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Good morning Kath, Graeme and RC Ocean Grove team,  
We hope you're all well, and happy new year!!

For much of last year it seemed our planet and humanity have been on the verge of imploding... With so many challenges and conflicts all over the world, we feel blessed to have achieved so much in Cambodia this year, not least of which are our 18 university graduates and 10 new students.

As you know, our family has just returned from Cambodia, where we spent time with our students and alumni in Siem Reap, as well as more than 50 alumni now living and working in Phnom Penh. We feel deeply humbled to witness these once-rural "village kids" grow into the social leaders our society so urgently needs. Not only have they lifted themselves and their families out of poverty, but they continue to give back - contributing to their communities each week with purpose, compassion, and leadership.

While in Cambodia, we helped to set-up and open a new library at a rural school serving more than 1,000 students, distributed bicycles to rural students to support their access to education, and joined the Angkor Wat Half Marathon - raising \$7,000 to help build homes for impoverished rural families.

Here are some photos we're sure you'll enjoy -

We genuinely appreciate your support and commitment over the years. The impact we are creating together is not only life-changing, but socially transformational. At a time when the world is seeking strong social and civic leadership, our shared commitment is helping to build the more equitable, just, and empowered society we all aspire to.

With your support, we are enabling people to help themselves - and in turn, to help others. This impact is already reaching multiple generations, as our alumni support their elderly parents while educating their own children.

As our work continues to create real, sustainable social change, we are already seeing the green shoots of impact - our students are graduating, gaining meaningful employment, supporting their families, and stepping forward as leaders in their communities.



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With gratitude and love to you all, and wishing you a wonderful Festive Season  
and Aviv

**Jessica Palti and Aviv Palti**

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