



# VOLUNTEER BUILDING CAMBODIA

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas is not widely celebrated in Cambodia as around 95% of the population are Buddhist, however we got together with some of our friends and families down at the community centre and celebrated in true Khmer style with lots of food, drink and of course, KTV (karaoke)!

Western influence has resulted in a lot of hotels putting on some rather elaborate Christmas displays and each year more and more Khmer people are getting into the Christmas spirit or at least stopping by to take a heap of selfies in front of the displays (also true Khmer style).



## CHRISTMAS IN CAMBODIA

CHECK SOME OF THEM OUT BELOW





The Christmas holidays were also a great opportunity for VBC to make some money for our VBCCC! A great idea thought up by our lovely long-term volunteer, Dominique - making and selling wooden Christmas trees from the offcuts of our house builds!!



We also ran a stall at the Rosy Guesthouse Christmas fair, selling these amazing trees, calendars and genderless gingerbread people! Dominique also pulled together a massive Christmas-themed fundraiser (with much help from the amazing Sam) at The Siem Reap Food Co-op. The proceeds from this fundraiser and our Christmas tree, calendar and bin sales add up to more than US\$1600. An amazing effort - this money will go a long way to getting our community centre up and running!



Sadly, a few days after Christmas it was time to bid Dominique adieu and wish her well on her travels as she makes her way back to the Netherlands. We are going to miss you, Dominique, and your fun green glasses!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

for your continued support! The work we do on the ground here - the work you helped us do this time for almost 3 months - would not be possible without people like yourself helping to find money to fund it all! We appreciate it so much, and it can be a lot of fun also, right? **Lots and lots of VBC love to you xx**

OUR LAST HOUSES FOR 2016! 103 - 108





# A YEAR IN REVIEW

# 2016



49 HOUSES



7 TOILETS



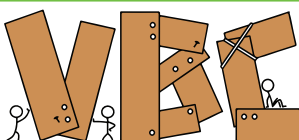
13 WELLS

Across 17 villages 9 communes  
With more than 435 volunteers  
**FROM 18+ COUNTRIES**  
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**UNTIL NEXT TIME**

