

## Sreymom KROM Biography

I am **SREYMOM**, I was born on 15<sup>th</sup> March 1994. Like other people in rural area, I was born in poor family with 8 people, 4 sisters and 2 brothers and my parents I am the last daughter in my family. I was born In Samroung village Leang dia commune Angkor Thom district and Siem Reap province. My father's name is **KRISH KROM** and my mother's name is **IM NHEK**; they are farmers.



Although we are farmers but my parents like education, therefore three of my siblings: me and my 2 older brothers, **CHEA** and **CHEAY** can go to school and get education until grade 12, high school and now they get job and continues their studying at the university. During studying from grade 1 until today I brought myself into English and volunteered with many organizations because I want to learn new things, and I could get experiences to find a good job and got money to support my family, community and continue my studying in the university.

As English is an international language, when I was young I really wanted to learn it and I wanted to be an English teacher but it was really difficult situation to find the teacher to teach. In 2007 I was lucky that there are good people in my village. They used their English and taught us to learn ABC. Her name is **SALET** and I studied with her for free of charge. In 2008 I passed the primary school exams and moved to study at Angkor Thom high school in grade 7, secondary school, that time in the morning I study general subjects and also a little English and in the afternoon and the evening I study English with Ms **SALET**. I study with her by focusing more on English. Although we study under house with a small lamp producing a little light I wanted to tell you that we were very happy. Unfortunately, one year later Ms **SALET** moved to study in **SALABAI** Tourism Vocational Training and she transferred her teaching to her younger sister **Ms SALIN**.

I continued with **SALIN** for about one year. So I got to know a little English and I can read and speak a few words. Since the English class needed more teachers to teach the students **SALIN** gave me a class to teach 30 students with 2 teachers **Miss MAKRA** and me. Because of the number of students increased significantly, and too crowded in our joint teaching class, we decided to split our class into two classes, one class for **MAKRA** and another class for me. I was very proud because I could share my knowledge to children in my community. I volunteer to teach the small children in 2009 and we have made the volunteer group with 15 members that lead by our teacher **Mr. SAMNANG**. He is a person who has a great passion to help the children and youth in community to be familiar with English and other educations. From 2009 until today he could get some fund to support the English classes. By having support from children's parents and the authority as well as the others stakeholders, we agreed to initiate a center named **ANGKOR KIDS CENTER** that we call **AKC** it is a center in my dream that I really want to see when I was young. I step to teach the children in **AKC** without any benefits such as some wages, it is just a volunteer because I want to help my community and societies and myself due to the fact that by 2015 all countries in **ASEAN** are doing the integration so English is very important to find a good job and making good communication with the other people around the world.



At least but not at last, I want to say I am so proud of my life even though I was born in a poor family but I can help my community and the children by volunteering. I hope that my community will have good human resource and the

people got enough education and knowledge of English also education at school altogether.

A special thank to my parents for their great compassions treating to their children and support me to study since I was young until I finish grade 12, high school in 2014. And thanks you to all of volunteer teachers at **AKC**, especially teacher **SAMNANG** give me the opportunity to take part in social works for society and community.