

Brian Hardie visits Cambodia, 2014/2015, as a volunteer artist from Canada

Volunteering at ODA (Opportunities of Development through Art) Siem Reap, Cambodia

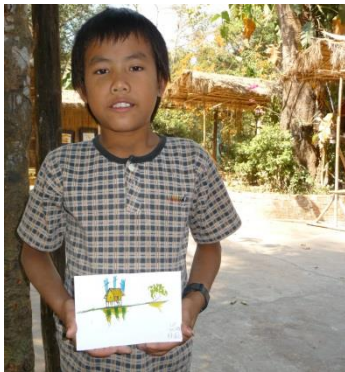
At ODA I introduced the children to abstract art, expressionism, experimenting with various brush techniques, surface structuring using hands and other instruments, colour theory, using the subconscious creative mind.



Beginning the 4' x 8' "Hearts of Cambodia" painting at ODA



The ODA students, many are orphans



My young ODA artist friend Bob, born with HIV



Progress with "Hearts of Cambodia" painting



A future abstract expressionist

ODA students performing at their graduation ceremony. The ODA charity provides education for almost 600 Cambodian children



ODA students with completed "Hearts of Cambodia" painting. ODA director Leng standing at back right



After two months, the completed "Hearts of Cambodia" painting (4' x 8')

Volunteering at Samaky village Siem Reap, Cambodia



Samaky village exists on borrowed government land. The poor families (including 200 children) are not permitted to own the land or their dwellings. The budget for art materials was \$20. Together we explored many aspects of art .



With a class at Samaky village



Exploring "love"



Learning about the colour wheel



Sopea, a Samaky orphan, one of the smartest students I've ever met

Volunteering at Grace House Community Centre Siem Reap, Cambodia

Grace House Community Centre, a charity NGO "Enabling the community to become sustainable through education, family support and health care." I led several art projects including painting the office building with a colourful mural ("animals of Cambodia"), and the outside wall with the centre's logo. My stay included leading a fundraising drive to purchase sports shoes for 34 students.



Students painting the school logo



Grace House students riding home after a busy day at school



Studying the new Grace House mural



Students painting the Grace House mural



With the help of friends in Canada, we raised enough money to buy all the boys their first sports shoes, 34 pairs. They have been competing in bare feet