



Children of Vietnam

Mission: to provide direct aid to poor and handicapped children in Vietnam

Winter 2013

From the President, Executive Director & Country Director . . .

Planning for the Next 15 Years

We want you to know that our Board of Directors is planning for the next 15 years with a strategic plan that will ensure we fulfill our promise to deliver aid quickly, directly and efficiently and making an immediate and real difference that is lasting. Stay alert in the coming months to an updated vision and mission statement and a new website (thanks to many volunteers).

We will also publish a values statement that will be grounded in the philosophies of our founding to create relationships with communities, find the greatest needs, and deliver aid for sustained and positive impact. There are amazing success stories of the work we do, and we hope in this newsletter you enjoy reading about what you make possible.

Ben Wilson
President

Nancy Letteri
Executive Director

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2014 Plans

With Your Help

Educating

- 500 children stay in school
- 158 orphans & street children tutored
- 74 youth go to college
- 100 children have bikes for school
- 2 kindergartens built

Healing

- 10 children receive heart surgeries
- 25,000 children treated for parasites
- 30 children receive emergency care

Sheltering

- 100 families with toilets
- 10 families in stable housing

Nurturing

- 65 orphans have daily milk
- 225 children with disabilities receive care
- 50 single mothers run sustainable businesses
- 1,000,000 meals given to hungry children & families



Keeping Quoc in School

Quoc is a fourteen year old boy who lives in the Ngu Hanh Son District in Da Nang City. Quoc's family situation is very challenging: after his father was lost to HIV, his mother left, leaving Quoc to live with elderly grandparents. His two older siblings work as laborers, struggling to make ends meet. There are simply not enough funds for school.

Staying in school is the best way for a child to acquire the necessary skills for success, and scholarships from Children of Vietnam are allowing that to happen for many vulnerable children. While children from the poorest families often drop out of school to assist

in generating income for their families, the school scholarships, which include schoolbooks, supplies, uniforms, and mandatory fees, help alleviate the pressure to drop out of school



Quoc with Huong receiving scholarship

This year, Quoc is a ninth grade student at the Nguyen Binh Khiem Junior School, striving for academic success. The supporting scholarship from Children of Vietnam gives Quoc the opportunity to meet, and hopefully even exceed, his goals.

While Quoc's family situation is very difficult, his delightful smile consistently shines through. He explained, "I have to study hard to get the best score to make my grandparents happy."

Calling Children from Class for a Big Gulp

In the very rural district of Hoa Vang, children are called class by class. They are like all children this age, giggling and joking but generally very well behaved as they to walk across the school's cement courtyard to our temporary health clinic. They wait in line for a quick health check then move on to the nurse who holds a pill and a glass of water.



Parasite Hoa Vang Medical Check

The pill is small and white—Albendazol—a twice a year treatment to reduce worm infestation or in other words... parasites. This is certainly not an attractive topic but it is important. Worm infestation even at low-levels makes unnecessary demands on a child's resources and well-being and inevitably proper growth falters and slows. These parasites consume

nutrients, destroy tissues and organs, cause abdominal pain, diarrhoea, intestinal obstruction, anaemia, ulcers and other health problems all of which slow cognitive development.

This fall for 14¢ each we reached over 25,000 children thanks to you our donors, Kiwanis Internatioal, Twin City Kwianis, and a collaboration with the schools and health clinics. Dr. Vinh of the health department shared with us this October that "Hoa Vang People's Committee is highly appreciative of this program. Since it inception we have seen a big decrease in diarrhea, anemia, and other health issues like pneumonia."

The small pill is handed to each child by the nurse and down it goes with a big gulp of water—and then back to class to learn and grow.



Albendazol Gulp

Your Donation Will Be Matched Toilets Save Lives—The Bare Honest Truth

This is not a sexy topic, but it is lifesaving. Everyday dirty water and unhygienic living conditions cause hundreds of children and adults to die from illnesses like diarrhea and dysentery or become seriously at-risk with worm infection or respiratory illness. We cannot fight malnutrition, lack of education, or poverty without tackling the diseases that contribute to it. Sanitation improves health, retains dignity and security, and helps children and families stay in school and at work.

Unsafe water and the lack of basic sanitation kills about 2

million people every year due to diarrhoeal diseases, most of them are children less than 5 years of age, according to the World Health Organization.

A recent census in Hoa Vang district of Danang city, the most rural of Danang's seven districts, revealed that there 1,500 families that have no sanitation facilities—a toilet.

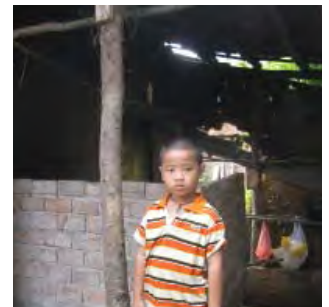
In Hoa Vang, to construct a toilet with septic tank costs \$320. COV is leveraging a partnership with the local authorities that will pay ½ the costs.



This young boy says it all – a new toilet!

Increase the impact of your gift \$1 equals \$2.

- \$160 builds 1 toilet
- \$320 builds 2 toilets
- \$480 builds 3 toilets
- \$640 builds 4 toilets



Waiting for a toilet...he and his family members "Go around"



These beautiful children live at the Street Children Program and the Hoa Mai Orphanage. All are benefiting from nightly tutoring so they can graduate from high school. Many will even pass university exams! What a difference an education will make for these children.



Typhoon Fear

The grandmother shared her worst fears...that a typhoon will come and tear the roof off. The house is old plank-boards with lots of space for wind to blow through and one of the rooms is used as the pigsty. They do not have a bathroom. Nancy and Huong were visiting to see if this family met our housing criteria. A donor had just made a donation to build a house and asked us to select a needy family.

Three families live in this house, the grandmother, her grown daughter (who in employed as a seamstress) with her

second-grade son and her grown son with his wife and their infant daughter (they are laborers and farmers). The home still had burial flowers as the grandfather had just died not more than a month ago due to a carpentry accident.

We will build this family a new home that will be much dryer, safer from typhoon destruction, and include an indoor toilet. The family will help too with the labor where possible and provide lunch for the construction laborers.



Visiting multi-generation family to receive a new home



Grandmother with grandson worried about the roof blowing off in a typhoon



The Nguyet's kitchen is next to the pigsty

Travel with a purpose

Twice a year Ben or Nancy travels to Danang to meet with some of the children and families and to work with the staff administratively. We love to have people join us to see first hand the great impact of your gifts. Executive Director, Nancy, was just in Danang this October and has brought back so many success stories, many of which are featured in this newsletter. Join us and see the daily lives of people, learn their challenges and strengths, know that you are making a difference.

Check your calendars...Nancy will be hosting visitors in Danang between March 9th and March 14th. Here are a few more highlights from this October.



Beautiful 2-year old Thao Quyes is enrolled in our Hope System of Care for Children with Disabilities. She is deaf, and because of our program, she will receive early comprehensive intervention.



Ten dedicated 7th grade students from families with little resources receive school scholarships so they can continue their studies. When asked for a show of hands on favorite subject – 5 raised their hands for math and 5 for literature!

Ms. Thuyet is a single mother who was able to who successfully expanded her business in a local market with a microloan from our program Empowering Foundations for Women & Their Children.



COV staff member, Tram, playing with the children at the Tam Ky Newborn Orphanage where 80 infants and children reside. COV provides formula, milk and facility improvements.



Remember COV in your Workplace.

Federal Employees: our CFC # is 15685.
State Employees: COV is now included in CA, FL & NC campaigns.

Leave a Legacy

Make a bequest in your will; it is the final and everlasting expression of your love and values. When you do so, please consider naming Children of Vietnam as a beneficiary. *Leave a lasting legacy.*

Tutoring Success

Lanh received tutoring while at Hoa Mai Orphanage...and now, thanks to donors, she is headed to college! From Lanh, "I hope I'm able to graduated this school and can get a stable job to feed myself and support for my mother... I'm determined to do my best with my aspirations."



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Your gifts transforming children's lives for 15 years

Your continuing gift gives an education, safe and stable housing, sound nutrition, and good healthcare for poor, orphaned and disabled children — you are lighting the path out of poverty. Please contribute via US mail to 817 West End Blvd. Winston-Salem, NC 27101 or online at:

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Your gifts in action. Here's how:

- After school tutoring for orphans \$19
You can help an orphan succeed in school with monthly afterschool tutoring
- Nourishing meals \$25
You can feed 1,250 vulnerable children a specialized vitamin-fortified porridge
- School scholarships \$55
You can keep a child in school with books, paper, pencils, uniforms
- Bicycles for a child..... \$70
You can give a child a quick, reliable way to get to school
- Good healthcare \$100
You can respond to children's healthcare needs with surgeries, tests, medicine
- Indoor Toilets..... \$320
You can give a family an indoor toilet so they do not risk their health and dignity
- Stable Housing \$625
You can help a family with bricks, cement, roofing for a house



Cảm ơn! Thank you!

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Vì Trẻ Em Việt Nam

November 22, 2013

Dear Friend of Children of Vietnam,

During this holiday season, here's our promise to you. With your gift you can build a bright future ...give hope... change the world...for a child right now.

As we look back over these 15 years, we have seen so many children...



- * get a new life with a heart surgery
- * dance and prance in their new kindergarten
- * succeed in school and head off to college
- * have a safe place to live in a new house
- * learn and grow because of a nutritious meal

Over 300,000 poor, orphaned and disabled children were given what they needed to develop to their fullest potential. We give thanks to you for making this possible.


And yet, our work is not done...

Vulnerable children still need help. Each is unique, each has talents and challenges, each is precious. Join us in providing what their life circumstance cannot...hearing aids, school clothes and books, sanitary toilets, vocational school, medical care, a warm meal.

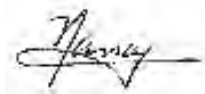
Help us reach our funding goal of \$50,000. We work efficiently, effectively and tirelessly because each child matters.

Please give generously this season and continue to change the world for a child.

With sincere appreciation,



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P.S. Your gift now, will impact the number of children who will benefit from our extensive work in the coming year. Thank you.