NORTH COUNTRY BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

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We have many people messaging us about the conflict in Cambodia and the impact it might have on our children's home and other ministries so I thought I would share a quick update to let you know how to pray for the situation there.

On July 24 the skirmish on the border turned into a full scale war with bombings and rocket fire. People along the border had begun relocating and over 100,000 people have fled to just on the outskirts of our city of Siem Reap. They have created a large tent city. The Pastor and his family from the Khmer Rouge area called our children's home to seek shelter there until they could figure out what to do.

Our administrator from the university house sent an urgent prayer request as the government had put out a ruling that they were making mandatory military service for all males 18-30 years. Either two years of service or two years jail time. Two of our university boys are that age.

July 28 a cease fire was agreed to with the help of the US president. Although there has been some problems with the Thais not adhering to the cease fire it seems to be mostly keeping the hostilities down. Some Cambodian soldiers have been taken as prisoners of war until the peace deal is brokered. Talks are taking place in Malaysia.

So far our children's home has not been in any danger and life goes on as usual other than the guests we have staying which will add extra cost and work for our staff. There has been no further steps to enact the draft which we pray will not go forward.

The Generals in the army have sent me messages that we would praybut of course they are very busy and occupied with their duties. Here are several ways to pray:

- -the cease fire will hold and the war will be averted.
- -the Lord will be very near to those 700 soldiers who were saved over our last few visits to the base. We have been asked to go back to preach to 2,000 more soldiers when we return. Please pray for the finances for that endeavour.
- -continued wisdom and guidance for our staff and administrators during this unsettling time.
- -The monthly support for the ministry has been down over these summer months and we are praying God will continue to bring in the support as well as the finances for the upcoming pastors conference and military evangelistic meetings.

Thank you all for your prayers, giving and concern for our brethren and the children in our home.

God Bless

Len and Nancy Crow



Tent city north of town



Families with their meager belongings

