

**A typical Khmer day for a Barang (foreigner) Volunteer  
Hard day at the office (school!!!)**

1,2,3 o'clock 4 o'clock rock'  
5,6,7, o'clock 8 o'clock rock

One of many demos



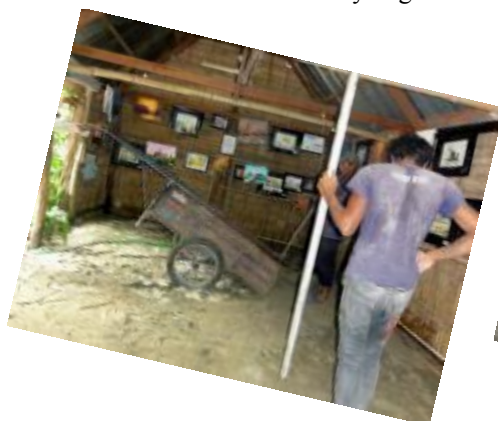
Kids reaction to it all!!!! Crazy Barangs!!!



Olympics & they have never heard of it – even Leng – so  
lesson then Olympic Torch Relay – well kind of!!!!  
Whiteboard markers for torch is OK isn't it?



In the middle of this just a little disruption – nothing unusual of course!!!  
Concrete laying Khmer Style –mixed in the kids clothes washing bowls of course!! When I asked Leng if they didn't have their own tools – he said – Öh no – we supply material thing – they work!!” OK - why didn't I think of that!!! After this comes the angle grinders -whining away for a couple of days to cut the surface back – so easy to teach when the kids cant hear us!! Maybe switch to creating illustrations for their book Leng always says – it OK - we find solution!!!! He's always right of course!!!





Quick Yum Bai – Eat Rice (Lunch) then out to the village schools for a spot of face painting – getting the 1<sup>st</sup> kid was difficult then of course it was “Cher (teacher) Me To!!! ( I brought the face paints from Melb in a flash of inspiration!!)



Such simple things are so very exciting to them!!!

Bubbles at the next school



Simple things are exciting to me too!!!

Between schools we saw villagers pulling up the nursery rice, for replanting in the fields – the translucent vivid green is so amazing – the villagers loved us stopping & taking pics – (I’ll get some developed & take them back – most of them have no pics of themselves or family – inconceivable to us but eating is their first priority!!!) then Leng decided to go back to his roots & pulled up a few batches – bashing them against his foot to remove excess soil like a veteran - Well I guess he is!!!



Amazing colour!!!



Boy next door washing his hair at the well.



Rice plants ready to take for planting in the fields

Enough distractions - back to work!!!

Then back home – traffic jams along the way – sure gets busy out here!!!



(Any wonder we volunteers find it hard to leave???)  
Ahh – life is soooooo very busy here – wish it was more colourful eh??!!!!