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The grave situation in Viet Nam and Cambodia has been of major concern and the subject of earnest prayer since the massive advance began about March 10.

By the time you are reading this letter, if all goes according to plan, all of our missionaries will have been evacuated from Cambodia and Viet Nam with the exception of the chairman, Jack Revelle, who will be remaining in Saigon to assist our Viet Nam Christians as long as possible. All missionaries except those captured at Banmethuot are well and safe.

Pastors and members of our Alliance churches in Viet Nam have been in the path of the onslaught. The full extent of their losses cannot be accurately assessed at this time because of the ruthless advance that is sweeping all before it. Many lives have been lost. Continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Viet Nam. Massive displacement of tens of thousands of people has already taken place with more to follow. Reliable sources estimate that there are more than a million of these people.

The evacuation of Vietnamese children, most of them already orphaned, has received a lot of publicity. Many inquiries have come seeking information about the possibility of The Christian and Missionary Alliance being such an agency. There are many reputable agencies. We would advise anyone who wants information or assistance to contact:

The Holt Adoption Agency
P. O. Box 2420
Eugene, Oregon 97402
Telephone: 503-687-2202.

The Red Cross Adoption Agency may be reached at this toll free number, 800-424-1180.

Do not hesitate to pass on to your local newspaper the information that gives the facts about the missionaries who are being detained against their will and were last heard from in Banmethuot March 10.

Dr. L. L. King, Vice President/Overseas Ministries, returned to the United States on Friday afternoon, April 4, after 12 days in Saigon and other cities of Southeast Asia. He reports that an overture made directly to the international control commission, asking the release of the missionaries held captive in Banmethuot, did not elicit any promises or commitment. In fact, the Commission, made up of Hungarians, Poles, Indonesians and Iranians, had two of their own people captured and the representative to whom L. L. King spoke did not know their whereabouts. In fact, L. L. King reported that the Hungarian and Polish members of the Commission always managed to get out of the city where an attack was being leveled well in advance of the attack by the North Vietnamese.

L. L. King further reports that all the missionaries in Southeast Asia are safe and accounted for except for those being held in Banmethuot.

Jack Revelle, chairman of the Viet Nam mission, and possibly one or two other missionaries, is staying in Saigon as noted above. T. G. Mangham is in Bangkok working on the matter of securing visas for missionaries who are being assigned to other places of services.

Pray and encourage your friends to do so.

Sincerely yours,



Robert W. Battles
Secretary

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