

Tidings from Thailand

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Dear Family and Friends,

"Hello! Come here!" beckoned an elderly man seated on a bench just beyond the entrance of the War Museum in Siem Reap, Cambodia. "Do you want to hear about the war. I'm a Khmer veteran who experienced the war first hand. It's free. However, you can make a donation at the end if you'd like."

Thus began Mr. Sinarth as we acquiescently sat down on the wooden bench opposite his to listen. The field of tanks, munitions, jeeps, and other props of war can wait. As a young teenager, Mr. Sinarth joined the army to help his king Norodom Sihanouk fight against the military Marshall Lon Nol who successfully staged a coup while the king was out of the country. The communist prodigy who later changed his name to Pol Pot was the king's right hand man, who later treasonously imprisoned him during the Khmer Rouge genocide 1975-79.

Wounded soldier

Mr. Sinarth served ten years in the King's army, which later became the Khmer Rouge regime, but nine of those years were spent in and out of the hospitals recovering from injuries from bombs, landmines, bullets, and other weapons of war. After the Vietnamese soldiers drove the Khmer Rouge out west towards the border with Thailand, he was left blind begging on the street with one good leg. Some UN officials happened to pass by one day and took pity on him. They paid for him to have eye surgery which saved one of his eyes and to have a prosthetic leg. Mr. Sinarth lifted his shirt and his trouser leg to show us his scars and his prosthetic leg which was tied to his knee with strips of cloth. After we gave him a donation, he told us that he wrote a book called after his name Sinarth. Because the books were published in 2019 just before the Covid pandemic, they sat unsold and exposed to humidity, causing them to have brown marks here and there. We bought a signed copy, and our son John has finished reading it. He said it was fascinating. If you'd like to read it, look for "Sinarth: A dedication to life" by Karl Levy on Amazon.



By His Wounds

After we paid for the book, I (Sun) asked if I could share with him about someone who also suffered a lot and wrote a book about his experience.

As we sat in the museum office, I shared about Jesus, who being God, humbled himself to a life of suffering and pain. I shared how Jesus did that because we are imperfect in our thoughts, deeds, and words, and therefore would not qualify to go to heaven without being holy. Jesus loved us so much that he willingly sacrificed his life, so that he could destroy our sins in his death and grant us eternal life in his resurrection. By repenting and trusting him as our Lord and Savior, we would enter heaven upon our death. In the meantime, we could enjoy his grace, love, provision, and protection in this life on earth.

Mr. Sinarth acknowledged that he was imperfect and wanted to know more about Jesus, of whom he had not heard before. When asked if he wanted to read or listen to the Book about Jesus, he said he would. So Karl downloaded a Khmer Bible app on his phone and showed him how to read and listen to it. We offered to pray for him that Jesus would lead him to know the truth and to be saved, and he allowed us to pray for him. We hope you'll read his story and pray for his salvation. As we talked to people during a recent trip to Cambodia, there was a palpable sense of weariness and hopelessness that even our children could feel. It reminded us of Matthew 9:36-38:

"When [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Whether to Cambodia, Thailand, or elsewhere, ask God to send out workers into his harvest field. Please consider coming out. If not, support those going out. Or welcome those who are among you from other countries. And pray without ceasing for the harvest.

Till all have heard the gospel of Christ,
Sun and the Dahlfred family

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PRAYER POINTS

- To discern what to give up as Karl takes on the role of North Regional Leader for OMF
- Karl to make progress in writing an updated Thai church history book
- Joshua to get a job and a visa

PRAISE GOD

- Joshua is growing in maturity.
- Our children experienced a taste of Cambodia and would want to go there again.

CALENDAR

- Aug. 27, 2025 Dahlfreds elected as Regional Leaders for the North region of OMF Thailand.
- Aug. 27-28 OMF Leadership Council
- Aug. 29, 2025 school outreach
- Oct. 3 Visa Renewal
- Oct. 14-21 Family trip to Siem Reap, Cambodia
- Oct. 23-25 CTS Family Camp
- Dec 12 Thai school outreach

