

Part 313 for Cathy's blog

Wednesday 3rd to Sunday 7th, December, 2025

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Anjali and cleaning day. A day of routines for me, cleaning, washing and sewing.

David has his new students (the new school year begins in December here in Cambodia). They are still sorting the numbers of students in the classes. Students go to “regular” school either in the mornings or the afternoons and go to Anjali for the other part of the day. They swap every four or five weeks and not all schools swap on the same day, making it tricky for schools like Anjali which offer extra curricular lessons.

Thursday December 4th, 2025.

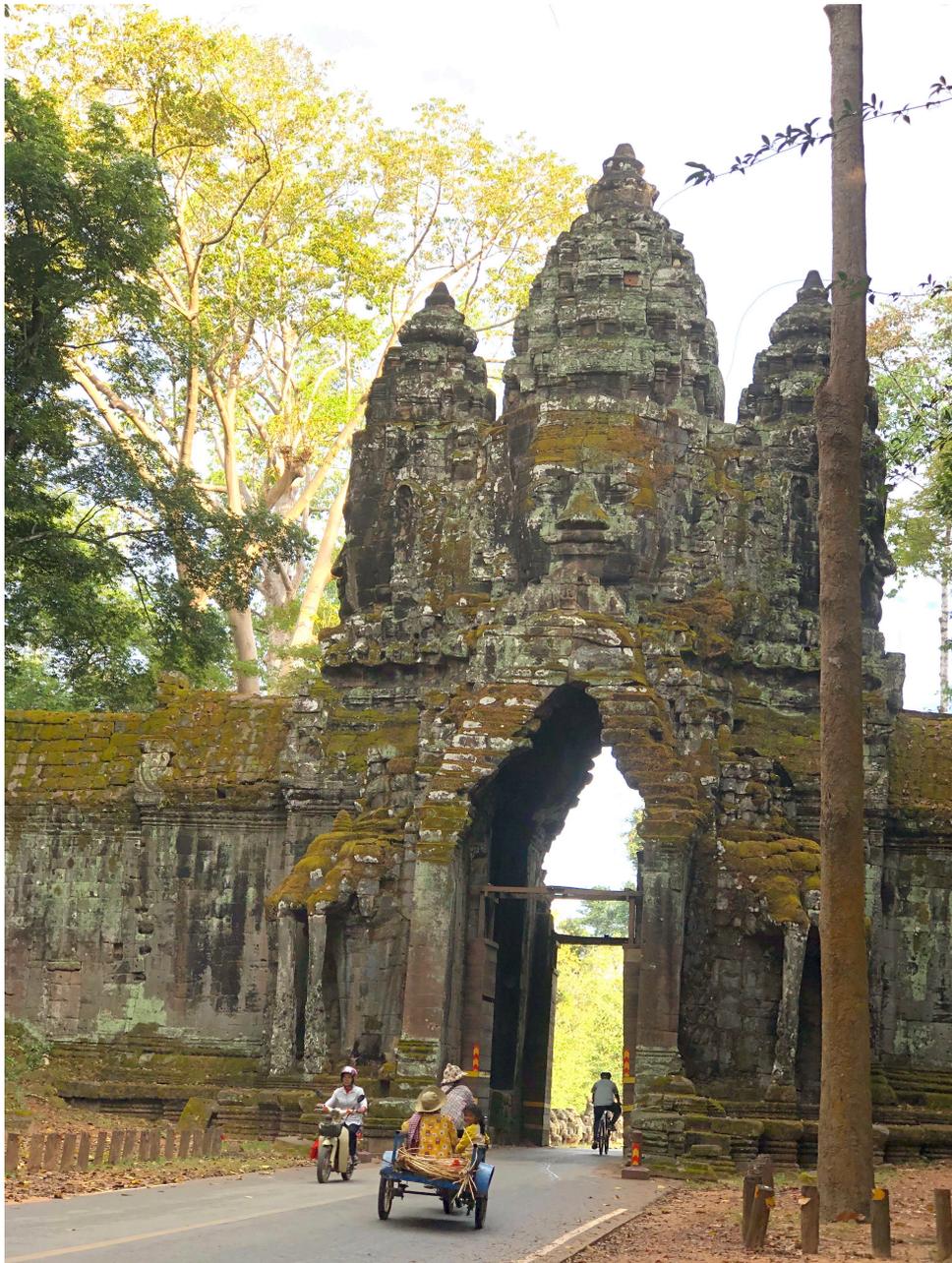
We stayed home today (due to a slightly upset tummy). It was a good chance to catch up on blogs and language practise. It is surprising how much time I can spend working on learning the language (and sometimes I don't see any progress, but I am getting through the third book!).

Friday December 5th, 2025.

**Temple Day : Wall walk : North Gate to Prasat Chrung
NE.**



**We stopped by the moat around Angkor Wat. Look at
the way the trees are reflected!**



Then a drive up through the South Gate to the North Gate, where we stop (just to the right of this picture), park the motorbike and walk up to the top of the wall around the ancient city of Angkor Thom.



The cooler weather means less insect life, but this thin damselfly was resting in the sunshine.



And the dragonflies were still flitting about.





There are usually hundreds of these little yellow butterflies, but they keep moving from perch to perch. Perhaps the cool air made this one slower. I love the striped antenna.



Toadstools.



The last of these pretty flowers (foxtails).



A leaf.



At home, this little fellow was half way up the wall.

At home, there is time to shower, wash our outdoor clothes, check our language homework, have lunch and then it is class time. After our Friday classes, we feel it is the start of the weekend.

Saturday December 6th, 2025.

We began to walk to the supermarket, but the sunshine was really hot, so we caught a Tuktuk. It is easy to do through PassApp (or Grab). Simply put in the destination, check the route and the price and order. A Tuktuk (or little bajaj) driver will accept the fare and drive to pick you up. Sometimes, they have to finish what they are doing first (like getting coffee at a local eatery just steps from where we were waiting).



These are the corner shops (National Road 6 and Platinum Road). They sell almost anything.



Potatoes (sweet) and pumpkins at the supermarket.

Sunday December 7th , 2025.

Once again, the air is cool, but standing in the sun is warm.
So we walked by the river, where there are trees for shade.





Makeshift pier.



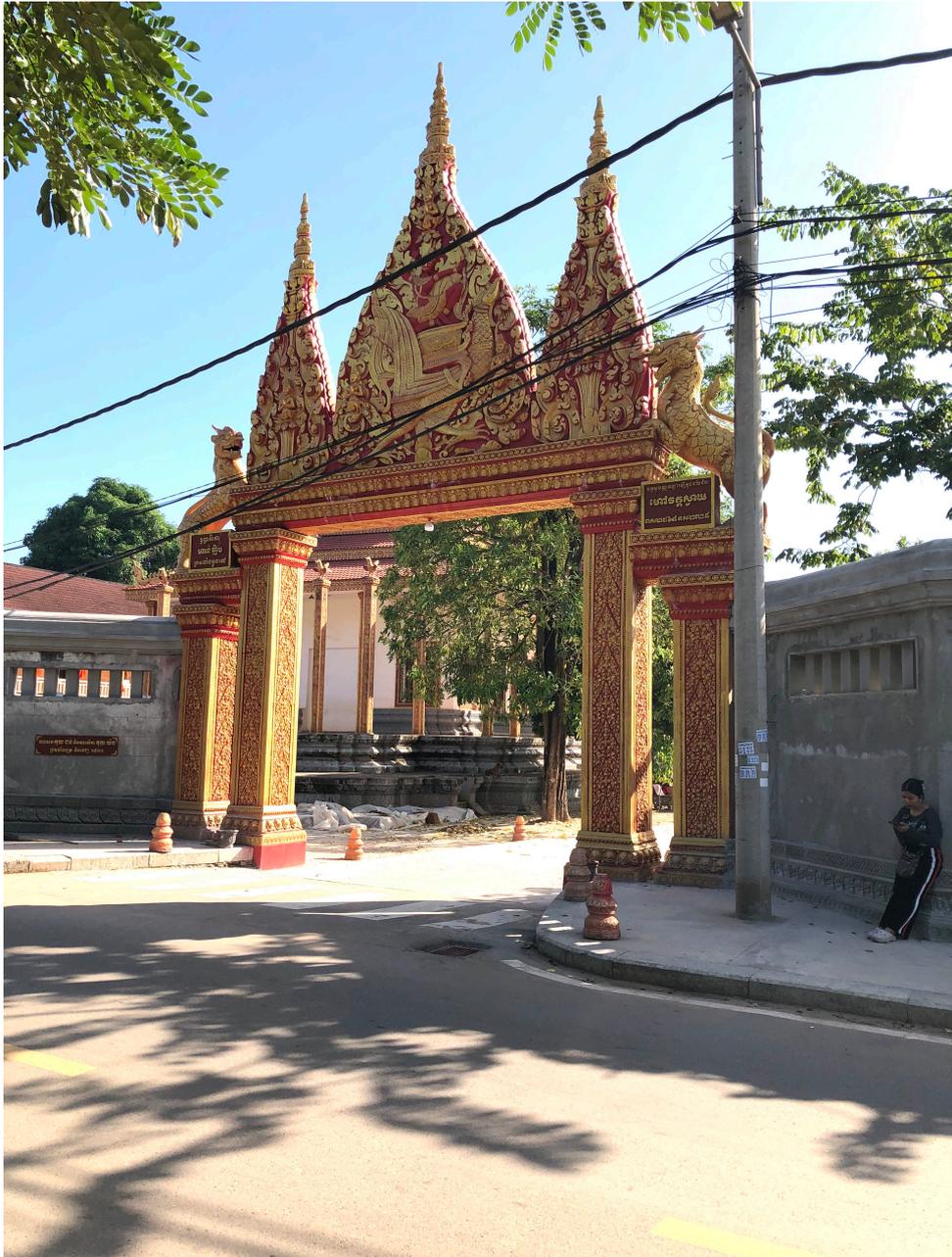
The quad bikes waiting to be washed.



The river (quite low now). The level of the river is carefully controlled by locks. There is a lock about 2km north (upstream) from here.



Frangipani.



Entrance to Wat Svay.



More corner shops... the road we take to our apartment is just past the white Ute.



We turn up this road. That is just one of the potholes (which you can't see when it rains heavily).



On our way out to tea that night, we saw this Christmas decoration. Snow Kong?

