

REPORT TO DONORS FOR 2020 FINANCIAL YEAR

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Overview

Since 2011, I have taken leave from work to take a road trip through Vietnam to carry out assistance projects for our tiny registered charity *Friends of Vietnam Orphanages Inc.* I pay for my own holiday. The guarantee to donors is that **every** donated dollar goes to direct assistance in Vietnam. I follow the "barefoot charity model": a yearly road trip; one man; one motorbike. Local project partners help with each project. Each project partner usually has English language students as interpreters. Our local project partners are mostly the traditional breadwinners of Vietnam – the women. They are also mostly nuns, both Christian and Buddhist.

Our Committee thanks people who helped us assist communities in Vietnam:

Monthly contributors

Family and friends who made monthly contributions: Clive, Vytas, Michael & Adrienne, Geoff & Rachelle, Hayden & Yén.

Donors

Our Friends who gave donations. They are **Dennis**, **Amanda**, **Al**, **Karna**, **Julie** & **Jan**, **Paul** & **Suzette**; Vietnamese-Australian friends **Thủy** and **Kim Huỳnh**; and the Aranda Men's Group.

Board & Advisers

Our board, **Julie**, **Dennis**, **Geoff** and **Clive**, provided encouragement and support. I also regularly consult our Australian-Vietnamese cultural advisers **Loan & Tiệp**. They are very patient in explaining Vietnamese method and custom to Westerners.

Local Interpreters

Our volunteer interpreters and "fixers" in Vietnam included **Châu, Thao, Dung, Huyen, Lâm, Nam1** and **Hiep.** Interpreters help to negotiate each project, fix any problems and ensure completion.

Local Project Partners

We rely on local project partners. These monastic, volunteer or social groups spend their valuable time. This requires detailed local knowledge, visits and negotiations with people in their homes. We get a "multiplier effect" from time contributed by these helpers. Our project partners in Vietnam (dropping titles such as "Sister" for simplicity) were:

- Sự phụ Quảng Trí (in charge), Bưu Trì Pagoda orphanage, Cần Thơ.
- Yến (in charge) and Quế (assisting), Thiên Ân orphanage, Cần Thơ.
- Bích Hường (host) and Kim Anh (in charge), Sisters of Charity (Mother Teresa of Calcutta's order), orphanage and single mothers shelter, Mai Âm Tình Me, Bình Dương.
- Hường (in charge) shelter for homeless women, Tam Hiep Dominican order, Suối Tiên village in Đồng Nai.
- Thao, serving M' Nong people in Dak Mil, Dak Nông, near Buôn Mê Thuột.
- Loan (in charge), Hường and Thơ (serving E-đê people) and Hậu (pig wrangler), of the St Paul De Chartres nuns, Vi Nhân school for disabled children, Buôn Mê Thuột.
- Mùi (in charge), Linh An orphanage and single mothers shelter, Lâm Hà, Lâm Đồng Province, near Đà Lạt. Tu Hội Nhập Thể Tận Hiến Truyền Giáo order.
- Vương (in charge), Nha Trang Holy Cross Convent Sơn Tân, Cam Lâm, Khánh Hòa, serving lepers and Raklay people.
- Lâm and helpers, Nha Trang, managing our medicines supply project to the southern coast.

- Hue Lasan uni student social club, serving Vân Kiều people in Bản Khe Ngài, Đăkrông, near Khe Sanh, Quảng Trị.
- Nhàn (in charge), Bắc Ái Vinh (Vinh Sisters of Charity order), serving Phong Nha villages.
- Quốc, priest at Kim Lũ village, Quang Binh.
- Hiệp and Hope Connection volunteer group, Kỳ Sơn village, Nghệ An.
- Turin Sisters of Charity, Mái Âm Thiên Ân single mothers shelter and orphanage, Hà Tĩnh.
- Legion of Mary (Legio Marie) women's group, Thạch Long & Thạch Sơn village, Hà Tĩnh.
- Phán, market sellers volunteer group, Hà Tĩnh.
- Hằng, Red Cross Society, Thạch Hà, Hà Tĩnh.
- Xoan, English teacher, Hậu Lộc High School, Hà Tĩnh.
- Lành (in charge), 19.5 Shelter for Severely Disabled, Vinh Sisters of Charity, Xã Đòai.
- Kính (deputy), Phát Diệm Holy Cross order, serving the poor around Phát Diệm.

To summarise, the help from monthly contributors, donors, board members, advisers, local interpreters and local project partners enables me to take Australian friendship to Vietnam, to carry out both small and large local projects, at orphanages and villages.

On behalf of Friends of Vietnam Orphanages Inc, I wish to express thanks to all, for generous donations to the fund, practical help, moral support and good counsel.

Peter Kabaila Public Officer

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Every dollar you donated went to direct assistance in Vietnam.

During the 2020 financial year we carried out a wide range of projects. This included encouraging children to attend school, medicines for a group of orphanages, and provisions to disadvantaged families.

The free range livestock and tree planting projects were outstandingly successful. These raised household income for disadvantaged families in poorer, mainly indigenous communities.

100% of every dollar donated went to direct assistance in Vietnam, because we have \$0 admin cost. This financial year we had \$11,882.00 donated income and we spent \$20,710 AUD on projects summarised below. Funds were personally administered by us and our local helper network.

\$ AUD

\$750 \$750	CAN THO \$1,500. BY LOCAL VOLUNTEERS School calculators and nutrition for 45 children, Bu Trì Pagoda Orphanage, Càn Tho. School study materials, school sandals, lice treatment and nutrition for 45 children,
ψ. σσ	Thiên Ân Orphanage, Cần Thơ.
\$750	BINH DUONG AND DONG NAI \$1,500. School study materials, school shoes, lice treatment, hair dryers, fruit blenders and kitchenware single mothers shelter and orphanage, Mai Âm Tình Mẹ, Bình Dương.
\$750	Trolley for transferring sick people for treatment and the dead for burial prep, homeless women's shelter, Đồng Nai.
\$100 \$930	LAM HA, LAM DONG \$1,030. Sandals and food for three households with street kids in Lam Ha town. Single mothers' shelter and orphanage near Lam Ha, Lam Dong. Bicycles for school children, nappies and electric hammocks for infants and other provisions.
\$500	DAK LAK DISABLED SCHOOL \$500. School uniforms and warm jackets for 30 disabled Ede indigenous students at Vi Nhân School for Disabled Children, Buôn Mê Thuột. Both boys and girls each got a full outfit.
\$1,500	E-DE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE \$1,750. 19 mountain piglets, each @ 1.2M, distributed to 10 selected E-đê indigenous
\$250	households in Buôn Hwie village, Dak Lak. Protective clothing for 50 scavengers, Buôn Mê Thuột City rubbish tip (4M).
\$400	M'NONG INDIGENOUS PEOPLE \$530. 60 month-old chickens with 3 bags of feed, distributed among 3 M'Nong indigenous households who were most successful in raising the chickens that we provided last year in Sapa pu dak village, Dak Nong. We also provided sandals
\$130	and clothing for 17 school children and the 10 other children in the village. 50 month-old chickens and a bag of chicken feed to encourage Linh, a young farm labourer at Thuan An village, Dak Mil, to help her raise household income and re-

train as an early childhood teacher.

MEDICINES FOR ORPHANAGES, LEPERS & RAKLAY INDIGENOUS PEOPLE ON SOUTHERN COAST. \$2,000. BY LOCAL VOLUNTEER LAM

\$2,000 Medicine packages (36M each @ 3M) for 12 orphanages, leper village and Raklay indigenous people on the southern coast (Nha Trang region).

La Salle disabled workshop and accommodation, Nha Trang. Medicine package.

Lộc Thọ Pagoda orphanage, Nha Trang. Medicine package.

Hướng Dương orphanage, Nha Trang. Medicine package.

Chùa Phật Bửu, Ninh Hòa. Medicine package.

Thanh Son Pagoda orphanage, Cam Lâm. Medicine package.

Nhân Ái, Cam Ranh. Medicine package.

Đại An Orphanage, Cam Ranh. Medicine package.

Mái Âm Hy Vọng, Cam Lâm south. Medicine package.

An Đào orphanage, Ninh Hòa. Medicine package.

Buddhist temple orphanage, Nha Trang. Medicine package.

Medicine supply for Raklay indigenous village, Khanh Hoa Province, delivered to local nuns.

Medicine supply for village of 37 leper households (Trai Cui), Khanh Hoa Province, delivered to local nuns.

NHA TRANG ORPHANAGE \$300. BY LOCAL VOLUNTEER LAM

\$300 Expand capacity to raise chickens. Mai Am Thien Tam orphanage, Nha Trang. Material for chicken ramp above flood level 1.8M. Labour to weld and erect 1M. Fifty month-old chickens 1.5M. Two bags each 20kg 0.5M.

ENCOURAGE TWO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, NHA TRANG. \$40

\$40 School sandals for Luyen and Linh, both year 11 students in difficult circumstances, who we assisted last year.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR THE POOR, NHA TRANG. \$350.

This project is \$350 worth of assistance with cost of study materials and student encouragement awards for the free 6-week summer school for children from poor families. It is run by the Vietnamese La Salle monks and uni student volunteers at the end of each year during school holidays in June. Around 100 students attend.

VAN KIEU INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AT QUANG TRI. \$1,200. BY LASAN YOUTH GROUP.

\$1,200 This project was home visits to 20 indigenous families. It was run by our project partners, a group of 40 Vietnamese uni students (of the Lasan Christian students social group). The visit was to a remote Van Kieu indigenous village in Quảng Trị with food and tree seedlings to plant. We funded for each of 20 village families to receive 500 *cay tram* tree seedlings to raise income and food as follows: 20kg rice,

1kg salt, 1 litre fish sauce, 1kg sugar, 1 litre oil. We also covered transport costs to this remote location. Our project partners contributed 7M in clothes and sandals for the children and also ran a day of educational/fun activities for the children with prizes.

PHONG NHA VILLAGES \$1,000.

For this 15.1M (\$1,000) project, I visited ten households to assess their situation and check whether they had made preparations for chicken raising. We then sourced and distributed 30 x month-old chickens (10.5M) and 25 kg chicken food per household (3M) for 10 households. Local nuns got a bicycle (1.6M) for a boy that they are raising for a single mother.

KIM LU VILLAGE, QUANG BINH \$1,200

\$1,200 Chicken raising for 11 families with 300 month old chickens @ 35k vnd each. Plus 6 bags of 25kg chicken feed. Also 200 water containers, each 20 litre capacity @ 30k vnd each.

HA TINH VILLAGES \$1,450. BY LOCAL MEN'S VOLUNTEER GROUP.

Work with local volunteer groups to help the 16 most disadvantaged households across six villages around the city. We asked each volunteer group to nominate households. We then inspected each and organised chicken raising projects for 13 nominated households. Each household got 30 one month old chickens and a 25kg bag of feed (1.35M or \$85 per household). But for those unable (or unprepared or unwilling) to raise chickens, we provided winter clothing for two disabled sons (1.6M), food for the family of an underweight disabled baby (0.5M), second-hand refrigerator for a single mother of new twins (1.2M), food for two households (1M). Also 0.25M for a basic bamboo chicken shelter for one household.

SINGLE MOTHERS' SHELTER, THACH HA VILLAGE, HA TINH. \$765

\$765 This project was 12M (\$765) of sanitary and post-natal care items for the single mother's shelter in Thach Ha village.

STUDY ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS, TEACHER DAY, HAU LOC HIGH SCHOOL, HA TINH. \$1,000

\$1,000 30 High School encouragement awards of school clothing and study materials for students in Hau Loc village, Ha Tinh, who come from the poorest local families but who study well. The students were selected from 21 classes in years 10 to 12. Each student was awarded a jacket for the approaching winter, school back pack, 20 exercise books and 20 pens. Two girls also got school sandals.

NGHE AN. DISABLED SHELTER \$1,000

\$1,020 This project was nappies, food and sanitary supplies for the 19.3 Shelter for Disabled youth, Xã Đoài: Rice 12 bags assorted varieties (300kg). Winter blankets x 12. Sheets x 21. Padded floor tiles for bed frames x 32. Chicken soup packets x 180. Noodle packets x 210. Washing powder 20kg. Cooking oil 12 litres. Long life milk mini-cartons x 150. Nappies x 2,400. Seasoning powders 16kg. (total 16M = \$1,020). We also arranged to pay for hospital examination and medical treatment of a boy who was suffering severe skin irritation and infection.

KHE MU INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, NGHE AN. \$1,200. BY VOLUNTEER GROUP.

\$1,200 This project was winter blankets and clothing for indigenous children in a mountain village in Nghe An. Our project partners raised 5M for this 23M project and we provided the balance of 18M. The project supplied 76 children with winter jackets,

blankets, boots, socks, sweets.

VISIT QUYNH LAP LEPER COLONY - INSPECT LAST YEAR'S PROJECT.

During this visit we met with local contacts and visited the most successful households who bred chickens. We paid for wire materials for one chicken coop for a couple whose chickens had been stolen (2.5M. \$160). In the last two years we provided many families with chickens to raise. Unfortunately for the project, there was jealousy among villagers who thought each should get a few chickens, even if they just sold the chickens or didn't look after them. I decided to give the villagers time to pause and reflect on how we might be able to help the most successful chicken breeders next year.

nil VISIT HIEU – INSPECT LAST YEAR'S PROJECT.

In the last two years we provided Hieu, victim of an acid attack, with chickens and a calf to raise. Unfortunately for the project, Hieu chose to convert them to cash rather than work at raising the livestock. This is why I decided to give Hieu time to pause and reflect on how we might be able to help her next year.

PHAT DIEM VILLAGES AND TOWN. \$2,185.

- \$300 Shelter housing 11 elderly/disabled women and disfigured woman in village near Phát Diệm town. 12 food parcels, each: 20kg rice, 2litre oil, 30 packets noodles, 1 litre fish sauce, 1 toothbrush/toothpaste/soap bar. 4.7M (\$300).
- \$1,330 Support chicken raising for 20 disadvantaged households in villages around Phát Diệm. This project supported chicken raising for 20 disadvantaged households in villages around Phát Diệm. Each household got 30 chicks, a 25kg bag feed and medicine to mix with feed. We bought heat lamps, so chickens could survive the coming winter. We got food and clothing for one woman who is unable to raise chickens and waterproof winter jackets for the local nuns. 21.1M.
- \$335 School bags, exercise books and pens for 10 disadvantaged children in in villages around Phát Diệm and blankets for 20 disabled children in the convent kindergarten. 5.26M (\$335).
- \$250 Single mothers shelter, run by St Paul De Chartres sisters, Phát Diệm. 4M (\$250). Mother/baby care packages. For babies: 30 plastic nappy change mats, 6 hand towels, 3 winter sleeping suits, 150 cloth nappies, 100 disposable nappies, 3 pillows, 3 milk bottles, 30 tops, 3 baby shampoo, 30 baby pants, 100 socks, 3 baby powder, 6 beanies, 60 bibs, 5 bath towels, 30 nappy over-pants, 20 head caps, 10 sheets, 5 blankets, 60 gloves. For three mothers, each: shampoo, face wash, moisturiser, foundation, lipstick.

TOTAL \$20,710 Bank conversion rate was \$100 AUD = 1.57M

PROJECT DETAILS

CAN THO \$1,500. BY LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

\$750 Nutrition & school materials for 66 children, Buu Trì Pagoda Orphanage, Can Tho



School calculators and nutrition for 45 children, Buu Trì Pagoda Orphanage, Cần Thơ.

8 Casio school calculators 4.08M. 30kg pork meat 1M 300 chicken eggs 0.45M. 10 boxes of hu tieu noodles 1.8M. 100kg rice 1.4M. 10 kg pepper 0.8M. 10kg garlic 0.3M. 10kg beans 0.3M. 2 x 15 litre drums cooking oil 0.9M

\$750 Nutrition & school materials for 40 children, Thiên Ân Orphanage, Cần Thơ.



The children gathered together to sing the obligatory "thank you" for visitors. They appeared alert and happy

School study materials, school sandals, lice treatment and nutrition for 45 children, Thiên Ân Orphanage, Cần Thơ.

Girls school sandals 12 pairs 2M.
Boys sandals 8 pairs 1.36M.
"Bee net" house slippers 25 pairs 0.5M.
Lice treatment shampoo 5 bottles
0.05M.
Dried fish 2 boxes 2.6M.
Noodles 300 packets 0.6M.
Toilet paper 80 rolls 0.24M.

Pepper 5kg 0.5M.
Garlic 10kg 0.4M.
Seasoning powder 15kg 0.9M.
Green beans 2kg 0.07M.
Black bean 2kg 0.1M.
Fish sauce 12 litres 0.24M.
Shampoo 16 litres 1.4M.

BINH DUONG AND DONG NAI \$1,500.

\$750 Support orphanage and single mothers shelter, Mai Ám Tình Me, Bình Dương.



Children, nuns and interpreter with our project of school shoes, study supplies and other provisions.



School study materials, school shoes, lice treatment, hair dryers, fruit blenders and kitchenware.

100 soap bars for scabies 0.8M.

10 laundry brushes 0.1M.

2 hair dryers 1.36M.

30 girls underpants 0.6M.

2 girls bras 0.12M.

2 boys school pants 0.16M.

8 boys underpants 0.16M.

1 colander ladle 0.07M.

5 ladles 0.25.

3 stainless steel buckets 0.43M.

6 boxes La Vache Qui Rit cheese 0.51M.

1 fruit blender 1.5M.

School sandals 20 pairs 0.4M.

School shoes 19 pairs 0.4M.

80 whiteboard markers 0.4M.

5 school compasses 0.06M.

5 geometry sets 0.04M.

3 bottles ink 0.03M.

210 coloured biro pens 1.21M.

5 correction pens 0.1M.

55 exercise books 0.8M.

\$750 Trolley for transferring sick people, homeless women's shelter, Đồng Nai.



With our project, a transfer trolley for the sick and dying.

Trolley for transferring sick people for treatment and the dead for burial prep, homeless women's shelter, Đồng Nai.



In contrast to the Western aged care model, welfare here relies on work from almost everyone. Here the elderly and a Downes syndrome woman do vegetable market work with the donated vegetables

LAM HA, LAM DONG \$1,030.

\$930 Support for orphanage and single mothers shelter, Lam Dong Province.





Children with our assistance project.

Single mothers' shelter and orphanage near Lam Ha, Lam Dong. Bicycles for school children, nappies and electric hammocks for infants and other provisions.

6 children's bicycles with a carry rack for "double dinking", each @ 1M.
2 electric hammocks for rocking newborn infants, each @ 1M.

10 x litre bottles of shampoo and 5 bottles hair conditioner. 1.1M

2 boxes of 48 yogurt mini-cartons. 0.5M 600 nappies in small and large sizes. 3.2M 1 tin baby formula for infants. 0.36M 30kg of washing powder. 0.85M

2 insect spray cans. 0.11M

2 bottles bathroom cleaner. 0.06

5 x litre bottles of Duck toilet bowl cleaner.

0.17M

Children's toys: 2 footballs. 0.2M Cortisone cream for one child with severe eczema. 0.2M

\$100 Sandals and food for street kids in Lam Ha town



Huong at centre (with curly hair) with her Vietnamese friend in white school uniform

Sandals and food for three households with street kids in Lam Ha town. This 1.5M (\$100) project was: A strong pair of sandals for each of the four kids. 0.5M. For each of their three households, a 25kg bag of rice, 2 litres of cooking oil, a litre of fish sauce and a box of 30 noodle packets. 1M.



Photo wearing the new sandals.

DAK LAK DISABLED SCHOOL \$500.

\$500 School uniforms & warm jackets for 30 disabled Ede indigenous students, Vi Nhân School for Disabled Children, Buôn Mê Thuột.



School uniforms and warm jackets for 30 disabled Ede indigenous students at Vi Nhân School for Disabled Children, Buôn Mê Thuột. Both boys and girls each got a full outfit.



E-DE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE \$1,750.

\$1,500 Support pig raising with 19 mountain piglets, distributed to 10 selected E-đê indigenous households in Buôn Hwie village, Dak Lak.



Sister Nga assembling the people. She has hand raised the piglets and is very emotional about losing them



19 mountain piglets, each @ 1.2M, distributed to 10 selected E-đê indigenous households in Buôn Hwie village, Dak Lak. Our project partner Sister Hậu, of the St Paul De Chartres nuns, is the convent pig handler.

Sister Hương's mission to the people is a weekly gathering to pray in the village headman's house, a distribution of gifts of fresh vegetables and transport on two farm tractor trailers to the church.



\$250 Protective clothing for 50 scavengers, Buôn Mê Thuột City rubbish tip.



Protective clothing for 50 scavengers, most of them local E-đê indigenous people, Buôn Mê Thuột City rubbish tip (4M):

20 pairs women's boots

30 pairs men's boots.

50 pairs of cloth work gloves.

50 pairs rubber gloves.

30 hats and cloth face masks for men.

20 cloth face masks including cap for women.

Packets of sweet snacks for the workers.



Pickers go back to work after collecting the protective clothing kits

M'NONG INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, DAK NONG PROVINCE. \$530

\$400 Chickens, feed, children's sandals, M'Nong indigenous village, Dak Nong Province.





60 month-old chickens with 3 bags of feed, distributed among 3 M'Nong indigenous households most successful in raising the chickens that we provided last year in Sapa pu dak village, Dak Nong. We also provided sandals and clothing for 17 school children and the 10 other children in the village:

60 month-old chickens (2.1M).

3 bags x 25kg chicken feed (0.9M).

17 pairs sandals for school.

17 warm jackets for school.

10 pairs of slippers.

10 winter clothing outfits.



\$130 Chickens to help a farm labourer re-train as an early childhood teacher.



50 month-old chickens and a bag of chicken feed to encourage Linh, a young farm labourer at Thuan An village, Dak Mil, to help her raise household income and re-train as an early childhood teacher.

MEDICINES FOR ORPHANAGES, LEPERS & RAKLAY INDIGENOUS PEOPLE ON SOUTHERN COAST. \$2,000. BY LOCAL VOLUNTEER LAM

\$2,000 Medicine packages on southern coast, Nha Trang region.



Each medicine package was assembled and hand delivered by Lam (below), our volunteer interpreter.



Medicine packages (36M each @ 3M) for 12 orphanages, leper village and Raklay indigenous people on the southern coast (Nha Trang region).

Each package has medicines for worm treatment, allergies, diarrhoea, adult cough syrup, paracetamol adult dose, paracetamol child dose, anti-inflammatory, multivitamins, child cough, temperature reduction bandages, mosquito repellent.

La Salle disabled workshop and accommodation, Nha Trang. Medicine package.

Lộc Thọ Pagoda orphanage, Nha Trang. Medicine package.

Hướng Dương orphanage, Nha Trang. Medicine package.

Chùa Phật Bửu, Ninh Hòa. Medicine package.

Thanh Sơn Pagoda orphanage, Cam Lâm. Medicine package.

Nhân Ái, Cam Ranh. Medicine package.

Đại An Orphanage, Cam Ranh. Medicine package.

Mái Ấm Hy Vọng, Cam Lâm south. Medicine package.

An Đào orphanage, Ninh Hòa. Medicine package.



Buddhist temple orphanage, Nha Trang. Medicine package.

Medicine supply for Raklay indigenous village, Khanh Hoa Province, delivered to local nuns.

Medicine supply for village of 37 leper households (Trai Cui), Khanh Hoa Province, delivered to local nuns.

\$185 - 3M La Salle disabled workshop and accommodation, Nha Trang. Medicine package.





Disabled sewing workshop

\$185 - 3M Lộc Thọ Pagoda orphanage, Nha Trang. Medicine package.





\$185 - 3M Hướng Dương orphanage, Nha Trang. Medicine package.





\$185 - 3M Chùa Phật Bửu, Ninh Hòa. Medicine package





\$185 - 3M Thanh Son Pagoda orphanage, Cam Lâm. Medicine package.





\$185 - 3M Nhân Ái, Cam Ranh. Medicine package.





\$185 - 3M Đại An Orphanage, Cam Ranh. Medicine package.





We supported farming projects at Dai An.

\$185 - 3M Mái Ám Hy Vọng downes syndrome day centre, Cam Lâm. Medicine package.





Previously we provided a football play table.

\$185 - 3M An Đào orphanage, Ninh Hòa. Medicine package.





Temple/orphanage extension

\$185 - 3M. Ky Son temple orphanage, Nha Trang. Medicine package





\$185 - 3M. Medicine for Raklay indigenous village, Khanh Hoa Province, delivered to local nuns.



Lâm delivers medicines to the sister in charge to administer to the people.



Young nun with Raklay people

\$185 - 3M. Medicine for Mái Ám Thiện Tâm orphanage, Nha Trang





\$185 - 3M. Medicine supply for village of 37 leper households (Trai Cui), Khanh Hoa Province, delivered to local nuns.



Lepers arrived to visit the nuns.

Medicine supply for a Raklay indigenous village and village of 37 leper households (Trai Cùi), Khánh Hòa Province, delivered to local Holy Cross convent nuns.

CHICKENS FOR MÁI ÁM THIEN TÂM ORPHANAGE, NHA TRANG \$500.



Expand capacity to raise chickens at Mai Am Thien Tam orphanage, Nha Trang. Material for chicken ramp above flood level 1.8M. Labour to weld and erect 1M. Fifty month-old chickens 1.5M. Two bags each 20kg 0.5M.



ENCOURAGE TWO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, NHA TRANG. \$40



Linh cups her hands and Luyến gives the victory sign at a cafe.

\$40 School sandals for Luyen and Linh, both year 11 students in difficult circumstances, who we assisted last year.

Linh comes from a family of 10. The parents are still young. Last year we helped Linh with school expenses. She moved to Phở 63, a restaurant business that provides part-time work for students who are struggling. The work is in exchange for board and encouragement.

Student mobile phone use is not permitted at the restaurant. So we loaned her a mobile phone so she could contact her family. Luyến's father had cancer for years. In that time the family had to sell their fishing boat and belongings to pay for treatments. He then died. The mother lost the family boat so she helps her brother on his boat.

Both girls let their village homes and moved far to the city of Nha Trang to get a new start and have a chance of graduating from high school.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR THE POOR, NHA TRANG. \$350.

Study materials and student encouragement awards for the free 6-week summer school for children from poor families. It is run by the Vietnamese La Salle monks and uni student volunteers at the end of each year during school holidays. Around 100 students attend.

VÂN KIỀU (BRU) INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AT QUANG TRI. \$1,200. BY LASAN YOUTH GROUP





Children with their new clothes (some wearing shop tags) and sandals.

40 Vietnamese uni students of the Lasan Christian students social group visited the remote Van Kieu indigenous village of Bản Khe Ngài in Đăkrông in Quảng Trị with food and tree seedlings to plant. We funded for each of 20 village families to receive 500 *cay tram* tree seedlings to raise income and food as follows: 20kg rice, 1kg salt, 1 litre fish sauce, 1kg sugar, 1 litre oil. We also covered transport costs to this remote location.

Our project partners contributed 7M in clothes and sandals for the children and also ran a day of educational/fun activities for the children with prizes.

We referred two English speaking overseas backpackers to join the group for their bus trip to the village.

We encouraged the student group to plan the trip themselves.

PHONG NHA. CHICKEN RAISING FOR MOUNTAIN VILLAGES \$1,000

\$1,000 Visit 10 households to support chicken raising & bicycle. Villages near Phong Nha.





Inspecting a chicken house and getting the bicycle home on the back of a motorbike..

For this 15.1M (\$1,000) project, I visited ten households to assess their situation and check whether they had made preparations for chicken raising. We then sourced and distributed 30 x month-old chickens (10.5M) and 25 kg chicken food per household (3M) for 10 households.

Local nuns got a bicycle (1.6M) for a boy that they are raising for a single mother.

HA TINH VILLAGES \$1,450. BY LOCAL MEN'S VOLUNTEER GROUP.

\$500 Visit 16 households with food parcels, villages near Ha Tinh City.



With men's group volunteers Nam 1, Hiệp and Đồng.



\$1,450 Work with local volunteer groups to help the 16 most disadvantaged households across six villages around the city.

We asked each volunteer group to nominate households. We then inspected each and organised chicken raising projects for 13 nominated households.

Each household got 30 one month old chickens and a 25kg bag of feed (1.35M or \$85 per household).

But for those unable (or unprepared or unwilling) to raise chickens, we provided winter clothing for two disabled sons (1.6M), food for the family of an underweight disabled baby (0.5M).

We also provided a second-hand refrigerator for a single mother of new twins (1.2M) and food for two households (1M).

Also 0.25M for a basic bamboo chicken shelter for one household.

KIM LU VILLAGE, QUANG BINH \$1,200

\$1,200 Support chicken raising for 11 poor households. Provide water containers.



Woman and daughter take their chickens.

\$1,200 Chicken raising for 11 families with 300 month old chickens @ 35k vnd each. Plus 6 bags of 25kg chicken feed. Also 200 water containers, each 20 litre capacity @ 30k vnd each.



SINGLE MOTHERS' SHELTER, THACH HA VILLAGE, HA TINH. \$765

\$500 Support Mái Ám Thiên Ân single mothers shelter, near Ha Tinh city.



Nuns and two baby girls with our project.

This project was 12M (\$765) of sanitary and postnatal care items for the single mother's shelter in Thach Ha village.

4 hand pump bottles face soap 0.62 10 shower gel bottles 0.4M 430 newborn nappies 0.63M 5 sleeping mats 0.35M 5 pillows 0.25M Blood pressure testing kit 0.65M 2 medical trays 0.24M Examination torch 0.13 Saline bottles 0.02M Betadine bottle 0.1M Medical mask 2 boxes 0.11M Medical gloves 2 boxes 0.04M Bandages and cotton wool 0.5M 20 Injection syringes 0.02M Electric breast pump 0.85M Electric milk reheater 0.24M 4 x 5 litre washing liquid 0.56M Eucalyptus oil x 10 bottles 0.4M Cream for stretch marks x 5 tubs 0.5M 20 boxes x paper tissues 0.15 2,000 Baby cleaning gauze (instead of wet wipes) 0.66M 120 Sanitary pads 0.34M 50 Women's post natal nappies 0.4M 100 Umbilical wound bandages 0.2M 5 milk bottles 0.23M 30 pairs baby gloves 0.3M Shower cloth 0.24M 30 baby bath towels 0.52M 150 women's daily pads 0.4M 560 baby nappies 0.12M

STUDY ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS, TEACHER DAY, HAU LOC HIGH SCHOOL, HA TINH. \$1,000



\$1,000 30 High School encouragement awards of school clothing and study materials for students in Hau Loc village, Ha Tinh, who come from the poorest local families but who study well. The students were selected from 21 classes in years 10 to 12. Each student was awarded a jacket for the approaching winter, school back pack, 20 exercise books and 20 pens. Two girls also got school sandals.



NGHE AN. DISABLED SHELTER \$1,000.

\$1,000 Support 19.5 Shelter for Severely Disabled, and Mother Teresa of Calcutta Children's Orphanage, Xã Đoài.





\$1,020 This project was nappies, food and sanitary supplies for the 19.3 Shelter for Disabled youth, Xã Đoài: Rice 12 bags assorted varieties (300kg). Winter blankets x 12. Sheets x 21. Padded floor tiles for bed frames x 32. Chicken soup packets x 180. Noodle packets x 210. Washing powder 20kg. Cooking oil 12 litres. Long life milk mini-cartons x 150. Nappies x 2,400. Seasoning powders 16kg. (total 16M = \$1,020). We also arranged to pay for hospital examination and medical treatment of a boy who was suffering severe skin irritation and infection.



KHE MU INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, NGHE AN. \$1,200. BY VOLUNTEER GROUP.



\$1,200 This project was winter blankets and clothing for indigenous children in a mountain village in Nghe An. Our project partners raised 5M for this 23M project and we provided the balance of 18M. The project supplied 76 children with winter jackets, blankets, boots, socks, sweets.



VISIT QUYNH LAP LEPER COLONY - INSPECT LAST YEAR'S PROJECT.

\$160 to encourage one household, Quỳnh Lập Leper Colony.



Leper women relaxing on the footpath to enjoy a game of cards



\$160 During this visit we met with local contacts and visited the most successful households who bred chickens. We paid for wire materials for one chicken coop for a couple whose chickens had been stolen (2.5M. \$160). In the last two years we provided many families with chickens to raise. Unfortunately for the project, there was jealousy among villagers who thought everyone should get chickens, even if they just on sold the chickens or let them die. We decided to give the villagers time to pause and reflect on how we might be able to help the most successful chicken breeders next year.



VISIT HIEU - INSPECT LAST YEAR'S PROJECT.



In the last two years we provided Hieu, victim of an acid attack, with chickens and a calf to raise. Unfortunately for the project, Hieu chose to convert them to cash rather than work at raising the livestock. This is why we decided to give Hieu time to pause and reflect on how we might be able to help her next year.

PHAT DIEM VILLAGES AND TOWN. \$2,185.

\$300 Visit group house of 12 elderly women with food parcels, near Phát Diệm.



All our projects here were with our project partner Sister Kính of the Phát Diệm Holy Cross Order.

This group house has elderly, disabled and a disfigured woman. It is near Phát Diệm town. Each of 12 food parcels was: 20kg rice, 2litre oil, 30 packets noodles, 1 litre fish sauce, 1 toothbrush/toothpaste/soap bar. 4.7M (\$300).

\$1,330 Support chicken raising for 20 disadvantaged households in Phát Diệm villages.



This project supported chicken raising for 20 disadvantaged households in villages around Phát Diệm. Each household got 30 chicks, a 25kg bag feed and medicine to mix with feed.

We bought heat lamps, so chickens could survive the coming winter.

We got food and clothing for one woman who is unable to raise chickens and waterproof winter jackets for the local nuns. 21.1M.





\$335 School bags, exercise books and pens for 10 disadvantaged children



School bags, exercise books and pens for 10 disadvantaged children in villages around Phát Diệm and blankets for 20 disabled children in the convent kindergarten. 5.26M (\$335).



Blankets for 20 disabled children.

\$250 Care packages for single mothers shelter, St Paul De Chartres sisters, Phát Diệm.



For babies: 30 plastic nappy change mats, 6 hand towels, 3 winter sleeping suits, 150 cloth nappies, 100 disposable nappies, 3 pillows, 3 milk bottles, 30 tops, 3 baby shampoo, 30 baby pants, 100 socks, 3 baby powder, 6 beanies, 60 bibs, 5 bath towels, 30 nappy over-pants, 20 head caps, 10 sheets, 5 blankets, 60 gloves.

For three mothers, each: shampoo, face wash, moisturiser, foundation, lipstick. The women appeared particularly happy with the beauty items. Hopefully the beauty items made the women feel better about themselves at this difficult time



These women bravely agreed to smile for a photo with our project of baby care items.