

Mr. Mangham--The report:

Banmethuot - Nothing new.

Beth Drummond and her children arrived in Saigon today. She requests that you give her mother her greetings, also call Rick's parents. Rick is fine, he is calm and the most collected Beth has ever seen him; and she is convinced he is where he should be at the present time. He plans to come to Saigon on Monday. A week from today.

Nhatrang - The Province Representative has requested that all of our people move out from Nhatrang before the end of this week. Not because of any military reason, but because of tens of thousands of refugees who are expected there, and possible food shortages, etc.

The Kayzers, the Reed's, Sharon Allwine, the Steinkamp's, will all be coming in the next few days. The Rexilius's will stay there as long as possible - also, we hope to have a team of medical people who will help with relief needs there in the area of Nhatrang within the next few days.

The Ellison's are still in Cantho, and they report everything is well. We don't know when they will be coming to Saigon.

We have made some further decisions about personnel relocation.

Mr. and Mrs. Kayser will be going on furlough immediately. Mrs. Kayser has had a problem with surgery in her neck - she has infection and she needs further medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. David Beack will also be leaving on furlough immediately.

Mr. and Mrs. Companjen will be returning to Holland, and possible re-assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. David Heath will also be leaving. They will spend some time in Arenang and they are being reassigned; probably to Indonesia. Steinkamp's will be reassigned to Australia.

The Reed's have been asked to go to Dalat School.

The Wesley Schelander's will be going to the Manila Guest Home.

Dora Landes will be going to Laos.

The following people will remain in country as long as possible:

- Rick and Beth Drummond - then possible reassignment or furlough, we haven't decided exactly yet - depends on their immediate situation
- Mr. and Mrs. Rexilius - will remain as long as possible and then they will be coming on furlough-whenver that is
- Mr. and Mrs. Ellison - will continue in the Cambodian work until they can no longer do that, then they will be asked to consider going to Thailand to work with Cambodians there; if not, they will return to the States on furlough
- Mr. and Mrs. Reimer - will continue their ministry as long as possible and then will be coming on furlough
- Mr. and Mrs. McNeel - will remain as long as possible, and then will be transferred to the Philippines, possibly for English language ministry
- Dr. and Mrs. Greene - will remain until June, if the country holds together that long, then they will furlough.
- Mr. and Mrs. Fleming - will stay as long as possible, and then will be reassigned to Indonesia.

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- Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins - will continue for ministry here as long as possible, and then will be reassigned, probably to New Zealand.
- Mr. and Mrs. George Irwin - will continue as long as possible, and then go on furlough.
- Mr. and Mrs. Bressler - as long as possible, or until the end of the present Dalat School year, then to furlough.
- Mr. and Mrs. Evans - to remain incountry as long as possible, then to New Zealand.
- Mr. and Mrs. Roy Price - will continue ministry as long as possible, then possibly be transferred to Bangkok, depending on Andersons.
- Olive Kingsbury - remaining as long as possible, then we will have to find a reassignment for her.
- Sharon Allwine - the same
- Betty Hartson - continue here as long as possible, and then possibly reassignment to Jayapura
- Pearl Goodwin - as long as possible here, then possibly reassignment, we're not sure just where
- Carol Steckel - the same
- Mr and Mrs. Jack Revelle - continue as long as possible, then reassigned to New Zealand.

Joyce McNeel was just in the hospital for a minor operation (a D&C) and is back home - no complications.

The 3 nurses who were approved for appointment by the Committee on Administration and the Advisory Committee - 2 to Cambodia and 1 to Thailand - their names should be submitted to the Board, but without field designation, or departure dates. That can be determined later on by the Committee on Administration.

Brenda Schmelzer and Lois Belsey have been transferred over to Thailand.

Will you please check out there the past actions that we have taken about reimbursement for missionaries' personal losses in emergency situations such as this? A few of our missionaries have lost everything, and we want to know what kind of proportionate reimbursement we can give to them.

What date would the Schelander's be needed at the Manila Guest Home? (Mr. Kerr: They could go anytime, because the Gibbs' come home in June, and they will need to be broken in there to get acquainted with government officials, etc., etc., and I think they could be accommodated at almost any time now.

Mr. Mangham: They have some work they want to finish up here, then they want to take a couple of weeks, so they were thinking of perhaps six weeks from now. How long does it take to get a visa?

Mr. Kerr: They can get a temporary visa almost immediately, and then work on the long term visa after they're there.

Mr. Mangham: In requesting a visa, they would only ask for a temporary visa?

Mr. Kerr: Yes, I would suggest that they cable to Jerry Otis, or we can do it, and have them send you the kind of information needed for this purpose. Do you want us to do it?

Mr. Mangham: Will you ask Jerry to do that?

How about Indonesia? How long does it take for visas for Indonesia?

Mr. Kerr: They've been taking 2 to 3 months.

Mr. Mangham: Any difference for British citizens?

Mr. Kerr: No, I don't believe so.

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Mr. Mangham: They could apply from here, is that right?
Mr. Kerr: I believe so, yes.

Margaret Hexron is with us, but is supported by Go Ye Fellowship. Will you please call her office - the number is 213 - 413-6790 - tell them that Margaret is in Saigon. She will stay and work with medical and relief teams here as long as possible. Her future relocation is not sure, but we have asked her to consider another reassignment with us. She has done very well.

Mr. Mangham: I tried to call Gene Hall in Phnom Penh today. Gene and Chuck Folkstad have left for the airport in order to try to get a flight into Phnom Penh. They tried to go Saturday, but the flights were cancelled. They tried to go again today.
Robert Beck is still in Phnom Penh.
Andy Bishop will try to go in tomorrow.
The hospital Board there have asked them to come for a special meeting because the Catholic Relief have requested to operate the hospital temporarily. They have medical personnel who can operate that hospital.

Just a bit of a run-down on the general situation here. Things are deteriorating quite rapidly. Hue is under siege and practically everyone has left there who can. They have been blocked at the pass, which is now under constant rocket attack.

Danang is reported to have between 700,000 and 1,000,000 refugees. Danang is cut off from both the north and the south. Of course, still open to the sea, but a very, very bad situation there with multitudes of people.

The Quan Duc Province has fallen. There are 10,000 refugees led by an Alliance pastor, Catholic priest, and a Buddhist who were stopped by the Viet Cong and turned back. In several areas refugees are being blocked from evacuating by the V-C.

The Tay Ninh is being attacked.

Tomorrow we have an appointment with the south Vietnamese Joint Military Command. Please call the State Department and ask them to inform their Saigon people to give us the most candid estimation of the situation. The Ambassador is friendly, cordial, but we suspect not as candid as he could be.

We have been very busy with many consultations and meetings. The missionaries here have been most cooperative and in excellent spirits. We certainly feel the prayer support of the people back home. Do urge people to continue to pray.

Mr. Kerr: People are praying, - you can be confident of that.

Mr. Mangham: Thank you. Anything more from you?

Mr. Kerr: No - the Embassy called on Saturday only to say that they had no further word about the captives, but that it was now receiving the highest concern by the highest officials in the State Department, whatever that means.

Mr. Mangham: The Embassy told us that they have sent a letter both to the ICC representatives here in-country, and also through the State Department to the Polish (In Warsaw) Ambassador requesting them to get as much information as possible.

Mr. Kerr: We certainly hope something will come soon on them.

Mr. Mangham: That's it - till tomorrow, then.