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I'm a teacher at a high school in Bakong district. I've been teaching for 10 years and I really like my job as a teacher because it is my dream since I was a high school student. I also want to share my knowledge with the next generations. I'm lucky because my dream came true! My wife Ravy is a primary school teacher and our son Parinha is almost 3 years old. My favourite food is beef Lok Lak, my favourite fruit is durian. In my free time I like visiting my neighbours and talk about something but not gossip the others.

# If you had to write a book, what will the title be? Why?

'It would be "The Tragedy of the World" because I see that our world nowadays has many problems and those problems are made by the present people.

Modernity seems not to make all the people on the earth to live peacefully together. If the earth could say something, it would say that "People please stop! I can't bear what you doing to me."

### How did you get to know PS and how did you become involved?

Ms Victoria came to build a library in Phoum Ou village and she visited my school - Chea Smonn Secondary. My school director and Ms Victoria talked for more than 1 hour about the problems that the school was facing and what our school needed. At the end of talk, Ms Victoria was interested in cooperating with my school to provide scholarships to the struggling poor students. That was the first public school to start with PS scholarship and it was also the time that I got involved.

#### Why PeopleStories?

PeopleStories is the charity that helps the new generations to grow with the power, especially the poor and struggling children who come from poor families. On the other hand, PeopleStories has been doing its mission which is right to my pleasure and thought and I also can say another word that because PeopleStories came to start its first work in the area where I am living now. It is like the feeling that caused the founder of PeopleStories came to meet us here in Bakong district. And I think that the "Help" of PeopleStories is real and right.

### If you could say something to your 10-year-old self, what would it be?

I would tell myself to be brave. When I was in that age I didn't dare to speak to people. And I always thought that I am poor and stupid. Sometimes, when someone blamed me and I was not wrong but I had no ideas or words to reply to them. And one more thing, I would also tell myself to start my first class early. You know I was a person who started school very late. I just started my grade one when I was nearly 11 years old and that's why I couldn't learn so well.

# If you are granted 3 wishes to make the world a better place, what would those wishes be?

I'd really like all people to understand very deeply in their heart about the real law of nature - 'Dhama'.

Agreat lesson that was enlighted by Buddha. Dhama is really important as its the most valuable that we can't compare to anything else. We can't imagine that how the world would be when all the people could understand 'Dhama'.



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