



VOLUNTEER BUILDING CAMBODIA

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This month we finished a massive **4** houses!!!

A big ORKUHN CH'RAAN (thank you very much) to our serial volunteer group from the American School of Dubai; our Austrian friend, Chris, for raising part of the money that funded House #20; Cheryl from Australia, for raising money for House #21 and bringing over lots of hand-made Days for Girls packs to give out to local female villagers (and also recording the build and an interview with us that she's hoping to turn into a short documentary); Hei, from Hong Kong, for making a donation for House #21; our friends, Kosal and Vin, from Life Project Cambodia, for introducing us to the family of House #22 in Chi Kreng, whose house had fallen down and who had spent the last couple of months living under a tree, and for taking such good care of us and rounding up so many lovely local villagers to help out with the build (which we managed to get done in a record-breaking 2 days!!!); Julian and Claire, for donating the money that made the build in Chi Kreng possible; Australian company, Morris Finance, and its representatives, Simon, Nathan, Matt and Tom, for funding House #23; Luke, our awesome volunteer from New Zealand, for joining us for these past crazy 4 weeks; and all of our other volunteers and helpers, Dominique, Yvonne, Sue, Anita, Eli, James, Bec, Jim, Marcy, Anna, Leah, Chris, Loz, Cas, Sam, John and Nick!

Pheww... Deep breath

At this stage, we are fully funded by volunteer fees and donations. All of our builds and the work we do and the builders we employ are all because of your help and

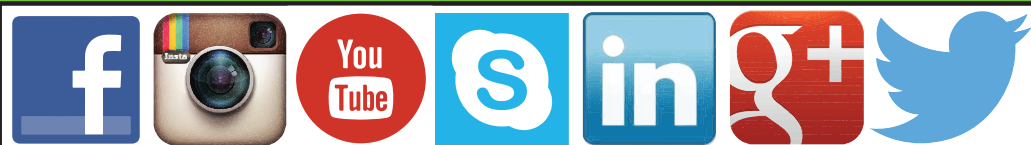
continued support. So, **thank you!**



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We celebrated our one-year anniversary on 17th March! In true Cambodian fashion, we hit up one of the local Khmer BBQ restaurants with our staff and their families and our friends, supporters and volunteers who were in town to celebrate with us! Here's to another year of meeting great people and doing great work for the great people of Cambodia. Great!



We are almost fully-registered in Australia! This will allow us to fundraise within Australia and give us an easier, more direct way of collecting volunteer deposits, fees and donations (and also to issue tax-deductible receipts). Once it all goes through, we would like to start approaching different businesses and corporations in search of sponsors for our staff wages and projects.

Do you have any ideas?? Are you able to help?

Let us know at info@volunteerbuildingcambodia.org

A big thank you to Marjorie Argenta, for her help and support in getting all the registration forms prepared and lodged! You're a star and we CAN'T WAIT to see you back in May for your, what, 3rd build?? We love you!



Another big thank you to our friends at Buddhism for Education of Cambodia who were in town for a couple of days earlier this month. We were lucky enough to catch up for some chit chat and have them join us for the blessing ceremony of House #20 and offer the family and our amazing volunteers a beautiful blessing. We are so looking forward to returning to Battambang in April for another build with these amazing people and NGO.



FUN FACT

Marj will act as President of Volunteer Building Cambodia Inc. (Australian Association) and is actually Jason's mum!



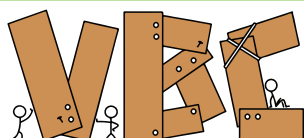
Meet the team



Yo yo yooo (or whatever the cool kids are saying these days). My name is Jason and I am the Volunteer Coordinator for VBC. I am from Perth, Australia but have been living in Cambodia for 15 months now. I came for an initial 8-week volunteer placement with Sinn in 2013 and absolutely loved it. After traveling around Europe for a few months, I returned to Australia for one month, sold all my things and headed back over here to keep helping out. I am living proof that you don't need building experience to come and help us out - my background is actually in Child Protection, having studied Psychology and Sociology back in Australia. As well as the building itself, I help with all the admin and background stuff for VBC, and some of the Social Work and Impact Assessments we have just developed and started implementing. I have been learning Khmer for a while now and am slowly getting there. I love being able to communicate with the families we work with, as well as other locals. I also try my hand at newsletter-making once a month.

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