

**Newsletter - March 2019**

## New Collaboration

We have had the good fortune to work with the Spitler School Foundation for the last eight years. Like Global ADE, the Spitler School Foundation is a US-based charity committed to providing educational opportunities to disadvantaged kids in Cambodia in the area of Siem Reap. Currently, Spitler School Foundation students attend elementary school, and graduate to move on to our Stephen Mazujian Middle School. So, we have common cause in our efforts and goals.

As a result, we are working together more closely now to align our programs, to learn from one another, and use our resources as efficiently as possible. We have been proud of the small percentage of our budget that goes to overhead, so this collaboration assures that we will stay focused on getting as many of the dollars as we can into direct educational programming.

The educational quality that the Spitler School Foundation has achieved over its 13 years is the perfect North Star for Global ADE as we work to translate those lessons to our Stephen Mazujian Middle School program.



## New Leadership

Since its founding nine years ago, Global ADE has built and operated three schools, built four computer labs and four libraries, trained over one hundred teachers, and provided an education to over 4,000 students. In addition to this, our students are thriving and passing their national exams at record rates (more than 90% have passed since our first class graduated in 2014).

From its first moments, our CEO Kenny King has been the inspiration and energy behind Global ADE. He founded it while still a junior in college, with the belief that small steps could make a big difference. The program has blossomed under his leadership to the impressive program it is today.

Kenny has decided to step back from his role of CEO in order to spend more time with his family. We are immensely grateful to him for his remarkable contributions





throughout his nine years, and we are happy to announce our new CEO/President, Lindsey Oakes.

Lindsey Oakes is an attorney with extensive experience working on international issues and social justice. Lindsey graduated college with a degree in international studies and has been a mentor and literacy tutor for students young and old. In addition, she has worked in and around the Spitler School Foundation—as she is the daughter of its founder, Danny Spitler.

She was approved by the Global ADE Board of Directors in February and will start her work for Global ADE in earnest this month.

## Thank You from Half a World Away

All of this is thanks to your generosity. We hope you will continue to be proud of the results your assistance is producing. On behalf of the hundreds of kids whose families have very little money—yet vast aspirations—we thank you in their name for giving them an opportunity for a better future that would not have been possible otherwise.

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