

# VOLUNTEER BUILDING CAMBODIA



## In 2014, we built:

16 houses (+ 1 small one)  
 2 cooking areas 1 homestay  
 1 classroom 1 playground  
 7 toilets 2 wells

in 14 different villages & carried out essential repairs and renovations

Helping over 90 Cambodians (and 160 kids and 13 staff)



And welcomed volunteers from Dubai, Australia, Korea, the Netherlands, Singapore, England, Ireland, Scotland, Italy, Austria, India, America, Argentina and Switzerland



31st December 2014

## WHERE WE'VE COME FROM

Volunteer Building Cambodia (VBC) was started in January 2014 by local Cambodian man, Sinn Meang, who has had over 20 years experience in construction and 4 years experience working for NGOs as Building Manager. Throughout the year, VBC has received an immeasurable amount of local and international support. We have employed a full-time builder and casual social worker who are both studying English 5 nights a week to further their education. We teamed up with local NGOs and worked in villages as far as Battambang and Preah Vihear to help families most in need.

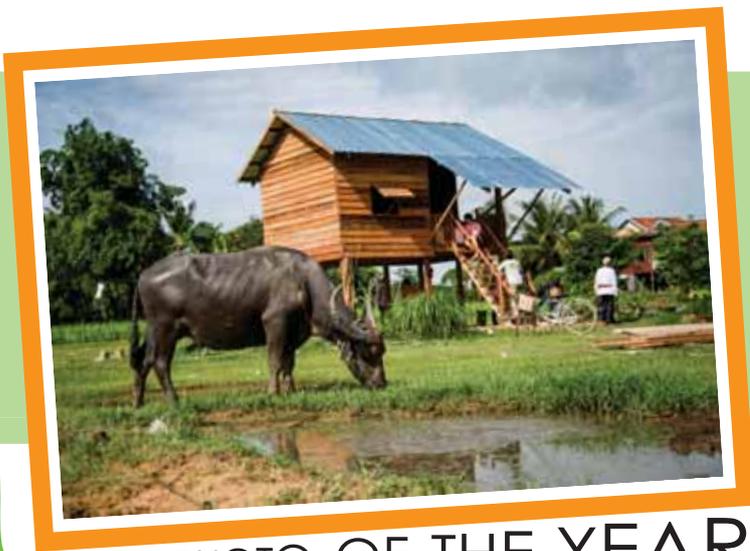


PHOTO OF THE YEAR

By Erik Jansevan Rensburg - <http://erikvanrensborg.com/>

Siem Reap is the 6th most populated province in Cambodia

- **Population:** 922,982 people
- **Population density:** 90 persons p/square km
- **Annual growth rate:** 0.58<sup>1</sup>

There are 4.9 average persons per household

- 57% of households have no toilet facilities
- 53% of rural households do not have an improved water source
- Child mortality rates are 3x higher in poor households<sup>2</sup>

Source: <sup>1</sup>2013 Inter-censal Population Survey | <sup>2</sup>2010 Cambodia Demographic and Health Survey

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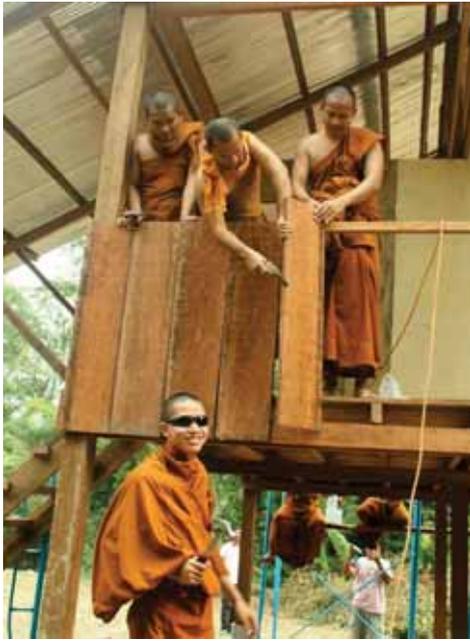
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# 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

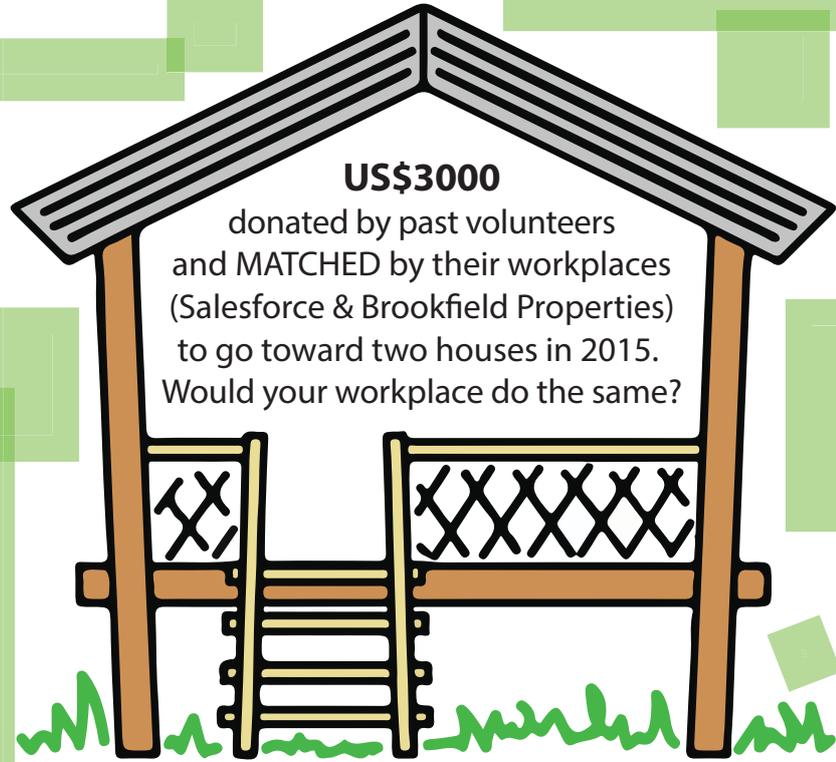


Teaming up with GTEC Geelong from Australia to build a playground for local NGO school, ABCs and Rice



Working alongside the monks from Buddhism for Education of Cambodia (BEC) to build a house in just 3 days in Battambang!

Raising **US\$6000+** for a particularly poor family, buying them land and building them a house, toilet & well



**US\$3000**

donated by past volunteers and MATCHED by their workplaces (Salesforce & Brookfield Properties) to go toward two houses in 2015. Would your workplace do the same?

## WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2015

1. We want to build a **WORKSHOP!!**
2. We want to build at least two houses per month.
3. We want to get registered in Australia so we can start looking for sponsors and doing some serious fundraising.
4. We want to start carrying out Impact Assessments so we can properly gauge just how we are helping these families and if there is anything more we could be doing.

### — WHY? —

This will enable us to buy and store materials in bulk and also to start making our own concrete footings, which will bring the costs of building our houses down

## WHAT OUR VOLUNTEERS SAY

Doing something beautiful, not for obligation, not because we "have to", just because we "choose to"... It feels so good to give something, to do something for someone and not expect to receive a reward. But let's not deceive ourselves! We receive the biggest reward. So much love and appreciation, we receive friendship, we get to have a meaning, we learn from the simplicity and happiness of Khmer people. We put a little, beautiful, pure-hearted grain to sow in the ground... and we reap happiness for ourselves, for others...

- Martin Ascolani | Argentina

From the start we immediately felt like part of a larger family, all with a shared purpose to make a difference in the lives of those who truly need it.

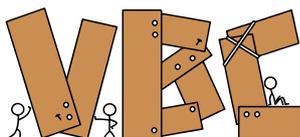
- Natasha, Sophie and Katie | England

It was clear that the whole team at Volunteer Building Cambodia was plugged in to the local community and also well connected with other volunteer groups in Siem Reap. Not only is their heart in the right place, but they know how to bring help specifically to where it is needed the most.

- Mark Vanderkolk | Singapore

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Thank you very much  
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