When the team decided on their next project: to build a second hydroponics system in Sunrise Children Village and to provide educational materials for the students, the process of planning began.

This year, the team returned to the same place to continue the construction of a second hydroponics system, in addition to the first hydroponics system built in 2017. The team aimed to deliver sustainable service and thus, the team decided to undertake this project for a second time. Regardless of the uncertainties faced, the team put in their very best to create the best lesson plans and activities to be conducted for the children. Leadership trainings were conducted for a selected few to further develop their leadership skills. To ensure that the team was well-prepared, trainings on the management of hydroponics systems were arranged.

Excitement and fear engulfed the team as they prepared for the 2-week long trip. Prepared and ready, Project Transcend Across Boundaries (T. A. B) team made their annual trip to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 27 May 2018. Although the team was equipped with basic knowledge on how to conduct lessons and to manage a hydroponics system, challenges were faced. However, determination and passion kept the team going.

Giving back to the community may be tough but through the process, new friendships were found and stronger bonds were formed within the team. While bidding farewell was difficult, the team knew their effort had been paid off after seeing the smiles on the children.

Build it once, build it twice

“When a job is worth doing, it’s worth doing it twice,” Margaret Mahy once quoted. To me, I am very grateful to be able to work with Sunrise Children Village twice. It has been a wonderful experience for me. If I’m given another opportunity, I will be more than willing to do it all over again with my team.

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