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SCIMP, which had its beginnings at St Joseph's and All Saints' churches, is a voluntary organisation of churches across Stevenage who work together to raise funds for projects in some of the poorest countries across the world. Funds are raised by people, such as yourself, supporting our various fund-raising activities but mainly through people taking home a 'SCIMP pot' and filling it up throughout the year with their loose change. SCIMP is entirely voluntary, so we are able to make sure all funds go directly to those most in need. Lots of little amounts of change can literally change people's way of living.

Which is what SCIMP, with your help, aims to do.

Project for 2019 – 2020

It is just over 50 years since the terrible truth of the Khmer Rouge regime's devastating rule, now known as 'the Killing Fields', was revealed. The country is recovering but is still one of the poorest countries in the world with the majority of the workforce still in subsistence farming and relying on what they can grow to feed their families. Many of the children living in rural villages leave school as soon as they can and work with their parents in the fields and at home. Currently the children have schooling from 10 – 12 o'clock only. A formal system that doesn't encourage education due to the costs and pressures of life to support families. Caring for Cambodia is undertaking a series of projects providing free schooling for children in rural villages, encouraging them to continue their education, reach their potential and provide an educated workforce, more suited to the future needs of the country.

SCIMP and The Stevenage Vineyard Church, are raising funds to build a schoolhouse in the Kampot province and provide resources (chairs, desks, etc.) as well as paying for a teacher's salary for one year. In addition, trusting in your continued generosity, we hope to help other village schools in need of repair, flood protection and roofing.

**So far SCIMP has forwarded £3,500. This will enable building to begin on the school house in the Kampot region and has already enabled the repairs photographed below.**



Before – this schoolhouse was continually damaged and unusable during the monsoon season.

After – the floor was raised which now ensures that resources are protected all year round – and teaching is uninterrupted.



Do you have a SCIMP 'Change' Pot? You can support SCIMP throughout the year by filling up this pot with all your loose change. All the change goes to worthwhile projects across the poorest countries in the world. If you want one, just pick one up at your local church or message us with a request and we will get one to you!



## SCIMP criterion

- Each year we aim to raise in the region of £5/6000
- We do not provide emergency/food aid
- Projects undertaken must be lasting - to be a catalyst for further growth
- The project should be time specific – complete within the year
- We do not pay administration costs – all funds raised go directly to the project
- We do, if necessary pay local labour costs
- To ensure that the funds are used effectively and efficiently we require a 'project manager' to be on the ground, who can feed back regularly.
- Lots of photos!!! To keep donators up to date.
- Projects are proposed and considered by the committee in October/November each year.

**Thank you for your continued support.**