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Dear friends,

2013 was a year full of courage and compassion for us. We set out to reach a goal that we felt was not only a matter of urgency, but also a responsibility to the children and people of the Klong Toei slum who have filled our hearts much more than we will probably ever fill theirs. Thank you so much for your generous support! In our first and second quarter, we surpassed our goals, by raising over 10k! We've accomplished the following:

- Obtained partnership with the FSCC in Klong Toei, who provide slum child day care and many other basic needs for children and families of the Klong Toei slum in Bangkok, Thailand
- Provided funds to maintain a daily meal program and purchase basic care supplies for over 200 children in the daycares of FSCC, as well as emergency supplies for families in urgent need
- Built a network that enabled us to reach over 50k people through social media, in addition to publications and events, in order to raise awareness of the needs of slum children, particularly in the Klong Toei slum which was the focus for our first project



Please be sure to visit our newly revamped website, and follow us on Instagram and Facebook as well! If you would like to provide support for our projects, our donation page is just one click away on any photograph throughout the newsletter. Enjoy!



Without your support, these children would have less opportunity to be in a safe environment while their parents/guardian are out during the day trying to make a living. Without the program, the children are susceptible to neglect and are vulnerable to crime or other harmful activities. Additionally, this program allows parents to seek and secure employment, so that they can better provide for their families. FSCC also closely monitor the children throughout their development and any children who show at-risk signs of inadequate hygiene, domestic violence, or malnutrition receive home visitations for parenting assessment and training.

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Mr. Udom

Mr. Udom and his wife were in need of some immediate supplies when we met them. They lived deep into the slum in a derelict shack, but were the most humble of all people we interacted with and photographed for our project. Thanks to our Klong Toei project advisor, Dr. Tunprawat, we were able to communicate with them in order to deliver food and supplies.



Beer

This is one of the children that attend the FSCC daycare during the week, where he can thrive in a safe and structured environment. We took this photo on a Saturday, after having bumped into him pedaling around by himself. His name is "Beer".



Dr. Tunprawat

Pictured above is our amazing Klong Toei advisor, celebrating the success of our first quarter! Here is a bit of background info on Dr. Tunprawat:

Dr. Patcharawee Tunprawat holds an MA in South East Asian Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK, and PhD in Historical Archaeology from Silpakorn University, Thailand. She is a Researcher and Specialist in Cultural Heritage Management for SEAMEO (Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization), and is highly dedicated to silent tapes work in her native country. Patcharawee will serve as an ambassador for the Klong Toey projects, assisting with planning and implementation of all related programs.

We'd like to extend our gratitude to Dr. Tunprawat for her support and volunteering her much valued time to our work and fundraising efforts. She has worked alongside silent tapes in obtaining our partnership with FSCC, as well as delivering emergency supplies in Klong Toei.



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See.Me Exhibition

silent tapes was selected to display several photographs from our project at the See.Me "Story of the Creative" exhibition in NYC, just shortly after we had launched the project in the first quarter. See.Me is an international artist collective of over 1M members, which handpicks selected works from artists all over the world for exhibitions and events every year. It was an absolute privilege to be a part of their summer show and be able to raise awareness for the Klong Toei project!



silent tapes First Annual Fundraiser

This was definitely a learning curve for us, but nonetheless, it was a success and we want to thank those of you who were a part of it every step of the way! Up-and-coming artist, Jessica Tonder, gave an incredible acoustic performance, and we surpassed our event goal! Without this event, we couldn't have met our second quarter goal and continue to provide support to the Klong Toei slums. Our sincerest gratitude goes to all of you who have been so generous with both your time and financial support to our cause!

It was definitely an eventful first year for us, and amongst all of these fantastic events we also had our works featured in several galleries, and were featured in a handful of publications.

Adventure Always

In October 2013, we were given the amazing opportunity to be guest speakers at the Adventure Always conference in Los Angeles! This came as a big surprise, as Adventure is an annual event comprised of 20-30 incredibly gifted photographers, writers, and speakers who gather over the course of several days and lecture on living a life full of love, compassion, and adventure through their art! Founder Jesh Derox felt a connection with our work and asked us to join him in delivering the message of "Adventure Always" to hundreds of guests. We couldn't have been more honored!



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What's next?

silent tapes has taken up a huge challenge, choosing the favelas in Brazil as our next project location. We will be launching a Kickstarter fundraising campaign in March 2014, with several really great incentives for donors to become more involved in the process! We've also stirred up a really fantastic concept that will motivate the participating children and their families to engage in an educational and creative experience.

Additionally, silent tapes has two magazine publications due to print in Spring 2014 featuring our work, which we are very excited about!

Our official sponsor, Fractured Atlas, will continue to accept tax-deductible donations on our behalf throughout 2014, while we await our own 501(c)3 status. We greatly appreciate your continued generosity and support on our journey to help children around the world, one slum at a time. Please visit our website or click the sweetie below to make a contribution, and share our newsletter with friends and family, too! Thanks and hope to speak to you all soon!

