

ACSians-In-Action ; Baray, Cambodia

18 students formed Project CambodiACT and embarked on a ACSians-In-Action (AIA) service learning trip to Baray, Cambodia from 16 - 21 December 2018. The trip provided us with real life experiences to enhance our knowledge, increase personal growth and interpersonal skills, and positively impact the global community and environment.

It was heartwarming to be able to make a positive contribution to the teachers and students at Wisdom Nest School, a social enterprise in the Kampong Thom Province. We conceptualised and implemented 4 sustainable lesson modules – Sports & Games, Arts & Craft, English and Music – to provide their students with a more holistic education. In addition, we were privileged to engage their teachers so that in turn, the process of teaching and learning can be continued beyond our stay.

We were blessed to work alongside Ms. Esther Ding, the director of Khmer Homestay and Solar (School of Livelihood & Refuge) Café and support the underprivileged. Through her, we learned about the Cambodian context and culture – important aspects that helped us to related to the youths whom we interacted with nightly. Forging new friendships, constructing recycle collection bins and going door-to-door to distribute food to the needy are just some of the simple yet meaningful activities that impacted us deeply.

The AIA trip planted seeds in our hearts – an appreciation for diversity and friendship, a desire to make a positive impact in the lives of others and a positive mindset towards the rural countryside because that is where one can get a hands-on learning experience that is truly unforgettable.



Group photo with principal of Wisdom Nest School



Well paving at a local village



Conducting the ukulele module



Painting of government school