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NEW HOPE FOR MR. TUM

Mr. Tum Lattanavong, 37 years old, lives in Phonesavath Neua, Sikhottabong district, Vientiane Capital and was a construction worker until March 2017 when Tum's leg became badly swollen due to poor blood circulation. Unfortunately, after seeing a doctor who confirmed that it wasn't curable, Tum's leg was amputated.

“After the amputation, I was struggling to support my family, my first thought was how my wife and two children would have enough food to eat if I was unable to work in my job as a labourer. A few months after my operation, I worried more than ever about providing for my family. I was forced to sell my chickens and ducks to pay a portion of the hospital bill and treatment costs. Luckily, the doctor suggested I come to the Center for Medical Rehabilitation (CMR) and COPE to get a prosthetic leg. I was so happy when I heard from the doctor that I will be able to walk again. This is my first prosthetic leg and after a month of rehabilitation and training, now I feel very confident to go back to my home. Now I am able to walk freely and I am planning to raise my family's income by growing mushrooms and other vegetables and raising some more livestock such as ducks and chicken to sell to the local fresh market. Thank you so much to all donors for the support and thanks to all the staff here who support me. The new leg has made me much more optimistic about the future” said Tum.

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LEADERSHIP MANAGEMENT TRAINING

From 3rd to 7th July 2017, COPE organised training on Leadership Management at the Centre for Medical Rehabilitation. 15 participants including Provincial Rehabilitation Centre (PRC) Managers and key PRC staff attended the training conducted by an external trainer from Cambodia. The main objectives of the training were to strengthen PRC capacity in terms of planning, organisation, vision and mission and to build good team work at PRC level. Moreover, the Leadership Management Training helped PRC managers to learn skills to support and guide their staff in an effective way to achieve and maintain quality in rehabilitation services.



CMR & COPE ANNUAL REVIEW AND PLANING WORKSHOP

In August, CMR and COPE met together with representatives from the five provincial rehabilitation centres for the annual review and planning workshop. COPE supported each team to plan for the year to come and it was a great opportunity for teams to meet each other and share achievements and challenges and to learn from each other in order to improve access for people with disabilities to a quality prosthetic and orthotic service.

AN EXCITING MONTH FOR XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCIAL REHABILITATION CENTRE

September was a busy month for the Xieng Khouang Provincial Rehabilitation Centre (PRC) with the official opening of a new prosthetic and orthotic workshop building.

To mark the occasion, a number of activities were held including a visit by senior CMR and COPE staff to support PRC management. In addition, COPE and CMR Technical teams supported PRC staff to provide follow-up services for patients referred to the rehabilitation centre from mobile clinic outreach conducted in Poukhood district in May 2017. The referred patients received rehabilitation and training on using their new device at the PRC through COPE support with transport to the centre as well as daily living costs throughout the duration of their stay which can be days or weeks depending on the rehabilitation plan.



WHAT'S ON AT THE COPE VISITOR CENTRE?

During the third quarter of 2017 we have been pleased to welcome a number of special guests and visitors to the center. In the third quarter, we welcomed over 5,300 visitors to the COPE Visitor Centre. In August, we welcomed Ms. Sally Moyle, CEO of CARE Australia who received a tour of the Visitor Centre and had a discussion with Ms. Bounlanh Phayboun, COPE CEO, to learn more about the UXO problem that still affects Lao people, how COPE is helping people with physical disabilities and about the achievements and challenges for COPE in providing high-quality rehabilitation services to people with disabilities in Laos.





FUNDRAISING INSPIRATION FROM NANANGO, AUSTRALIA

Sonny and Deb from Nanango, Australia heard about the work of COPE through friends who had lived in Laos and were inspired by the work. They planned a trip to Laos but before visiting held a fundraiser back at their home in Australia for friends and family who gave very generously to support COPE's work. Deb and Sonny were then able to visit the COPE Visitor Centre in September 2017 to bring the donation in person. Thank you again, Deb and Sonny, for visiting and donating to COPE.



Thank you very much too all our main donors and individual supporters who generously support us throughout the year.

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