

Visited Children at



WAT KHAO PHRAYA SANGKHARAM SCHOOL

who were affected by a school bus accident in Bangkok
last year.

4 June 2025

INTRODUCTION



Twenty children dead after Thailand school bus fire

1 October 2024

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Jonathan Head, BBC News, Bangkok and Nick Marsh, BBC News



The bus, carrying dozens of primary school age children, was returning from a trip north of Bangkok

The bodies of 20 children and three teachers have been recovered after a bus transporting school pupils crashed and caught fire outside Bangkok.

The bus was returning to the Thai capital after a school trip to the north of the country.

Videos from the scene showed flames engulfing the bus as it burned under an overpass, with huge clouds of dense black smoke billowing into the sky.



Distraught loved ones of people killed in the tragedy visited the crash site

Nineteen children and three teachers are reported to have survived, sixteen of whom are being treated in hospital for their injuries.

FROM TRAGEDY TO HEALING

Six months after the tragic school bus accident that deeply affected the students of Wat Khao Phraya Sangkharam School in Uthai Thani, a rural province in northern Thailand, about 250 kilometers from Bangkok, Priya made the long journey to visit the children, bringing with her the positivity and warmth of JolliPals. She carried fluffy, cuddly JolliPal bears designed to bring comfort and emotional support to children healing from trauma.

The day was filled with joy and laughter as the children played games, hugged their new forever friends, and proudly introduced them to one another. During lunch, Priya sat with them, listening to their stories and admiring their drawings, which reflected both innocence and deep emotion. In a private conversation with the teachers and principal, the faculty shared that some children's art still revisited memories of the burning bus—a heartbreaking reminder of the trauma that quietly remains beneath their cheerful smiles.

This visit was more than a donation—it was a shared step toward healing. Priya hopes that moments like these, filled with warmth, learning, and understanding, can help these children move forward, learning that while scars may remain, they no longer have to hurt.



Priya also introduced the children to JolliPals' mission to help others heal through comfort and connection. She led a simple English activity about friendship, kindness, and emotions, gently opening conversations about mental health. The teachers later expressed how meaningful this was, as even the youngest students showed empathy and curiosity in learning about feelings and healing.

Months later, Priya surveyed the children to learn how the bears had helped. Many shared that hugging their JolliPal made them feel calmer, safer, and less anxious. Seeing their bright smiles and gentle affection reminded Priya why this mission matters.

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Visited the soldiers at



PHRA MONGKUT HOSPITAL

WHO are suffering from the Thailand and Cambodia border conflict.

24 Aug 2025

INTRODUCTION

BBC

Twelve killed in Thailand-Cambodia military clashes on disputed border

24 July 2025

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Jonathan Head, BBC News in Bangkok and Kelly Ng, BBC News



AFP via Getty Images

Clashes between Thai and Cambodian troops at their disputed border have killed at least 12 people, Thai authorities say.

The fighting marks an escalation of a dispute between the two South East Asian neighbours that dates back more than a century.

Thai authorities said that a total of 11 civilians – including an eight-year-old and a 15-year-old – as well as one military personnel have been killed in the Surin, Ubon Ratchathani and Srisaket provinces.



A soldier rides a military vehicle in Buriram province, Thailand on July 25 [File: Ahit Perawongnetha/Reuters]

By News Agencies

Thai soldiers injured by landmine near Cambodia amid fragile truce

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Bringing Comfort to Thai Wounded Soldiers

Priya's mission to bring comfort through JolliPals extends beyond children and schools—it reaches those who have faced unimaginable hardship. When she learned about Thai soldiers injured in the Cambodia border conflict, Priya felt a calling to share warmth and hope with them as they recovered in the ICU.

She personally prepared JolliPals to be sent to the soldiers, each one accompanied by handwritten notes, snacks, and small tokens of encouragement. Visiting the hospital, she listened to their stories of sacrifice and resilience, offering words of support and gratitude. For many of the soldiers, the gesture represented more than just a gift—it was a reminder that they were seen, valued, and not forgotten.



The visit quickly turned into an afternoon of shared smiles and reflection. Together, they created simple artwork and exchanged messages of hope, turning a sterile hospital room into a space filled with color and compassion.

Through this experience, Priya was reminded that healing takes many forms. Whether for a child coping with trauma or a soldier recovering from injury, the comfort of a JolliPal—and the empathy behind it—can help restore courage and connection in those who need it most.

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Visited Children at



CAMILLIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN LIVING WITH DISABILITIES LAT KRABANG

who have been feeling discouraged and anxious.

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INTRODUCTION

The Camillian Home is a nonprofit rehabilitation and care center in Bangkok dedicated to supporting children living with physical and intellectual disabilities.

Bringing Joy to Children with Disabilities

At the Camillian Home for Children with Disabilities, many of the children face daily challenges that go beyond their physical limitations. They often grow up feeling “different,” excluded from social spaces, and anxious about how the world sees them. Priya wanted JolliPals to remind them that they are just as deserving of friendship, joy, and love as anyone else.

During her first visit, Priya and her team spent the day playing, painting, and laughing with the children. The room was soon filled with color, music, and the sound of shared happiness. When the JolliPals were finally handed out, the children hugged them tightly, naming each plush and showing them proudly to their friends. For many, it was more than a toy—it was a companion that made them feel safe, seen, and understood.



JolliPals has since formed an ongoing partnership with the Camillian Home, returning regularly to host art and activity sessions that encourage self-expression and emotional connection. Each visit strengthens the bond the volunteers and the children, building an environment where empathy replaces stigma and inclusion becomes the norm.

Through these continued visits, Priya has seen firsthand how small acts of kindness can change the way children see themselves—helping them rediscover confidence, joy, and the simple comfort of being accepted for who they are.

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