

## Downtown Fresno medical office reopens a week after traumatic murder-suicide

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Buddhist monks perform blessing ceremony at SANG Pediatrics, scene of last week's murder/suicide. Video by John Walker. Story by Jim Guy: <http://www.fresnobee.com/2015/04/07/4466352/downtown-fresno-medical-office.html>  
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[SANG Pediatrics](#), the scene of a domestic violence slaying that shocked Fresno a week ago, reopened Tuesday as Buddhist monks prayed for the souls of the lost and lifted the spirits of the survivors.

Zyang Vang, 33, a worker at the clinic, was killed March 31 when her estranged husband, Neng Moua, 43, went to SANG Pediatrics and shot her before turning the gun on himself. Fresno police said. The slaying was preceded by domestic violence incidents committed by Moua against Vang. The couple were traditionally married in the Hmong culture when Vang was 12. The pair had five children together — ages 11 to 21 — and Vang had two from a separate relationship.

Tuesday's ceremony included clinic owner Dr. New Sang and his staff and Vang's survivors. Vang was a patient of Sang's mother, Dr. Orathai Sangrujiveth, who also participated Tuesday. In the evening, about 60 family, friends and supporters gathered at Eaton Plaza for a candlelight vigil for Vang.

Sang described Tuesday's ceremony at the office as a cleansing. The names of Vang and Moua were written on a piece of paper before the paper was set afire.

"It's kind of like a cremation," Sang said. The monks also blessed water and poured it outside the clinic, "a symbolic gesture to help the families move on," Sang said. The cleansing gesture extended to the rest of the clinic and the neighboring [Eye Medical Center](#), which shares the building at S and Mariposa streets.

Plates of food for Vang's and Moua's souls were also set outside.

"Two souls were lost that day and we pray for both of them," Sang said.

The doctor said the clinic's staff and patients who were there that day are doing "the best they can. We have a great staff. One thing — there's been laughter this morning."

Sang said his staff is close to the patients, "and it's nice to see a friendly, familiar face again. It helps our working family heal. "Just by seeing them and helping them, we are moving forward. We're moving on. It's going to be a slow process."

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