



NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Some trips you measure in miles. Other trips you measure in smiles.

One of my favorites happened around a dinner table in Kuala Lumpur. Refugee families welcomed us into their homes, shared their food, their stories, and their laughter. Different backgrounds. Different journeys. But sitting around that table, the differences seemed to disappear. Family matters. Kindness matters. Feeling safe, valued, and loved matters. We're all cut from the same cloth.

That same feeling followed us throughout Malaysia, Thailand, and Cambodia.

One especially meaningful moment was dedicating the Art Berg/Twimbit Learn to Earn Centre at the Malaysian Social Research Institute. Art was a dear friend who left us far too soon. Having his business partner, Dave Reed, with us for the unveiling made it even more special. Art spent his life reminding people of what was possible. Now a place bearing his name will help others discover what's possible for them. I know Art would be proud.

In Cambodia, sometimes the biggest changes come from surprisingly simple things: a well, a toothbrush, a book. Clean water gives a family back time, health, and opportunity. Dental care can take a child out of pain so they can concentrate on being a kid again. And put a good story in children's hands and watch what happens to their faces.

Back home, we had another reason to celebrate: Together We Can Change the World earned the Candid Platinum Seal of Transparency, Candid's highest recognition for nonprofit transparency and accountability. I'm incredibly proud of our board and the work behind that seal. It says something important: your trust matters to us. And now the next ripple begins.

Vietnam is calling, with old friends and new partners—including our first visit to Blue Dragon and another chance to spend time with the kids and house mothers at Mai Tam Center.

This work continually reminds me: the biggest joy in life may just be bringing a little more joy into somebody else's.

Thanks for being part of our ripple.

Scott Friedman
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President, TWCCTW



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A NIGHT OF HILARIOUS ENTERTAINMENT COMEDY

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us on June 11th for our 'Together We Can Change the World' fundraiser with the hilarious Brad Montgomery. Whether you were in the room or supported from afar, your generosity made an immediate difference.

We were honored to welcome Chenda Chu from the Coral Tree Education Foundation, celebrating the new Kanchan Menon Learn to Earn Centre, where young people will gain life-changing skills thanks to your support. We also presented a ten-thousand-dollar gift to CCDO for their dental program, helping children get out of pain and into healthier, more confident smiles, one tooth and one child at a time. It was truly an evening of laughter, impact, and proof of what we can do together.





MALAYSIAN LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2026



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What does leadership look like in an AI-driven world? That was the big question our Together We Can Change The World speakers answered for Kuala Lumpur's business leaders and changemakers who gathered for a full-day seminar.

Co-sponsored with our partners at Leaderonomics, the summit strengthened the connection between leadership and community service by helping us raise funds for the refugee school at the Malaysian Social Research Institute (MSRI).



MAPS MOMENTUM WITH MALAYSIA ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SPEAKERS

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Our professional speaking skills seminar, featuring Frank Furness, Dave Reed, and Jana Stanfield, was a great experience in international connections for our speaker volunteers who were first-time visitors to Southeast Asia.



Hosted by Leaderonomics, it was a great way to share global speaking skills and strengthen intercultural relationships with fellow speakers.



MALAYSIAN SOCIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (MSRI)

ART BERG/TWIMBIT LEARN TO EARN CENTRE: OPENING DOORS TO PROGRESS THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

One of the highlights of our Malaysia journey was having Dave Reed of eSpeakers with us for the dedication of the Art Berg/Twimbit Learn to Earn Centre. Named in honor of the late motivational speaker Art Berg, the centre reflects his enduring legacy of resilience, hope, and perseverance. Together with TWCCTW Board Member Manoj Menon, founder of Twimbit, we're proud to support an initiative that turns technology into a pathway toward a more sustainable future.



**DAVE REED, CO-FOUNDER WITH
ART BERG OF ESPEAKERS**



**ART BERG, CO FOUNDER
OF ESPEAKERS**



**MANOJ MENON, FOUNDER
OF TWIMBIT**



"Appreciation Lunch"
with teachers and staff
of the refugee school at
MSRI



MALAYSIAN SOCIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (MSRI)



Make friends with a refugee... Then you'll understand

Seeing the plight of refugees around the world can leave us wondering, "How can I help?"

Through Together We Can Change the World's support for the refugee school at MSRI, we get to see that help in action.

MSRI's teachers are refugee parents who were doctors, scientists, and business leaders in their home countries. While they await resettlement through UNHCR, teaching provides income for their families while giving their children a quality education.

The students gave us mini-seminars showcasing what they've been learning. We shared lunch with the teachers, and each member of our group was welcomed into a refugee teacher's or student's home for a home-cooked meal with their family.

It's one thing to read about refugees. It's another to break bread with them, hear their stories, and know that our contributions make a big difference.





CAMBODIAN COMMUNITY DREAM ORGANIZATION (CCDO)



CLEAN WATER, LASTING CHANGE

With the Cambodian Community Dream Organization (CCDO), we saw how our support of its Clean Water Program is changing daily life for families. A nearby well means safe water for drinking, less time spent collecting water, and more time for children to attend school. It's powerful to be there and see for ourselves how one well can change an entire community.





CAMBODIAN COMMUNITY DREAM ORGANIZATION (CCDO)



BREAKFAST FOR HUNGRY STUDENTS



Before this program, hungry children were having difficulty learning. During our visit, we saw how the CCDO Breakfast Program helps children concentrate in class, and make the most of their school day. As we served the children breakfast, it was inspiring to see the difference a healthy meal can make.



Dental Education Program



The students get hands-on lessons in healthy habits, practicing proper toothbrushing and learning that a few simple habits can help prevent illness and keep children healthy for years to come.



CAMBODIAN COMMUNITY DREAM ORGANIZATION (CCDO)



TUK TUK FULL OF BOOKS

A library doesn't need four walls! CCDO brings books to children by tuk-tuk, setting up a mobile reading area among the trees, where students gather on mats, eagerly choosing books and reading aloud to practice their language skills. It's a simple, joyful way to put books into children's hands and make reading an adventure.





ANJALI HOUSE AND WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

At Anjali House in Siem Reap, Cambodia, students are turning extra hours of learning into opportunities for the future. The children attend public school for half the day, then come to Anjali House for creative activities and help with school work. Engaging with the students showed us what happens when children are given the tools and encouragement to aim higher.



SUPPORTING WOMEN, STRENGTHENING FUTURES

At the Women's Resource Center, we learned how education, job skills, and community support are helping women build more independent lives. Hearing their stories showed us that when women are getting support, knowledge, and opportunity, the benefits ripple outward to their families and the next generation.

YOUR IMPACT IN ACTION

Our journey through Cambodia gave us a firsthand look at the ways our local partners are making a difference every day. We visited schools, community programs, and rural villages, seeing how education, healthcare, and access to clean water are opening new possibilities for families and children.





David and Carrie Reed

Dave and Carrie Reed live on a farm outside Nashville, Tennessee, where they enjoy the perfect mix of country air and Nashville fun. Carrie works part-time as a dental hygienist, while Dave works with eSpeakers, the company he founded with the late Art Berg. They both love traveling, good food, and finding opportunities to serve.

How does the Art Berg/Twimbit Learn to Earn Technology Center at MSRI continue the mission you and Art shared?

Art had a gift for using technology to create new and better opportunities for people. He did that through eSpeakers, and the technology center at MSRI is doing something similar for its students. The skills these young people gain can open doors where no others may exist. I know Art would be 100% behind this project.



Carrie, you and Dave waited many years to volunteer with Together We Can Change The World. Why was this the right time?

We had to get rid of our kids! Having both parents gone for two weeks and leaving four active kids behind wasn't feasible for us. Dave and Scott had been discussing this trip for more than 10 years, and the trigger was always going to be when our youngest left home. That happened this year, and we wasted no time.

Dave, what are three moments from the trip you'll always remember?



Music in Siem Reap:

Jana Stanfield played music at the women's support group while we sat cross-legged on the floor. The women translated her songs into their language and made the music their own. She drew them into conversation, and some shared deeply personal stories that brought tears to the room.

Kids being kids:

The delighted children at the school where we sang and played together. Watching Frank perform his "magic" thumb-light trick. Seeing Scott do the hokey-pokey. And getting mobbed by eight-year-olds for stickers!



Friends on stage:

Watching my friends, some new and some old, on stage in Malaysia at the conference. I felt proud to know people who use their talents to help others, and proud of their ability to teach and motivate an audience.



Celebrating A MILESTONE!

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WHY IT MATTERS

Recognized for what matters—transparency, impact, results. The Platinum Seal recognizes organizations that openly communicate their mission, strategies, goals, financial stewardship, and measurable outcomes—ensuring our supporters can see how their generosity creates real, lasting change.



“I cannot do all the good that the world needs.
But the world needs all the good that I can do.” ”

— Jana Stanfield