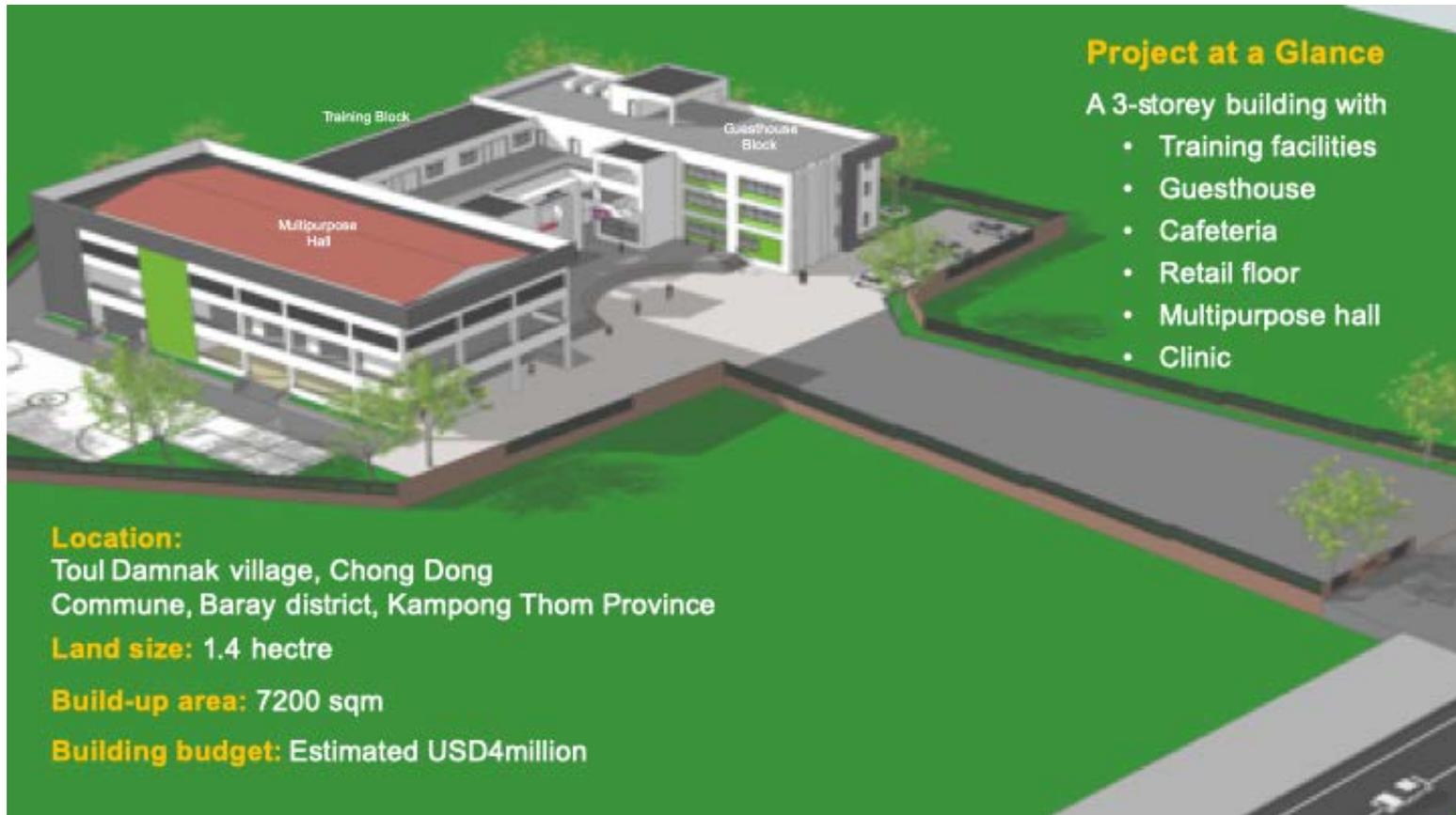


## A BRAND NEW YEAR, A BRAND NEW START



The new year always brings new hope and aspirations. Even though there are still uncertainties as to how the year will be, we remain committed to our vision to build a vocational and life skills training institute for the Cambodians. The Learners' Village is our hope and promise for the next generation. It is a place for them to dream of a better tomorrow and a training ground to equip them for the future.

Despite the current circumstances and travel restrictions, we will not be deterred. In fact, we are looking to start phase 1 of the building process in the last quarter of this year. We have managed to raise a quarter of the fund needed (S\$1.5 million) to build the hospitality block. Please join us in making it happen! Your prayers and support are very much appreciated.

As you partner with us on this journey, we hope that you will also experience God's providence in your life. As you give, may you also be blessed! Thank you for making a difference!



*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."*  
— Nelson Mandela



SOL is a volunteer-driven organisation made up of individuals from different walks of life coming together to fulfil a common vision. We are only here because of you.

In this issue, we are featuring our faithful volunteer and donor, Benjamin.

Together with his wife, Jessie, they were in the banking sector from 1980s to the early 2000s. They were working in the financial markets before starting a business focusing on language proficiency assessments/ examinations. At one point, Ben also worked for a charity.

He spends most of his time in the business and church ministry, and where possible he runs, and takes walks with Jessie. They love traveling but COVID-19 has put a stop to it.

They have 4 children and 2 grandchildren.



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**SOL: How did you get to know about SOL?**

Ben: Through our good friend, Calyn.

**SOL: What moved you to support SOL?**

Ben: Janette's passion. And we saw the overwhelming need in Cambodia.

**SOL: What do you wish everyone knew about SOL?**

Ben: That life in the villages are extremely fragile and that progress and transformation are possible through education and enablement.

**SOL: What is your hope for SOL this year?**

Ben: That more 'champions' can be raised to carry the vision of SOL to shout about the lost, the last and the least in Cambodia.

**SOL: How do you think one can get started in supporting the cause?**

Ben: a) Get involved in the work, to see and feel the need.

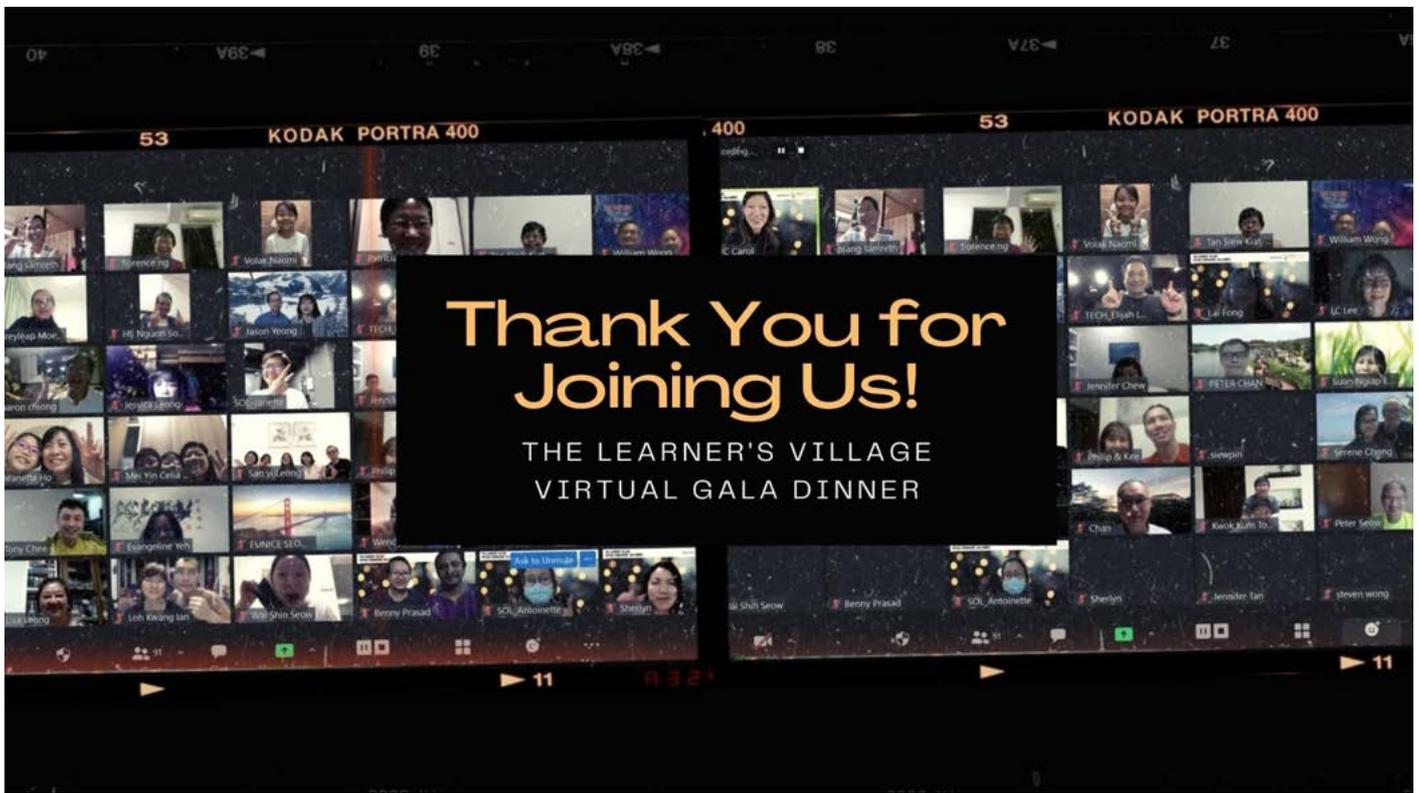
b) Do something to raise awareness – let your circle around you know about the cause. Be a champion for the cause.

c) Give. Everyone can give. Some can give more... some what he/she can.

*“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.”*  
– Proverbs 3:27 (NIV)

THANK YOU

We are thankful for Ben's support and initiative to raise S\$10,240 in Oct and Nov 2020 for the Learners' Village. His willingness to be part of what God is doing amongst us spur us on even during the most challenging times.



## 1<sup>ST</sup> VIRTUAL GALA DINNER

On 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020, we held our first Virtual Gala Dinner to raise fund for The Learners' Village. Even though we were not able to meet in person, we are thankful for all of you who have joined us from different parts the world.

Once again, we were delighted to have Mr Nguon Sokveng, Deputy Director General of MFA, Cambodia to grace the event. It was a lovely evening hosted by Ms Carol Smith and filled with heartfelt sharing by Mr Sokveng, Ms Janette Goh, Founder of SOL and Ms Lai Fong from the Learners' Village Building Team. We also enjoyed a fun time of games and lovely performances by Dr and Mrs Benny Prasad and Mr and Mrs Jordan Wei. If you have missed it, you may watch it here, [tinyurl.com/SOL-LV-Gala](https://tinyurl.com/SOL-LV-Gala).

Thanks to all the generous support, we raised a total of **S\$178,425\***. Thank you for your giving!

*\*Updated as of 17 Dec 2020, not including donations received thereafter.*

## GET INVOLVED

➤ **Give** to SOL via PayNow (UEN:201308672D)\*

*\*A small portion of your donation will be used to cover administrative expenses. To give towards The Learners' Village, please email for details.*

➤ **Pray** for us, especially those battling sickness.

Join our Zoom prayer session held every last Sunday of the month at 8:30PM (SGP) or 7:30PM (KHM) to pray with the Cambodians. WhatsApp us @ +65 8859-8473 to register. Log in details will be sent nearer to date.

➤ **Volunteer** in the storehouse or our events.



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