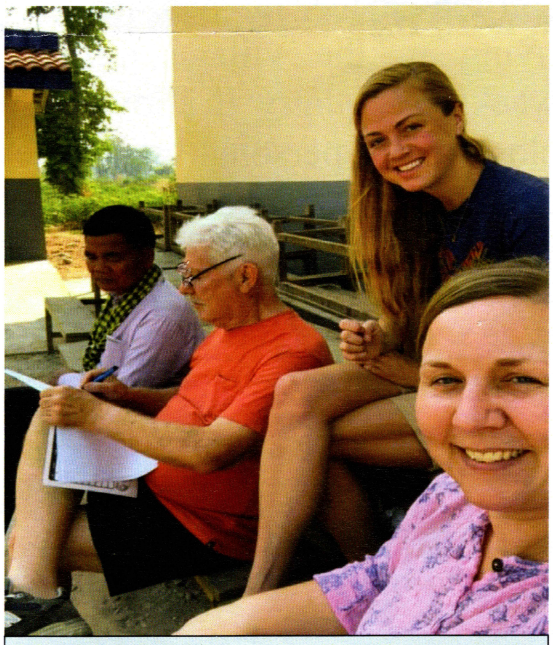
In the November 2018 Newsletter we reported on the success of ***WFC***'s first **Getting Water Right** partnership to bring safe, clean water and improved sanitation to the villagers of Slaeng Spean commune. In 2020 Rich and GWR donors returned to continue to honor their promise.

In 2018 ***Water for Cambodia*** partnered with Maine Rotarian, Rich Cromwell, to mount a carefully planned and predictably successful project to bring clean water, improved sanitation and better community hygiene awareness to residents of Slaeng Spean commune in remote Northwestern Siem Reap Province. Rich returned in February 2020 accompanied by Jen Clarke, a fellow Rotarian and Shelby Kaplan, a donor and devotee to women's health challenges. They were joined by ***WFC*** staff: MEAS Samley, **WASH** promoter, and HUCH Hak, the assigned **GWR** project officer and BON Sea, who handled village logistics and local translation.



Samley, Rich, Shelby and Jen



This talented team worked closely with local leaders to carry out the second phase of **Getting Water Right.** They facilitated installing 160 more bio-sand filters, 6 new wells and 32 more family latrines. In addition, 5 existing wells were refurbished. This work was done in the villages of Kandal, Romeat, Char, Sala, Leap and Kouk Phnouv.

Today, as a result of the hard work, planning and fundraising, 428 families have access to clean, safe water and are enjoying much improved family health.

Further, the age-old practice of open defecation has been substantially reduced by the installation of a total of 132 new latrines. These villages also have a total of 25 new and 5 refurbished wells providing greatly improved water security to the families. The health and cultural changes resulting from this project will be permanent.

Getting Water Right team members also try to bring a broader influence through actively participating in school training events, working directly with groups of village women and even joining the children in spirited soccer games. By actually living in the village during their weeks in-country it allowed them a closer more personal way to develop this connection. Water for Cambodia values this unique approach and insight into making better health, hygiene and safe water a reality.



Rich and Shelby meeting with women to explore improving health issues most important to them

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