

Testimonies of former PKH Trainees

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4. What kind of challenges did you face when you started this course?

I had difficulties to adapt and to work during practical lesson especially when making stone benches and other heavy works. A small person like me has difficulties to carry the heavy things like cement, stones and pushing the wheel cart. I did not have enough strength to complete the work. I was very worried that when I finished the course and go for job then I will not able to do the work. Another difficulty is when I studied with English teacher (Audrey Tay), because I could not understand. But I tried to study hard to understand and to catch up with the lesson.

5. Would you like to recommend this course to your other friends and why?

I really want to recommend this course to my friends to study in PKH. PKH gives opportunities to the young poor Cambodian to study for free and have jobs. I want them especially to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

6. What is your experience of God?

Yes I have received Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I have accepted Christ since I was in Primary school. And I have learned more about Jesus while studying in PKH and I get to know more about him. I trust God that he will hold my future.



BACKGROUND:

My name is Try Vanthen, I am 20 years old. I am from Kandal Province. I have 4 sisters and 1 brother and I am the last child in the family. My parents are farmers. I have completed Grade 12 at Hun Sen Ang Snuol High School. My friends told me that PKH Centre gives opportunity to poor young Cambodians to study for free. I asked my friend to help me get the form to apply for study there. I was a bit hesitant because one of my eyes is defective and I was worried that PKH may not accept me. But I tried because I had no choice. After the interview a few days later, I called to check with Brother Vanny and then he told me that I was not selected to study in PKH but was in the KIV list. I felt hopeless and decided to go back to work with my relatives as construction worker. A week later, I got a call from Brother Vanny to tell that I have a chance to join the course because some of the selected students did not show up. Then I was very happy and quickly ask when I can come. Brother Vanny told me to start tomorrow. I studied Industrial Skills Course with Teacher Souvuth and studied English in the evening time with Teacher Audrey Tay. That time I do not know God yet and feel not interested to join the weekend activities (Living Streams Club). After a few months, God touched my heart and I know that I am a sinner and only God can save me through believing in Jesus Christ. I had repented and accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and saviour and I was baptised on 16 August 2014. When I finished my study at PKH Centre, Teacher Susan brought me and my classmates for interview for jobs or training in the hotels. Many of my friends were accepted only me and my short small friend Sun Sambo. Teacher Susan tried again to bring us to other hotels and finally I was accepted to work at Dara Airport Hotel. I thanked God for giving me this chance although I was not expecting it. But God can make it happen. I started work on 1st Dec 2014.



Name:
Try Vanthen

Hometown:
Kandal Province

Age:
20 years

Job:
Maintenance

Hotel:
Dara Airport Hotel

1. How long have you been in the course?

I studied in PKH about 9 months from March until November 2014.

2. What have you learned?

I have learned the technical skills like: Technical Drawing, Electrical Practice, Refrigeration and Residential Air-conditioning Practice, Pipe Installation, Plant and Equipment Maintenance, Associated Skills, Technical English and Mechanical Maintenance and most importantly Soft Skills with teacher Susan which helped us to understand about the hotels, how to prepare ourselves and what to answer when having an interview.

3. Can you explain to me some benefits you have gained for yourself as well as for your family?

In PKH, I can study for free including 3 meals a day and place to stay. Teachers and staff took care of me when I was sick and also sent me to see the doctor. Lessons materials were also provided by PKH. I have received love from teachers, staff and friends who treated me as a family of Christ.

4. What kind of challenges did you face when you started this course?

When I first came to PKH I felt lonely because I had no friends. I wanted to give up and go back home. But some of year 1 and year 2 students always talk and encouraged me by showing their love and care for me. Then I stopped thinking of giving up.

5. Would you like to recommend this course to the other friends and why?

Yes, I would like to recommend this course to my friends because I know exactly that PKH is a good school that help the poor young Cambodians to have a chance to study for free and also help us to find a job in the hotel or industries so that we can have a brighter future.

6. What is your experience of God?

I accepted Jesus as my Saviour and Lord on 1 July 2014. Pastor Chamroeurn helped to pray for me until I decided to offer my life and heart to Jesus and was baptised on 16 August 2014.



Name:
Sun Sambo

Hometown:
Kampong Thom

Age:
22 years

Job:
Housekeeping-Public Attendant

Hotel:
Sunway Hotel

BACKGROUND:

My name is Sun Sambo, I am from Kampong Thom Province. I have 5 sisters and 3 brothers and I am the 5th child in the family. My father passed away when I was young. My mother stays at home. I was a hopeless boy as i think of my future because of I am small and very short. But because of the grace of God He had prepared the way to bring me out my hopelessness. One day, I heard from my pastor that PKH will interview and select poor young people to study and so I decided to apply to study Industrial Skills Course.

1. How long have you been in the course?

I studied Industrial Skills Course at PKH Centre for 9 months.

2. What have you learned?

At PKH I have learned Industrial Skills Course. There were about 7 Technical subjects that I have learned. I learned also how to live as a family of Christ and work together as a team. I also learned the Bible every Sunday after Worship service and I got to know more about Jesus Christ. It built up my character and behaviour to be a good person. Other students treated me well like their family by showing love, care and encouraging me to be strong although I am a short small boy. Teachers and staff were very kind to help discipline and taught me how to live as a Christian.

3. Can you explain to me some benefits you have gained for yourself as well as for your family?

I have received love, care and learned Industrial Skills. I am very thankful to God for blessing PKH, the school where I can learn skills and find a job in the hotel. PKH has provided for me 3 meals a day, free study and place to stay for free. We also get some clothes to wear. When I finished the course, the teacher helped me to find job in the hotel. Teacher sent me for interview for job or training in 3 Hotels but they all did not want me. Finally I thank God who prepared kind people to give me a chance. Now I can be a trainee at Sunway Hotel in Housekeeping. I am very thankful to God for opening a way to learn new skills and hopefully I can become a staff with a good job at Sunway Hotel.

