

**Part 316 for Cathy's Blog.**

**Thursday 19th December to Sunday 21st December, 2025**

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**Temple Day : (Wall Walk) South Gate to SW Chrung**

For us, it is important to get out and about. That means a temple visit. We often fall back on a wall walk when we want to catch up on some exercise.



**Above is the South Gate. You can just see the last of the warriors (in a tug of war, holding the naga).**

It is technically mid-winter and people are burning off (rice straw, leaves and even their rubbish).

The air is hazy and sometimes it can get quite thick with smoke.



**A Mormon butterfly.**



**Green eyed dragonfly (damselfly).**



**Fallen flowers making a pattern on the sandy path.**



**The flowers in the trees.**



**Interesting seed pods.**



**Dragonfly with the sandstone of the temple as a background.**



**Nice patterns on his skin.**



**Big trees shade the temple.**



**Wedding photos in a gondola on the moat.**



**Three monkeys. One on the rubbish bin, one on a post and one on the motorbike seat.**

After the walk, it is home for a shower (it is still humid), and to go over my language homework.

**Friday 19th December, 2025.**

**Temple Day : Gate of the Dead to Prasat Chrung SE**



**More smoke in the air (the causeway at the South Gate).**



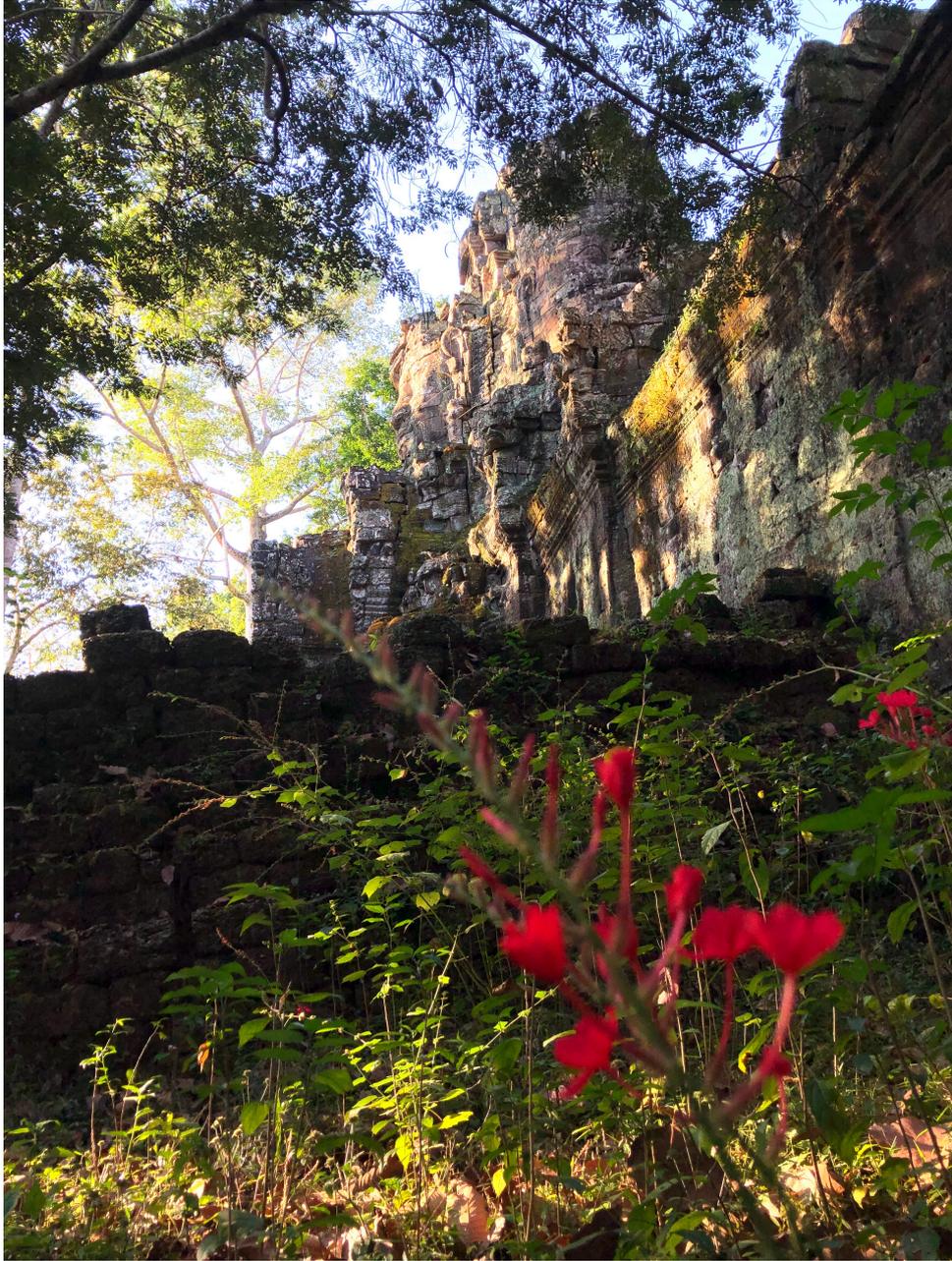
**Otter footprints on the sand at the Gate of the Dead.**



**Remember these from Nov 21st? A very itchy plant...**



**These are the seed pods!**



**Pretty red flowers, looking up at the Gate of the Dead.**



**Someone with a sense of humour has pushed back the dying moss from these carvings.**



**It is unusual for these butterflies to sit still long enough for me to take a picture.**



**The wings of this little moth are about 1cm, so in all, it is about 2cm in size. The wings don't lie flat, but stick up at angles to each other on its back.**



**This dragonfly was actually more orange than red.**



**Nice patterns.**



**Although it says “Gate of the Dead” it translates as “Twear K-Mauch.” Which is Ghost Gate.**

They are setting up a marquee over the road at the corner of our apartment. It is for the 100 day commemoration after a death.

### **Saturday 20th December, 2025.**

Our supermarket delivery came early today (ordered on Friday afternoon, delivered on Saturday morning).

By the afternoon, the funeral marquee will be full of people and there will be no access along that road.

### **Sunday 21st December, 2025.**

Although the marquee is still there, we walked to the supermarket. We have our Diet Coke, beer, toilet paper etc delivered.

We carry our general groceries (in a Tuktuk) on a weekly basis.

Sunday evening was the Christmas Tuktuk parade.

**See Part 317 for the Christmas decorations and Christmas Tuktuk parade!**