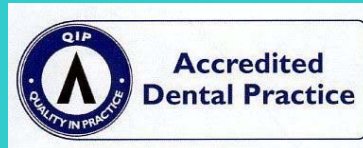


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Newsletter



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Welcome to our final newsletter for 2015.

IMPRESSIONS OF M'LOP TAPANG

Recently I had the opportunity to go along with Malcolm to Cambodia to work in the dental clinic of M'lop Tapang. This is Malcolm's favourite charity and was his seventh time volunteering to do dentistry there. So off we went to Sihanoukville, a port city on the Cambodian coast. For a week we worked in the dental clinic at the charity's main centre.

The dental clinic is situated at the back of the charity's medical centre. It is well set up with two dental chairs, two hard working local dental nurses and an abundance of people in need of dental care.



M'LoP Tapang caters for the incredibly poor people, mainly children, from the local slums. If not for this clinic these people wouldn't have the chance to see a dentist so the demand was huge. The general standard of the children's teeth was awful, lots of decay in both baby and permanent teeth. You could see the difference in the kids who came for their first visit, quite often they hadn't had toothbrushes and toothpaste. So needless to say a lot of extractions and big fillings. I saw more abscessed teeth in that week than in my last ten years at RDG. The work was hard but rewarding, sometimes it felt overwhelming

with so much left to be done. Then we saw some of the older kids who had been at the centre for some time and the contrast between the two groups was amazing, illustrating to me that huge progress was being made.

These kids tend to be tough and I was in awe as they made choices for themselves about treatment that would give adults pause to consider.

So on return to RDG Malcolm asked me to write my impressions of M'lop Tapang. The dental clinic is only a small part of what the charity offers these very poor kids. There is medical care, education, vocational training and so much more. So my impressions are of a place of safety and opportunity, where there would otherwise be no opportunity. There is the opportunity to be safe, to play, be fed, be educated, to get medical treatment even to see a dentist. I feel very lucky to have contributed in a very small way to this remarkable charity. So next time you are at RDG you may see a contribution box near the reception desk please give a little something and help make a difference.

We also have Community Benefit Cards available so that you can assist M'LoP Tapang just by doing your shopping at Ritchies Supermarkets.

Robyn Greig
Senior Dental Assistant



IT'S A COUPLE OF BOYS

Currently we have two staff members away on maternity leave, no doubt people are wondering who the new additions to the extended RDG family are! We are pleased to announce the two new arrivals are:

William who was born to our practice manager Hope on June 18th, a much loved brother for older sister Hannah.



And Benji, Dr Barrett's nurse Amy and her husband Nathans' first child. Benji was born August 7th.



Both boys are gorgeous and doing well as are their mothers, although of course missed at RDG.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!!

RDG would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and thank you for your support during 2015. We shall be open right throughout the summer with the exception of Sundays and public holidays. For emergencies on Sundays or Public Holidays treatment may be obtained at Kew and Brunswick 24 hour clinics.

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