

## IT'S A GIRL !!!!!!!



Leng, Sry On, Reach & Vitou proudly announce the arrival on the 16<sup>th</sup> April – 7:30am of their baby girl – her naming took some time with Sry On changing her mind daily - but now she is proudly called Eliza (Liza)

Leng & Sry On so wanted a girl this time - so they are all so very excited that they have been blessed! Originally thought to be due mid to late March – she was either very comfortable where she was or some miscalculation with dates – so after a worrying month of expecting her any minute – when it came to it - she didn't mess around – she pressed the ready – set – go button & arrived in their car in front of the hospital!!!!

Both Sry On & baby are very healthy & well – her 2 brothers are very excited to have a sister & all the kids at ODA are overjoyed. – she will have 27 bothers & sisters to grow up with & everyone will care for her as well as they already care for each other – such a beautiful big caring family for her to be born into!!



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Thanks to Kevin & Glenda for the following story & pics when they joined the happy ODA 'Family' to celebrate the most important time of year in Cambodia - Khmer New Year.

**EATING, PRAYING, DANCING**, throwing water and powder over everybody, and generally having a really great time is the essence of the Khmer New Year for ODA.





Leng relaxed the rules and we brought lots of junk food that they devoured. Its like our Xmas and New Year rolled into one. Had the loudest music thru the biggest speakers you have ever seen. I bought a huge water blaster for myself and 20 smaller ones for the kids, The bigger the kid the bigger the toy.

NO work was done for 3 days and they had a ball.

Powdered – wet & so very happy - Kevin & Glenda Australia



So wonderful for these children to be able to 'Be Children' They are indeed lucky kids to be guided in their growing years by such wonderful 'Surrogate Parents' & be able to attend school without worries about providing for food & family needs, as most children from 11 yrs old on, have to do in Cambodia.

Leng asked me to make sure I passed his & the children's Tom Tom Akun (Big Big Thanks) to all of you who have made it possible for this care to continue for them all. They strive for self sufficiency & thru

everyones support in hosting Art Shows overseas & purchasing of paintings at the gallery on site at ODA, donations & the many many other very kind ways so many people have assisted him & Sry On- they are well on their way to doing that.! As you can see – they are certainly enjoying a very full traditional Khmer life.

Leng, Sry On – the ODA children & the 600+ children in the ODA English Schools program wish you Very Good Health, Happiness, Long Life & especially Very Good Luck for your whole lives & thank you sincerely for your great kindness – their lives are certainly blessed as a result.