Bhanté and Grandson Owen Cheng

When civil war broke out in Cambodia and Norodom Sihanouk lost power, Bhanté was able to get the grandchildren (Phobol and Owen) to his Ashoka Mission in Delhi. This is where their childhood was largely spent. When Bhanté emigrated to the United States and became a US citizen, he brought Phobol and Owen to live with him for a time in Stockton, California.

My contacts with Owen were few and far between. With Bhante's help Owen became a language teacher. Initially he taught English to Indochinese refugees in the Stockton area. Later he emigrated to Cambodia where it is my understanding he lives and teaches in the capital of Cambodia. His sister told me that he is married and has a family.

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