

?Accuncharan? for supporting sale at Forster?s

Chumreapsoor, to the people of Caledon

?Chumreapsoor? is a respectful way of saying hello in Cambodia.

And while this isn't meant to be a language lesson, there is one other word that you need to hear ? ?accuncharan.?

Cam Bright International School in Cambodia wants to say a very-big, very-huge, very-gigantic ?accuncharan? to the people of Caledon.

The used book sale put on by Forster's Book Garden Sept. 28 was a huge success, and it was made possible by people just like you. Such an overwhelming response from Caledon citizens, whether by donating or purchasing used books, providing raffle prizes or acting as volunteers, was incredibly unexpected and deeply appreciated. Thanks to you, Forster's is sending 36 boxes full of books to Cam Bright International School in Cambodia, a formerly bookless school serving 300 children and young adults. Previously, the school's kindergarten to Grade 3 students didn't have storytime at school, didn't get to take home books for nighttime reading and didn't have a library through which to peruse. Now, the school has revamped its entire timetable to include storytime, and is devising a system for signing out books to take home at night. Even the young adults in the school's evening English program will have access to English books and novels to improve their literacy. And it's all thanks to you.

Caledon, you've made a difference to many, many lives in Cambodia. Not only are you helping the 300 students of Cam Bright; you're also helping their families, who for the first time will see a book in their home. Siblings and parents will experience the joy of reading, and see the happiness it brings to a child's face. The love of literacy will spread, and hopefully all of Cambodia will one day be infected! So from all the students at Cam Bright, a very big and hearty accuncharan.

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You can view photos of the school and the children enjoying some donated books at <http://bit.ly/1aEyv7k>

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