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#### Visit to Phum Trea, Cambodia

The group that visited Phum Trea Village last December consisted of 41 members including our Hope friends from Malaysia and Brunei and 7 young Hope children age 9 to 13. While the doctors were busy attending to the sick these youngsters were busy setting up a carnival of games and art activities to entertain hundreds of children from the village. Not knowing the language did not discourage them from making friends. It was a fun day with a soccer match, a campfire and a movie under the stars.

Our next trip is from 9th to 12th December 2010. We need doctors, nurses, teachers and assistants in our activities. Do help by volunteering your time on this meaningful trip.



## We have graduated!

Graduation Certificates were given to more than 130 Hope Centre students. With a shy and big happy smile they poised for their photographs to be taken. It was indeed a very proud moment for these students!



### **New writing desk**

Thanks to our donors it is much easier for Hope Centre students to write now with the purchase of 75 new writing stools specially made for them.

## Beautiful sequin tote bag

Meet our fine seamstresses from Phum Trea. They have delicately hand crafted these beautiful sequin tote bags. The bags are fully lined and available in maroon and brown. Please help these ladies by buying the bags. They are available at \$\$18 each, a handsome bag ideal for all ladies. Please place your order at enquiries@hopevillages.org



# Adopting a new village – An Phu, Vietnam

Three directors, Ann Phua, Arfat Selvam and Noor Latifftogether with 4 volunteers, Adrian Phua, Sheila Salleh, Azila Ariffin and Uyen made a recee trip to An Phu Village in July 2010 to look into the possibility of provide assistance to the poor Muslims in Vietnam. An Phu is a Muslim Cham village in

An Giang District, close to the border with Cambodia, on the banks of the Mekong River. The journey took 6 hours by road from Ho Chi Minh City.

At An Phu, the team met village elders from Masjid Al-Ehsan who expressed the wish for Hope Villages to provide English lessons to the children in the village. Many children gathered around the mosque during their visit, and were given coloring books, crayons, bags and pencils. Scarves and hats were also given to the village elders. 2010

Our next visit to An Phu is in June 2011, please do join us on this meaningful journey.



