

Accomplishment Report

Jesus Farm Education and Leadership Formation Center



Children's Camp held in the new Formation Center, 6-7 August 2026

Project location:

St. Ignatius Catholic Parish, Jesus Farm, Peak Snaeng Thmey, Angkor Thom District, Siem Reap Province, Cambodia

Implementation period: December 2025–June 2026

Total project cost: USD 107,973.84

Project Context

Jesus Farm began in 2007 as an agricultural training center on an 18-hectare site purchased through donations from Singapore, Australia, Spain, and other countries. The project grew from the Siem Reap parish's earlier service to poor children in Peak Snaeng Chas, which included kindergarten education, meals, and volunteer outreach.

Under lay manager Reynaldo Diez, the farm operated farm demonstration plots, distributed seeds and livestock, established a cow bank, and planted nearly 2,800 fruit trees. A small building for staff and Mass was added in 2009. Following Mr. Diez's departure in 2011, activities declined. In 2016, under Fr. Totet, SJ, the farm shifted its focus toward pastoral care and community formation.

A village has since developed around Jesus Farm, with many poor families receiving houses and land through an NGO's rent-to-own program. Now registered as St. Ignatius Parish with the Ministry of Cults and Religion, Jesus Farm serves as a Catholic community and formation center. Its activities include Khmer Sunday Mass, catechism, children's dance and informal English classes, family-formation meetings, summer camp, a Sunday rice-soup program, and an ecology program.



In December 2025, construction began on a formation center supported by the parishes of Knutsford and Lymm in Manchester, Diocese of East Anglia through its Building Bridges Project and individual donors. The center will provide space for larger programs focused on ecology, synodality, and leadership formation for the Apostolic Prefecture of Battambang, and English classes for children.



Construction of the Main Hall



Reconstructing the former Greenhouse to become an Open Hall



Construction of Toilet and Bath Building

Project accomplishment

On June 1, 2026, the whole complex was finished with the completion of the Toilet Building. Now we have a place that answers to the needs of the Apostolic Prefecture of Battambang, and the surrounding village and St. Ignatius Parish, which serves poor families and provides pastoral, educational, and community-formation activities.

The completed project includes:

1. A 9m × 20m **formation center** with a removable wall divider, allowing the building to function as either two spacious classrooms or one large seminar hall. The same rooms can also be used as transient sleeping rooms.
2. A 12m x 25m **open activities hall**, with stage and 2 bedrooms behind, converted from an existing greenhouse, for youth activities, community gatherings, workshops, and camping programs.
3. A 12m x 13m 12-room **toilet and bath building**, providing essential sanitation facilities for students, parishioners, retreatants, and seminar participants.



The main Formation Hall and Open Activities Hall



Open Activities Hall



12-Rooms Toilet and Bath

The facilities will now be able to provide safe and suitable spaces for:

English, computer, catechism, and other educational classes
Children's and youth activities
Leadership and faith-formation seminars
Programs on ecology and synodality
Retreats, workshops, family-formation meetings, and parish gatherings
Overnight youth and community activities using camping tents in the open hall

Key results

The project has strengthened Jesus Farm's transition from an agricultural training site into a community, education, and pastoral formation place. It has improved the parish's ability to serve village children and accommodate larger groups from the Apostolic Prefecture of Battambang.

The completed facilities also represent a practical expression of synodality and partnership among the Diocese of East Anglia, the parishes of Knutsford and Lymm in the Diocese of Shrewsbury, and the Sisters of Infant Jesus of Chauffaille from Japan, individual donors from Singapore and Cambodia, and the budding community of St. Ignatius Parish in Jesus Farm.

Funding Source

Funding Source	Amount (USD)
Mr. Gregory Tan, Singapore	800.00
Ms. Sarah Moya and Mrs. Racquel Moya, Phnom Penh	1,000.00
Parishes of Knutsford and Lymm, Diocese of Shrewsbury, UK	38,000.00
Sisters of the Infant Jesus of Chauffailles , Japan	24,000.00
Anonymous, Singapore	1,000.00
Diocese of East Anglia Building Bridges Fund, UK	38,864.30
Total	103,664.30

Funding Expenses:

Formation Building	
Earthworks, Foundation Beams, Posts, Flooring	14,650.00
Walling and Finishing	9,935.52
Windows, Doors, Painting	6,750.58
Roofing and Ceiling Works	12,068.96
Veranda	12,649.58
Room Panel Dividers	748.50
6 Beds and 5 Tables	1,562.50
	58,365.64
Open Activities Hall	
Foundation	4,320.00
Flooring	4,608.00
Roofing	8,294.40
Stockroom	2,740.00
Electrical System and Fixtures in Open Hall	1,032.00
	20,994.40
Toilet and Bath Building	
Foundation	4,260.00
Walling and Finish	5,846.70
Roofing	4,680.00
Floor Tiling and Walls	4,489.60
Toilet Fixtures	3,615.00

Water System and Fixtures	656.00
Electrical System and Fixtures	438.50
	23,985.80
Other Expenses	
Rain Drains and Metal Cover	624.00
Garden around Toilet	375.00
Cleaning and Washing Area	200.00
Water System: Well Digging, Roof at Well Tower, Cisterns	2,409.00
Pavements	1,020.00
	4,628.00
Total Cost of Project	107,973.84

Funding Balance:

Funds Donated	103,664.30
Total Expenses	107,973.84
Total Negative Balance sourced from Parish Funds	-4,309.54



First Workshop: On 13 May 2026, 150 staff and volunteers from Karuna Battambang Organization — the local Caritas group of the Prefecture of Battambang — together with the Bishop, held their first-ever workshop in the Main Hall.



Various Activities in the new complex: Children's Summer Camp, Community Gatherings, Presentations, Group dynamics for children.

Conclusion

The Jesus Farm Education and Leadership Formation Center has been completed and is now equipped to support education, pastoral care, youth development, and leadership formation for the local community and the wider Church in Cambodia.

Looking Forward

We are now facing the challenge of securing resources to start our English and computer classes. Although the formation center has begun to attract groups to Jesus Farm, a new need has arisen: creating overnight accommodations for visitors. Establishing sleeping facilities will allow us to host annual retreats and multi-day workshops.

Gratitude

With grateful hearts we share this report with our donors and friends. We have nothing to give in return except our joined hands over our hearts and the words, "Thank you, Okun Chraan!" May God provide for your needs and fill you with the joy of knowing you share in this Mission with us.



Fr. Totet Banaynal, SJ

Parish Priest, St. Ignatius Parish in Jesus Farm
Siem Reap, Cambodia

10 August 2026

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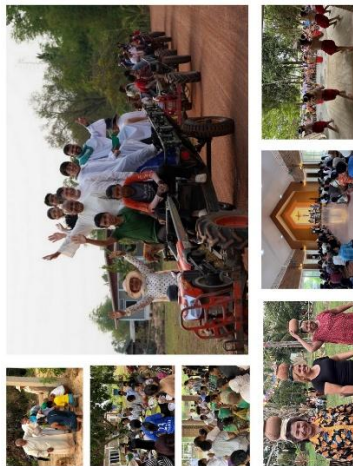
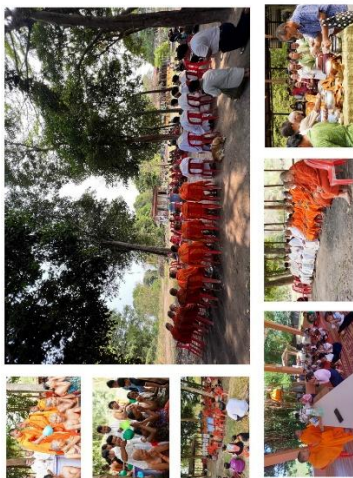
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St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Parish, Jesus Farm, Peak Snaeng Thmey Village, Angkor Thom District, Seim Reap Province

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Inter-religious
Relationship

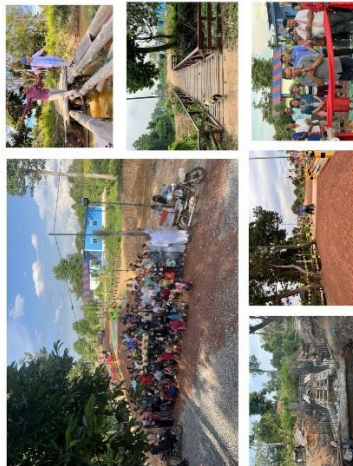


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Village Blessing

ជួយលើកទឹកចិត្ត

Encouragement and
Community-Building



ការអភិវឌ្ឍន៍ភ័ណ្ឌ

Village Development

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ជំនឿ
Faith



ជំនួយ
Assistance



ការសិក្សា
Education



ការបង្រៀន
Formation

សកម្មភាពផ្សេងៗកន្លងមក

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Various Activities



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District Vice Governor, Local Authorities and Representatives of Christian Denominations in the District plant trees to care for environment.



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Catechism



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ប្រធានប្រឹក្សាប្រជុំប្រជុំ
Joining with each other to bless the elderly during the Village Feast



មហាសន្និបាតយុវជនសម្ព័ន្ធ
Domblon Angkor Youth Synod



ក្មេងៗសាលាបង្រៀនប្រើប្រាស់ប្រព័ន្ធគណនេយ្យ
Kinder Children learning from the Monks



យុវជនព្រះសហគមន៍ពាក់ស្នែងខ្មែរដើរដេញ
Young people of St. Ignace Parish

កម្មវិធីជំរឿនសម្ព័ន្ធភាពស្ត្រី និង កម្មវិធីដំណាំក្រុមគ្រួសារ - សកម្មភាពកន្លែងមក

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Women's Program and Care for Couples



ពិធីបុណ្យផ្សេងៗខាងសាសនា - សកម្មភាពពាក្យនិមន្ត

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Liturgical Activities



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Rice Soup Program



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Food Packs



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Kindergarten Education

