful graduates.

Three of the 2012 graduates have been employed by Grace House working on the “safe electricity” program, which rewires disadvantaged homes in the local village, installing new circuit boards, energy saving lights and solar panels in homes far from the electric supply. One of the three has moved on and is doing electrical working for a local contractor.

This leaves Sparkies with 7 trained electricians, 5 who are in the work experience phase, basically working in a team with the two first year graduates. The aim is to give two years employment before being encouraged to go out and set up their own business, the first year’s graduates have benefited greatly from their first years work on the houses and other projects. A number of jobs have recently been completed for restaurants, hostels and ex pats. Currently two jobs totaling approx. \$7000 are in process.

Grace House and Qui Reko, a NGO we work with, has identified an additional 200 houses of poor families within Treak and Kor Kranh that would benefit from safe electrical installations.

SPARKIES Quality Electricians is a social enterprise offering a full range of high standard, competent and safe electrical services to the locals, local expats and the business community in Siem Reap. Income generated from professional services rendered will be returned to financially subsidise safe electrical systems for poor and vulnerable families and sponsor new apprentices.

SPARKIES will provide advanced training and employment opportunities for graduates from the Grace House Electrical Vocational Training Program targeting young adults from disadvantaged backgrounds.

In order to launch Sparkies in the most cost effective manner, we envisage Sparkies to have a shop shared by Grace Gecko Creations (weaving) in the road-side building at Grace House. We will build an electrical repair workshop, parts store and solar workshop behind the Apprentice Training Facilities at Grace House, therefore giving the necessary separation for the Social Enterprise from the apprentice training facilities. We are looking to raise \$14000 to modify the Shop and build the workshop, set up the social enterprise and run it for the first year.

The shop and office will require communications by phone and internet and appropriate IT. The shop will develop a system to maintain stock levels and track equipment for repair, ensuring all repaired items are received and returned correctly and efficiently. The enterprise has its own Face book page “Sparkies Cambodia”, E mail address sparkiescambodia@iCloud.com and will use local social media sites to advertise its work.

Year 1 Costing

Income		Expenditure - Setting Up	Expenditure - Running Costs - 1st Year	
Donations	\$2000			
		Shop fitting out		\$700
		Equipment purchases		\$500
		Electrical spares purchase		\$1000
		Build Workshop		\$4000
			Rent, Sparkies share of shop.	\$1200
			Salaries - 2 Electricians x \$150 (5 months already donated)	\$2100
			Salaries - 3 junior electricians x \$100	\$3600
			Utilities	\$600
			Marketing	\$300
		Total Expenditure		14,000
			Balance To Raise	\$12,000

The initial funding by Hesse-Ragle Foundation made it possible for two graduates to graduate, before the sponsorship they would be tired and miss class, as their families needed them to work at night to support the family unit. The aim of the First Year Funding is to show our electricians are trained first in safety and secondly in quality work, this will create a solid Client Base with the locals, local expats and the business community in Siem Reap. Initial jobs are already creating positive feedback. The profits will be used to wire houses and sponsor new apprentices both this year and in future years. If the Hesse-Ragle Foundation supports "Sparkies" and the vocational training program again then with the help that they gave in 2011, they will have helped keeping the project up and running, taking it to the point where it is know and help making it self-sufficient.

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