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Newsletter #27

## Great things are happening!

What a great start to 2017! Our volunteers are all thriving in their placements and we have a great group who will go to Cambodia for the immersion in June. We have even accepted another three volunteers for mid-year departure. So life in the Cagliero office is busy but it is great!

It was wonderful to go to Cambodia for a visit in March and see our volunteers in action. I have written about my trip below and have included some photos. While in Cambodia it was also an opportune time to plan the upcoming immersion. It is going to be a wonderful experience for all who are involved.

One of the most special things about our immersion experience is the cross section of participants that we get from Salesian works

and schools across Australia. We are thrilled to have so many Salesian works represented and cannot wait for our upcoming formation weekend in May.

This is my last time penning the newsletter for a while as I will head off to have baby number three. Romina will be taking things of all Cagliero in my absence and of course I look forward to my return in November when I just jump right back in to this crazy and wonderful Cagliero adventure.

As always we are humbled by our incredible volunteers and wonderful supporters. Thank you as always for journeying with us and for allowing us to be small part of your journey!

Take care, Lauren xo

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# 2017 Volunteers

by Lauren Hichaaba

Our volunteers in both Samoa and Cambodia have settled really well into their placements and are adjusting to life abroad. It is always such a privilege to journey with our volunteers as they get used to life overseas and really start to thrive in their volunteer role.

In the beginning of March I had the pleasure of visiting our volunteers in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The relationship between Cagliero and Cambodia is a very special one. This is particularly true for our placement in Phnom Penh. The community there have integrated volunteers into every aspect of life and the mission is enriched by the presence of a diverse group of people – both lay and Religious. Fr. Roel Soto, the Rector of the community and Delegate for Cambodia excels at truly accompanying the volunteers in their volunteer experience. The community is now expanded and all the Salesians living there, Fr. Charles, Fr. Gigi and Br. Joshua have taken up the same sense of welcome and accompaniment.

The three volunteers in Cambodia are doing very different things and are all doing very well. Julia is primarily in the classroom as an



English

teacher however can be found in many different parts of the school on any given day when outside the classroom – playing Basketball, supervising study hall or attending oratory. Sam is much the same. Her primary role is in the Kindergarten however she is also doing one on one tutoring and assisting in the oratory. Both women are also participating in the weekly 'fruit program' that was set up by our 2015 volunteer, Christine Chu. It is wonderful to experience firsthand that our volunteers have a lasting impact on the communities where they live.

Madge is not only working in Phnom Penh but is working throughout the country to help



establish the Project Development Office. Her base is Phnom Penh but travels to other Salesian communities around the country – Sihanoukville, Kep, Battambang and Poipet. She is really getting her teeth stuck into the work and is progressing well.

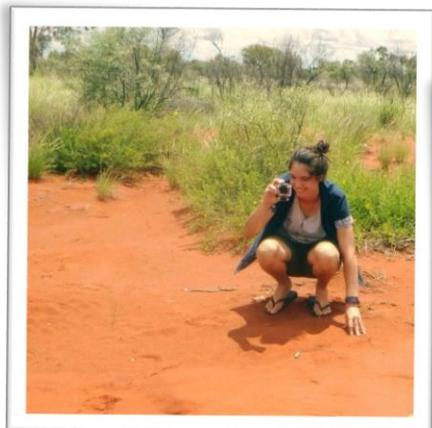
It was simply a pleasure to witness firsthand how they have all integrated into life in Phnom Penh and we all look forward to hearing how they progress.

Romina will be visiting the volunteers in Samoa in April so we will be sure to report on their progress.

Here are some great photos that capture life for our volunteers in Phnom Penh.



## Cagliero news...



### PAST VOLUNTEERS:

Lil Waters (2016) spent the summer teaching in the Northern Territory. Cat Lutvey (2014) has also commenced a two year teaching contract in the Tiwi Islands – it is no surprise that our volunteers continue to have amazing adventures and do wonderful things! Let us know what you are up to – we would love to hear about it!

### CONGRATULATIONS:

A huge congratulations to former Cagliero Assistant Director and past volunteer Jess Karam (Quinn, 2010 volunteer) and her hubby Gerry. They welcomed the gorgeous Louis into the world on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Not surprisingly, Jess and Gerry are excelling at their role as new parents and we wish them all the blessings in the world for their little family.

### MATERNITY LEAVE:

Romina will be manning the Cagliero office in Lauren's absence. She can be contacted at the office on (03) 9377 6000 or on email at: [romina@salesians.org.au](mailto:romina@salesians.org.au). Thanks so much to Romina for her very important work both now and during that time. You are such an asset to the Cagliero Project.

### CAGLIERO APPLICATIONS:

Our application deadline for mid-year departures is coming up on April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you were hoping for a mid-year departure with the Cagliero Project, please get your applications in by that date. For those considering Cagliero in 2018, we will accept applications until October 15<sup>th</sup>, however, you are welcome to get your application in at any point from now. We are getting more and more interest in the program so the earlier you can apply, the better!

Please keep us updated with what is going on with you – we love to hear and share your news!