## Report for March 2025

Hello Kath, Graeme, and the members of the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove,

How was your day and the family of the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove?

I would like to share what I've been up to this month.

In the last term, I received an A+ in two subjects, and an A- in another. I felt a bit disappointed about the A-, even though my score was good enough for an A. I'm not sure why it happened, and it wasn't just me, but also my friends. Anyway, it's in the past, and I've let it go. Now, let's talk about my new term.

I enjoy my Business Law class because I like the lessons, and the teacher gives us clear explanations and good pronunciation in English. I ask questions whenever I have any doubts. What's surprising is that I study with many other students, and some of us sit close to each other. For my Economics class, I like the lessons, and I participate a lot in class. However, the teacher sometimes doesn't speak clearly, so I ask him to repeat or speak in Khmer. His explanations aren't always very clear. In Accounting 3, I really enjoy the class, the teacher, and being with my old classmates.

For the TDSO class, I'm very happy because we always learn something new every day. Last week, I was the Toastmaster of the day, and I had to speak longer than others. I learned a lot from this activity, which made me feel more confident and taught me how to use my voice in different situations. I also learn from my classmates' stories and experiences. I also enjoy the French class. I love the lessons and the sound of the French language.

In addition, I participated in the Family Support Department (FS) and was able to deliver food supplies to four families in the Bakong district. It was so exciting to see the families and bring them supplies. They were happy to see me and our team. I felt so grateful that I could help, and I was touched by their smiles and happiness. It was nice to see that they have enough food to eat and can attend school. I really appreciate all the sponsors who support poor families in rural areas, helping them to succeed in education.

I also participated with the CS department in building a house for a family who didn't have one. They have a daughter who is in grade 9, and she's very smart and good at English. I was really impressed by this family. I even cried when I heard their story. I feel lucky to be part of building a home for them. I hope they can live peacefully, and that no harm comes to them.

Last Saturday, I joined a movie event with all the students in my major, and we had special guests, Aviv and Jess, with us. It was the first time we went to the movies together, and I really enjoyed the movie. The story was inspirational, and I loved the actors and the whole experience.

Today, I joined a swimming activity with all the CRST students. In the afternoon, I also participated in the Songkran (In Cambodia, "Sangkran" refers to the traditional Khmer New Year, a three-day public holiday celebrated in mid-April, marking the end of the harvest season and the beginning of the rainy season.) celebration at CRST with all of our students and our founders, Aviv and Jess. It

was such a happy day, and I felt very grateful because it was a great time to meet and enjoy each other. Unfortunately, I couldn't swim because of an ear issue, so I had to protect my ear from the water, which still hurts. As for the Songkran ceremony, we spent a meaningful day together. We enjoyed food, snacks, dancing, acting, singing, and reflecting with our founders and students. It was very meaningful, and I was more excited than ever.

Thank you so much for letting me be part of the CRST family, and for all of your support with my education. Without you, I wouldn't have the chance to continue my university studies. During the reflection, many of the students, including myself, cried because we felt so lucky to be here.

I've done a lot this month and learned many new things as well.

That's all for now. Thank you so much for taking the time to read this. If you have any questions or anything you'd like to share with me, I'd love to listen to your story.

Have a look at the pictures below.

Best regards,

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