



Alex Lo

Brother Alex Lo's funeral service on October 20-21, 2018

Foreign Mission Work: Dangerous Work

On October 27th, a group of Christians at the Children Center where we work tried to force us to close the center down. They came to the center wearing masks to hide their faces and put up three banners outside the center's fence saying, "Warning: The center will be permanently closed starting on November 1, 2018." They also warned our staff, "If you don't close down the center and leave, we will not guarantee your safety." This group of Christians wanted to take over the property and turn the center into a residential area. We have yet to resolve this problem. Click here to see a video: <https://vimeo.com/302684650>.



While in the US for a close relative's funeral, Fung met three Hmong pastors. One of the pastors said to Fung, "Doing local ministry is difficult. I want to join you in Thailand to do foreign mission work." In response, Fung said, "Local ministry could be difficult, but not dangerous. Foreign mission work is not only difficult, but also dangerous". The pastor asked, "How so?" Fung replied, "You could lose your life for doing foreign mission work. You may be in a country where you have limited rights, and the government or the people that you try to share the word of God may be hostile towards you and/or the Gospel to the point that they want to take your life. You see, the day I decided to accept the call to do foreign mission work overseas, I put my family in harm's way. My wife and I must accept the fact that we could be arrested, or even be killed, in the country that we are sent to do the Lord's work. Every foreign missionary that we know must accept this fact." The pastor said, "I did not realize how dangerous foreign mission work could be. I will have to think it over before becoming a foreign missionary."



Another Hmong pastor who was listening to the conversation said to Fung, "You need to be careful in the work you do because we certainly don't want anything to happen to you or your family." This statement led our family to ask, "How can we be more careful than what we are doing? Why have we uprooted our family into a foreign country to do the Lord's work if it is dangerous?" As we prayed and thought about these questions, we remembered what one of Fung's former co-workers told us about being safe. He said, "**Safety is not the absence of evil, but is the presence of God**" (Kurtis Smith). This is true, and that is why the word of the Lord says, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). This is why our family and many other foreign missionaries are doing what we are called to do. We know that the Lord called and sent us to do foreign mission work. He is our refuge and strength because He is ever-present with us. This is also why we always ask that you keep us in your

prayers. Therefore, thank you for your prayers for our safety and your financial support of the Lord's work through our family. Please continue to keep the situation at our Children's Center in your prayers. Your missionaries, Fung, Kalia and Mercy Lo.



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