

Part 353 for Cathy's blog

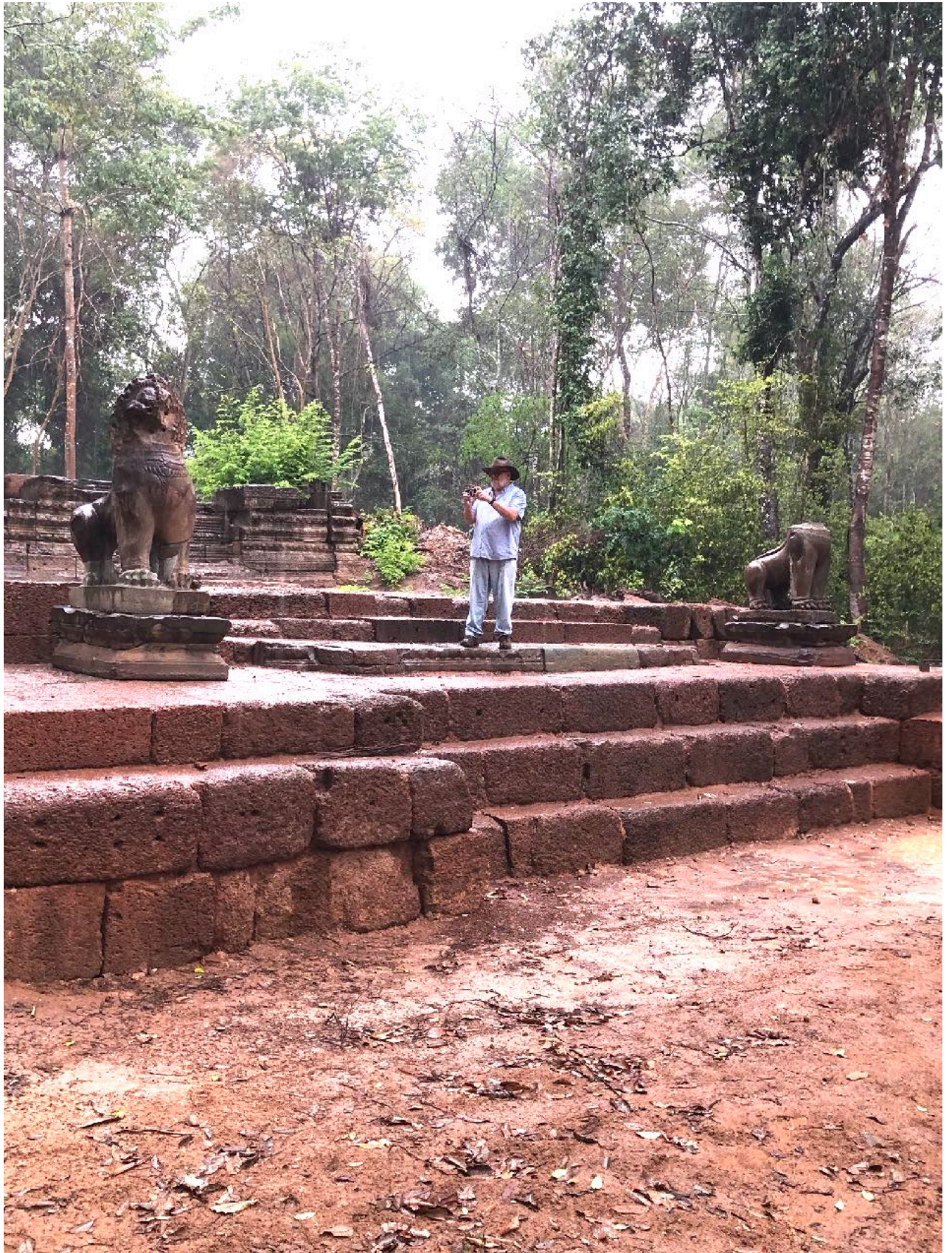
Wednesday May 13th, 2026.

Although I had a poor night's sleep due to a cold, we still went out today. We want to see the lions on their pedestals at the Eastern Terrace (near Don Mao temple).

We braved the rain, just a few spots at first, and then heavy rain.



The two lions on their pedestals.



David in the rain.



This is the lion repaired by Dr Stone.

Meanwhile, there was no rain in the town of Siem Reap (and “our” garden could do with a good soaking).

The two Belgian girls who live upstairs and work at Anjali had a (little) farewell party with some of the staff. They have been here six months and have finished their internships.

David went (I stayed home and watched Agatha Christi).

Thursday 14th May, 2026.

Temple Day : Victory Gate to Gate of the Dead
This pretty moth was on our windowsill.



A shortish walk today, as I am still feeling a bit under the weather.



The Victory Gate from the road.



Classic view of the Victory Gate from the wall.



These are like Arum lilies, perhaps a bit smaller.



Tiny, thin dragonfly (damselfly?)



A big breakfast for this spider.



One of the Imperial butterflies.



Very shiny, blue-black beetle.



Dragonfly.



The first of the toadstools.

An interesting walk, with plenty of wildlife.

Friday 15th May, 2026.

Wall Walk : West Gate to SW Prasat Chrung



The dogs at the West Gate.



The dogs show off.



The West Gate.



We found these little “paper” seed pods on a vine. The seeds inside are tiny, paper thin, winged seeds.



There must be over 100 in each basket.



A dragonfly in the sun.



Dragonfly, against the sky.



These are like small mangos. They even have one seed like a mango, but the tree is not like a mango.



The SW corner of the moat, Angkor Thom.

In the afternoon, we headed out by Tuktuk to the Provincial Hospital. They don't do Covid injections any more, so we headed to a clinic. There, together, the yearly Covid vaccine and the flu vaccine would cost \$40, each person.

That sounded good.

We waited for the vaccines to be delivered, to find that there are no more Covid vaccines! Well, that was lost in translation.

Eventually, we had our flu vaccinations (cheaper than “our” hospital), but not recorded on our records there. Oh well... another adventure through Cambodian helpfulness.

Saturday 16th May, 2026.

We are back to catching a Tuktuk to Angkor Supermarket.

Sunday 17th May, 2026.

A quiet day at home. We are creatures of habit.