Part 391 for Cathy's Blog

Monday 28th September, 2026.

We flew fro Kuala Lumpur back to Siem Reap. It is not as tiring as the flights to Melbourne (or back again).
There have been floods in Siem Reap while we have been away. **Certainly, there was a lot of water moving through the lock (near our apartment).**



Tuesday 29th September, 2026.

Back in Siem Reap and it is back into routine. Our first task is to refill the fridge (and freezer), so we walked to Angkor Supermarket.



It is good to see our local streets.
This Golden Retriever just lies around outside this little shop.



Wooden puzzles… but the paint?

Angkor Supermarket has a good variety of children's toys. I don't trust the paint, or the size of the pieces, or the plastic they are made of. For children a little older, these things don't matter quite the same.



Stacking rings… which plastic has been used?



Large “Lego” blocks, with people and cars… but are the moving pieces small?



Food stalls along the Siem Reap River at night.

Wednesday 30th September, 2026.

Temple Day : Ak Yum and the West Baray

We rode out to the West Baray in the bright (and still hot) sunshine. This statue is on the corner of the road to the West Baray.





Ak Yum is one of the oldest temples which is part of the Angkorian Empire. It has some sandstone. It is made of small bricks. It was covered by the dirts the workers dug out of the West Baray which was built some 450 years later.





They have (levelled and) tarred some of the road that runs along the top of the wall around the Baray.



Other parts of the road are “red dirt” (in Khmer : plow die grohom = road dirt red).



Further along the road is a section of land with the fallen blocks from the West Mebon Temple (which is built on a man made island in the Baray). They are doing significant restoration work at the West Mebon Temple… we will visit as soon as it is open.



Dragonfly on the blocks.



Bitumen tank for the road works, with the West Baray on the right.

Then it was time to ride home. We are still settling back into our routine. And I had to revise for my language lesson in the afternoon.