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REPORT TO DONORS FOR 2025 FINANCIAL YEAR

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Red circles = some project locations

Each year I take a motorbike across Vietnam, visiting orphanages, shelters and villages to make a needs assessment on the ground. The aim of this “barefoot charity” model is to reach the poorest and most unsupported communities. The guarantee to donors is that **every** donated dollar goes to direct assistance in Vietnam. Our local project partners are mostly the traditional breadwinners of Vietnam – the women. They are also uni student groups and nuns, both Christian and Buddhist. Together, we design useful projects, to get best value for money. No project is too small. Each financial year, this grass roots work is summarised in a report to donors.

OUR DONORS

On behalf of the Friends of Vietnam Orphanages Inc (FoVO) Board, I extend gratitude to everyone for generous donations which helped the disadvantaged people in Vietnam.

Monthly and Large Annual Donors

Family and friends who made monthly or large annual contributions were Dennis, Clive, Jennifer and Brett, Michael & Adrienne, Geoff & Rachelle, Franziska, Hayden & Y  n, Helen & David, Leo, Patrick H. and Richard Jackson. These generous donations formed the backbone of our charity. "Anon" is also a substantial donor!

Other Donors

We also deeply appreciate the support of friends who gave one-off donations, including Amanda, Julie & Jan, Paul & Suzette, the Aranda Men's Group (especially Paul Pearson), Kim Hu  nh, the Spiral Group (which Brett coordinates), and others. Their contributions offer great encouragement.

Board and Advisers

Our board members—Julie, Dennis, Geoff, and Clive—provided unwavering support and encouragement throughout the year, reinforced by our hard-working project manager.

Local Project Management

A special thank you goes to our pro-bono project manager and fixer Thi My Chau Nguyen ("Mimi"), whose meticulous planning ensures the success of our initiatives.

We were also fortunate to collaborate with Thuy' charity projects. Sadly, Thuy died of cancer this year at age 35. Some of her life story is remembered at the end of the Report to Donors.

The past year's notable project partners in Vietnam included: Indigenous nuns (Ba Na ethnic minority) in Kontum; Hi  p's charity group, assisted by Nam "1" in Ha Tinh and Ky Son; Lasan University student groups in Hue and Danang; Sister K  nh (deputy), Holy Cross order in Ph  t Di  m; Dr Trong's medical group.

In Summary

Together, we've carried out both small and large-scale projects that benefit orphanages and villages alike. We are now able to consider including a few larger projects in this 2025-2026 financial year



Peter Kabaila, Public Officer

2025 PROJECT SUMMARY

How Your \$20,500 Was Spent

Every dollar you donated went directly toward providing assistance in Vietnam.

This year, we focused primarily on Central Vietnam, with an emphasis on the highland provinces of Kontum and Gia Lai, home to the Ba Na and J'rai peoples. Collaborating with university student groups and other dedicated volunteers, we ensured that 100% of every dollar donated was used for direct aid, as we operate with zero administrative costs.

Over the financial year, we received \$26,274 AUD in donations and spent \$20,500 across 12 impactful projects. We extend special thanks to our incredible project manager and our many valued contacts in Vietnam for their support.

No	Million VND	\$ AUD	PROJECT
1	70.5	4,415	BICYCLES FOR STUDENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kon Hongo Kotu Village in Kontum – 20m (\$1,250).Ba Long Village in Khe Sanh– 20m, (\$1,250)Nam Chieu Son Community in Hue City – 10m (\$625).Bike repairs at Vinh Son 1 Shelter, Kontum – 4m (\$255);Villages around Ha Tinh City – 16.5m (\$1,035).
2	16.5	1,035	SHELTER FOR MEN WITH MENTAL DISORDERS IN PLEIKU, GIA LAI.
3	39	2,300	SUPPORTING ADVANCEMENT IN STUDIES – HA TINH PROVINCE
4	10	595	SCHOOL MATERIALS FOR VINH SON 5 SHELTER, KONTUM.
5	20	1,190	CHICKEN RAISING AND FOOD PROVISIONS FOR CON SO LANG VILLAGE SHELTER, KONTUM.
6	80	4,775	FURNITURE & READING ROOMS FOR 3 VILLAGE SCHOOLS, KONTUM
7	10	595	DISABLED SCHOOL IN PLEIKU, GIA LAI.
8	25	1,500	SINGLE MOTHER'S SHELTER – THIEN AN, HA TINH
9	22	1,320	HUOI POC VILLAGE, NAM CAN, KY SON, NGHE AN PROVINCE.
10	21.5	1,280	CHICKEN RAISING IN VILLAGES AROUND PHAT DIEM, NINH BINH.
11	10	595	FAMILY NO. 4 CHILD PROTECTION CENTRE, DANANG.
12	15	900	SURGERY TO ENABLE A FISHERMAN TO WALK AND WORK.
	339.5	\$20,500	TOTAL <ul style="list-style-type: none">Totals were rounded.Exchange rates varied, @1.597M/\$100 for projects 1 & 2, then 1.682M/\$100 for remainder of projects.This year's funding was \$15,000 withdrawal + \$5,500 carried over from previous fin year's withdrawal.

A BAREFOOT JOURNEY – FOVO'S APPROACH AND THE PILGRIMAGE OF LÊ ANH TÚ

At Friends of Vietnam Orphanages (FoVO), we work in partnership with orphanages and village communities across Vietnam to improve the quality of life for the most vulnerable, especially children with disabilities. Every dollar donated goes directly towards assistance in Vietnam, with no funds spent on administration.

People often ask me, “How did you get involved in this?” It all started in 2010 when I received an email: “Looking for a volunteer to provide design and construction advice on extensions to an orphanage in Central Vietnam for 3 to 6 months.” I thought about it for 10 seconds and replied, “I can go for 9 weeks.” Four months later, I found myself in a remote village in Central Vietnam. That experience left a lasting impression on me, and upon my return to Australia, I established this small charity.

Every year since, I travel by motorbike across Vietnam, reaching some of the country's poorest and most isolated communities. I visit villages and shelters for the disadvantaged to assess their needs firsthand. Working with a network of interpreters and local partners, we design projects that maximise value and impact. Each year, this grassroots work is summarised in a detailed report to our donors.

It's a simple approach, but it's far from easy.

A friend recently shared a story about a charity in Vung Tau that was sending truckloads of old clothes, sticky rice rolls, and cash to cities affected by a severe storm. Our local project manager, who has significant experience in planning and executing charity work, noted several likely unintended consequences:

- Stacks of unwanted old clothing, left to rot in bags on the floors of huts or in disused livestock sheds. In some indigenous villages, there are no facilities for waste disposal, and Vietnam already has a thriving market for second-hand clothing.
- An over-supply of sticky rice rolls, as charitable trends spread quickly through social media.
- Perishable food supplies arriving spoiled after days of non-refrigerated transport.
- Cash donations being diverted through kick-backs, ending up in the hands of the wealthy.

These examples highlight the importance of thoughtful project design. As my old friend Damian once said, 80% of the effort is in preparation, with only 20% in execution. “Bad charity”—projects without proper planning—can be easy to organise, but “good charity,” where real, positive outcomes are achieved and unintended consequences are minimised, is far more difficult. In short, if the goal is merely to look good, charity is easy. If the goal is to truly make a difference, it's hard.

At FoVO, we operate on what we call a “barefoot model.” Like the barefoot pilgrimages of Lê Anh Tú, a Buddhist monk who has walked across Vietnam for six years, our work is rooted in simplicity and dedication. Lê Anh Tú has refused money throughout his journey, relying on the kindness of strangers for his next meal, yet inspiring thousands to contribute to local charitable causes. Despite opposition from wealthier monks and government officials, he remains steadfast in his mission. His selfless approach mirrors the ethos of FoVO—using minimal resources while maximising our impact.

Both FoVO and Lê Anh Tú are driven by a shared vision: modesty and direct action. Just as Lê Anh Tú walks barefoot to inspire others, we ensure that every donation reaches those who need it most, without overhead costs. Together, we make meaningful change, one step at a time.



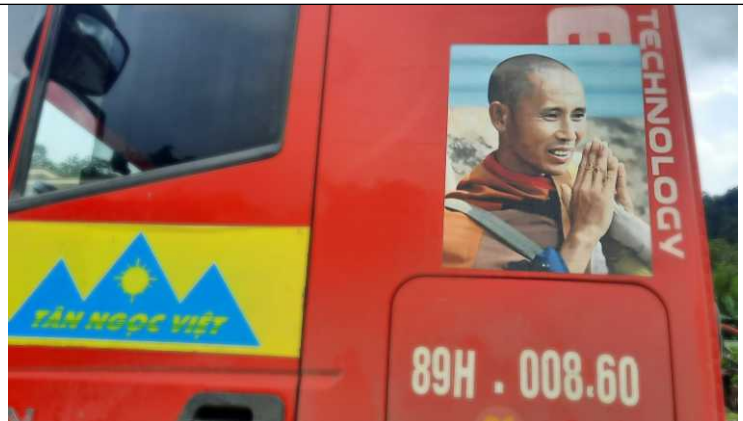
Lê Anh Tú on the road



Other people also want to contribute to the journey



Warned by both the Buddhist and Government establishment, Lê Anh Tú is now in seclusion on a coffee farm in his home province of Gia Lai (Central Highlands).



Lê Anh Tú has a large following on the road. This truck driver takes Lê Anh Tú on the road with him, everywhere and at all times, by attaching his image to the truck.

PROJECT DETAILS

1 BICYCLES FOR STUDENTS

This year, we implemented five projects to provide bicycles to students in need. In Vietnam, bicycles are not just a mode of transport; they play a crucial role in encouraging school attendance. For families without motorcycles, bicycles are indispensable, serving as multi-purpose vehicles. In poorer households, they are used by students to travel to school and by adults to commute to farm work, visit neighbouring villages, and transport goods to markets.

One favoured brand is Viet Nhat, which are locally made to suit Vietnam's conditions. These bicycles are designed with a sturdy rear rack, welded to the frame, capable of carrying one or two additional passengers. A front water bottle holder is also wide enough to support a "baby" seat for a third passenger, making this a highly practical solution for families.



Viet Nhat bike with welded steel front and rear seats

While some projects were conducted in ethnic Vietnamese villages, most focused on the Central Highlands, a mountainous region that extends into Laos. This area is home to many of Vietnam's indigenous ethnic minority groups, who often live in poverty.

Our five bicycle projects were at a total cost of 70.5M (approximately \$4,415). They were:

- Kon Hongo Kotu Village in Kontum – 20m (\$1,250).
- Ba Long Village in Khe Sanh– 20m, (\$1,250)
- Nam Chieu Son Community in Hue City – 10m (\$625).
- Bike repairs at Vinh Son 1 Shelter, Kontum – 4m (\$255);
- Villages around Ha Tinh City – 16.5m (\$1,035) (Est).

BICYCLES FOR KON HONGO KOTU VILLAGE IN KONTUM

In the Ba Na ethnic minority village of Kon Hongo Kotu in Kontum, 15 high school students from disadvantaged households were selected based on their good academic performance. Each student was awarded a bicycle to assist them in getting to school, helping them continue their education. Our friend Y TRA, a high school student from the Ba Na community, helped identify these students and provided family descriptions in Vietnamese, which have been translated below.

Student List

1. **Y RIK (10th grade)** – Born on 8 March 2009. Comes from a large family with four siblings still in school. Father frequently ill, and the family has a disabled sister. They currently have an old, broken bicycle passed down from her sisters.
2. **Y THUU' (11th grade)** – Born on 25 October 2008. From a large family, both parents are often sick. They have an old bicycle from her older sisters, but it is now broken.
3. **Y PHUONG MAI (10th grade)** – Born on 24 February 2009. Lives in a family of three, with her mother frequently ill. She currently lives in a church-run boarding school.
4. **A KHÊNH (11th grade)** – Born on 2 January 2008. Comes from a family with two children still in school. His father is frequently sick, and they have an old, broken bicycle handed down from his older siblings.
5. **A LẮK (11th grade)** – Born on 22 February 2008. From a large family where most siblings are still in school. They cannot afford to buy a new bicycle, and currently, he borrows a friend's bicycle to get to school.
6. **Y KA (11th grade)** – Born on 16 March 2008. Comes from a family with four children, most of whom are still in school. They have one disabled sibling. Their old bicycle frequently breaks down.
7. **Y LES (11th grade)** – Born on 14 March 2008. From a large family where most of the siblings are still in school. They have an old bicycle that was given to them, but it is now broken.

8. **Y ĐĂM (11th grade)** – Born on 8 April 2008. Comes from a large family, with most children still attending school. The bicycle they use is old and frequently breaks down.
9. **Y SOANG (10th grade)** – Born on 1 July 2009. From a large family with six siblings still in school. His older brother is often sick and unable to help much. The family was given an old bicycle for his brother to use, but it is now broken.
10. **Y GUẤT (11th grade)** – Born on 12 April 2008. From a family of three siblings, most of whom are still in school. Their old bicycle frequently breaks down.
11. **Y NGHI (11th grade)** – Born on 13 August 2008. From a large family with three siblings still in school. Their old bicycle was stolen, and now they have to borrow a cousin's bicycle.
12. **Y CHOAIIH (11th grade)** – Born on 26 July 2008. From a large family where most siblings are still in school. The old bicycle, handed down from her older sisters, frequently breaks down.
13. **HÀ Y MỸ (11th grade)** – Born on 19 August 2008. From a large family with many siblings still in school. Their father passed away more than six years ago, and their mother is frequently sick. The family relies on an old bicycle passed down from her older sisters, which frequently breaks down.
14. **Y RI (10th grade)** – Born on 4 February 2009. Comes from a large family with three siblings still in school. They have an old bicycle passed down from two older sisters, which is often in need of repair.
15. **Y NON (10th grade)** – Born on 18 May 2009. From a family of three siblings, most of whom are still in school. Their old bicycle frequently breaks down.

Without detailed translation, it is clear that the village is experiencing some integration into the Vietnamese economy, as some houses have been rebuilt, likely with charitable assistance. Of the 15 selected households, 14 belong to the Ba Na indigenous group, and 13 appear to be led by single mothers or widows, as indicated by the prefix "Y" (used for females). All the students attend Ngô Mây High School and live in Kon Hongo Kotu village.

Project Cost: The total project cost was 20M VND (approximately \$1,250).







BICYCLES FOR BA LONG VILLAGE IN KHE SANH

The Need

This project was a valuable addition to a Hue University student social club's charity initiative, held annually for children in a remote village. The university students funded their own visit to the village, where they organised singing and dancing activities, prepared a special meal for the children that included meat (a luxury they don't often have at home), and provided entertainment for the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival, such as distributing moon cakes. Our project aimed to encourage students to stay in school and continue their education.

In Ba Long village, located near the Laos border in Khe Sanh, 10 school students from Year 6 to Year 8 were selected by a local pastor to receive bicycles. Bicycles serve multiple purposes in poorer households.

The Project

Truck transport was arranged to deliver the bicycles to this remote location. To mark the occasion, the village organised a large event, making the bicycle presentation a significant and memorable day for the entire community, including many of the university students who participated.

Project Cost

The total cost for the project, including transportation, was 20M VND (approximately \$1,250).

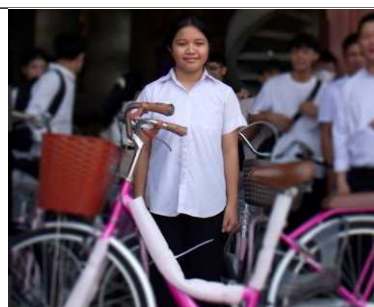


ST	NAME	AGE	ST	NAME	AGE
01	Nguyen Van Tan	10	01	Nguyen Van Tan	10
02	Nguyen Van Tan	10	02	Nguyen Van Tan	10
03	Nguyen Van Tan	10	03	Nguyen Van Tan	10
04	Nguyen Van Tan	10	04	Nguyen Van Tan	10
05	Nguyen Van Tan	10	05	Nguyen Van Tan	10
06	Nguyen Van Tan	10	06	Nguyen Van Tan	10
07	Nguyen Van Tan	10	07	Nguyen Van Tan	10
08	Nguyen Van Tan	10	08	Nguyen Van Tan	10
09	Nguyen Van Tan	10	09	Nguyen Van Tan	10
10	Nguyen Van Tan	10	10	Nguyen Van Tan	10

Student award list



Girl surrounded by villagers



BICYCLES FOR NAM CHIEU SON COMMUNITY IN HUE CITY

We attended a children's entertainment night for the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival in Hue City. This memorable event was organised and fundraised by students from Hue University. The celebration took place at a stage set up between houses, next to a church, with loudspeakers at maximum volume for karaoke-style music and announcements. Around 400 children gathered near the stage to enjoy the festivities.

The evening featured a theatre sketch, similar to a Christmas nativity play, where the Lady of the Moon asked a crying child why he was sad and then comforted him by gifting a Moon Festival lantern. Afterward, 400 excited children rushed the stage to collect show bags filled with moon cakes and other treats.

The student group from Hue University researched and identified five students in greatest need. These children come from urban poor households in the area. Our project aimed to encourage school attendance by providing each of the five students with a bicycle and school supplies.

Project Budget

The total project cost was 10M VND (around \$625).



On stage, the Lady of the Moon asks a crying child why he was sad and presents him a gift of a lantern to help celebrate the Moon Festival.

BICYCLES REPAIRED FOR VINH SON 1 SHELTER, KONTUM

During an inspection visit to the Vinh Son 1 Shelter in Kontum City, located next to the Cathedral, we observed 10 broken bicycles stacked in a covered area. Rather than spend funds on new bicycles, we arranged for a local bicycle repair shop to collect and restore them to working order.

Project Outcome

All 10 bicycles were picked up, repaired with new components where necessary, and returned to the shelter in fully functional condition.

Project Cost

The total cost for this project was 4 million VND (approximately \$255).

Accountability

The stages and cost components of the bicycle repairs were documented with detailed, itemised accounting provided by the bicycle repair shop.

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Xe III	đồng xích :	90.000
-	bổ tưông :	90.000
-	chấn chỉnh :	50.000
-	trục sau :	30.000
-	ôc cốt yên :	30.000
-	Cán nhông :	50.000
-	1 Rút :	50.000
-	2 gôm + dây gôm :	20.000
		= 450
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	đồng xích :	70.000
-	chấn chỉnh :	50.000
-	trục sau trục thép :	80.000
-	bổ sau :	70.000
-	đồng xích :	90.000
-	Cán nhông :	50.000
-	bổ ga :	80.000
-	bổ đề + gôm :	90.000
		= 580
Xe V		

	gà + trứng	90.000
-	chicken	80.000
-	bò gạo + trứng	80.000
-	bạc Sơn	70.000
-	1 Ruet	50.000
-	bí nhân	50.000
-	Tay thàng + trứng gà:	+ 4000
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-		gió	70.000
-		bạc sơn	70.000
-		cột xích	90.000
-		chất chống	50.000
-		bát thàng	80.000
-		Ruet	50.000
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tiền công 30 triệu:

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Yến & Cò	100.000
Giò	70.000
Bào Sên	70.000
Đậu Xíu	30.000
Chân Chông	50.000
Bò Hạng	80.000
Ruột	50.000
	= 510
Tổng số tiền	5.180.000

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BICYCLES FOR STUDENTS IN VILLAGES AROUND HA TINH CITY

The Need

Hiep and Nam “1” are project partners in Ha Tinh City. Hiep lives in the city and leads a group of volunteers who undertake charity initiatives periodically. Hiep and Nam “1” visited four small villages on the fringe of the city and identified students who would benefit from having bicycles to encourage regular school attendance.

The Project

Through this project, we provided 10 bicycles to students. The bicycles, of the *Viet Nhat* (meaning “Vietnamese-Japanese”) brand, have sturdy frames and can carry extra loads or passengers.

Project Budget

The total project cost, including delivery of the bicycles to the villages, will be approximately 16.5M VND (approximately \$1,035).



With Nam “1”, on my right and Hiep, on my left.

STT	Họ và tên trẻ em Full name	Năm sinh	Địa chỉ (Ghi rõ thôn/xóm, xã)	Lớp Class	Trường School	Hoàn cảnh gia đình Family background
1	Phạm Trà My	2012	Vân Sơn	7	Tiểu học CS	Cán nghèo, nhà có 4 con, có 1 con khuyết tật. Near poor household, 4 children, 1 of them is disabled.
2	Dương Tuấn Vũ	2015	Tây Sơn	3	Tiểu học Đình Bân	Hồ nghèo, cha đã mất. poor household, Father is dead.
3	Phạm Văn Vũ	2017	Thanh Long	5	Tiểu học Đình Bân	Hồ nghèo, mẹ chết sớm. poor household, mother died early.
4	Nguyễn Thị Ngọc	2016	Lộc Hồ	3A	TH Thạch Ngọc	Hồ nghèo, mẹ bị ung thư đang xạ trị. poor household, mother with cancer undergoing radiation therapy.
5	Nguyễn Văn Sơn	2017	Nam Lĩnh	2A	TH Thạch Ngọc	Hồ nghèo, mẹ có bệnh. poor household, father is dead.
6	Đậu Thị Yến Vy	2015	Thống Nhất	4E	TH Nam Hương	Hồ cán nghèo, bà mắc bệnh hiểm nghèo. Near poor household, father has a serious illness.
7	Trần Thị Mỹ Duyên	2016	Mộc Hải	3A	TH Thạch Ngọc	Hồ cán nghèo, gia đình đông con. Near poor household, family with many children.
8	Nguyễn Thị Bảo Trâm	2016	Dại Long	3B	TH Thạch Ngọc	Hồ nghèo, bố ốm đau chạy thận thường xuyên. Poor household, father requires kidney treatment.
9	Lê Trọng Biên	2015	Đông Châu	4A	TH Thạch Ngọc	Hồ gia đình. poor household, kidney disease.
10	Phan Danh Hiếu	2014	Mỹ Châu	5A	TH Thạch Ngọc	Một cô chú, gia đình khó khăn.

Student bicycle list

Here is the list of children receiving a bicycle:

1. Phạm Trà My (Class 7) – Family has a low income. There are four children, one of whom is disabled, creating financial difficulties.
2. Dương Tuấn Vũ (Class 3) – Father passed away; mother has cancer.
3. Phạm Văn Vũ (Class 5) – Orphan, living with his grandmother.
4. Nguyễn Thị Ngọc (Class 3A) – Family has a low income. Father is sick and unable to work.
5. Nguyễn Văn Sơn (Class 2A) – Low-income family, father passed away.
6. Đậu Thị Yến Vy (Class 4E) – Low-income family, mother is sick.
7. Trần Thị Mỹ Duyên (Class 3A) – Low-income family with many children.
8. Nguyễn Thị Bảo Trâm (Class 3B) – Low-income family. Father requires kidney treatment.
9. Lê Trọng Biên (Class 4A) – Low-income family.
10. Phan Danh Hiếu (Class 5A) – Low-income family, father passed away early.





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Nguyễn Văn Sơn (Class 2A)



Unwrapping the plastic cover.



Phạm Trà My (Class 7)

2 SHELTER FOR MEN WITH MENTAL DISORDERS IN PLEIKU

Huu Phuoc is an eccentric truck driver and entrepreneur whose son, after being treated at a state psychiatric hospital in Pleiku, was released back into his care. Moved by his son's condition, Phuoc began taking in other men with psychiatric disorders, housing them on his farm. These men, brought by their families, were given chores, and Phuoc enlisted the help of a psychiatrist from the local mental hospital to oversee their care.

Over time, the number of men at the farm grew, and Phuoc expanded the facility, constructing more locked rooms to accommodate the increasing number of residents. Currently, up to 100 men live on the farm. Phuoc's operational model is simple: the men are securely housed and provided with ample food, but the only staff are Phuoc and his wife, who manages the cooking and daily logistics.

When finances run low, Phuoc takes on truck-driving jobs to earn money, while his wife remains at the farm to ensure the men are fed. The business model behind the operation is unclear, but through piecing together various conversations, it becomes apparent that Phuoc, despite his modest education, is driven by a desire to help others and support his family. In addition to housing the mentally ill, he runs a coffee plantation and has established a funeral business with two trucks—one large and elaborate, the other smaller and simpler.

Men who are stable enough for limited freedom are given tasks around the farm or sent to work on the plantation. Phuoc also purchased a second-hand ambulance, which he uses to provide free transport for terminally ill cancer patients discharged from the hospital. He shelters these patients until they pass away, and the ambulance is also used to transport deceased patients back to their families. Phuoc even conducts funerals for families who cannot afford the costs themselves. Phuoc is currently building a large house that he envisions as a shelter or nursing home. He has various plans for its future, including potentially gifting it to a monastery that could manage the facility.

My Visit to the Shelter

During my visit to the farm, I witnessed the conditions firsthand. It was a confronting experience. Many of the men are severely disturbed and kept in cells, while a few, considered flight risks or prone to violence, are chained by the leg or wrist. Some are former street fighters or individuals with violent histories who require restraint to prevent harm to others. On the other hand, some of the more stable men work on the farm, such as minding livestock or helping on the coffee plantation. I saw three muscular men dismantling and reassembling a tractor—individuals who appeared to have a history of gang involvement.

Part of Phuoc's approach seems to include sheltering young men who, under the influence of drugs, committed serious crimes like murder. Rather than serving time in the harsh prison system, their families have had them declared insane and sent to Phuoc's shelter. After a few years, these men are released, thus avoiding prison, where they would face brutal punishment, including the use of electric prods or violence from other inmates.

Supporting the Shelter

This visit was one of the most disturbing experiences of my 15 trips to Vietnam. During our interpreter's conversation with Phuoc's wife, we learned that we could make a significant difference by stabilising the nutrition for these men. The kitchen often runs out of rice, so we proposed providing 500 kg of rice, 20 boxes of noodles (each containing 30 packets), and replacing two aging 10-litre electric rice cookers. The total cost of this project is 16.5 million VND, approximately \$1,000.



The note says: I have suffered a stroke and cannot speak. Please help me by providing a notebook and pencils.



Truck driver and manager of the facility Phuoc







Kitchen food preparation



One of the 10 litre rice cookers



Nourishing meaty stew



Phuoc's house



Phuoc's smaller funeral truck





3 SUPPORTING ADVANCEMENT IN STUDIES – HA TINH PROVINCE

This project focuses on providing direct educational support to individual students from a fishing community in Ha Tinh Province, Vietnam. The initiative aims to help these students advance in their studies or complete educational courses, despite facing significant economic and family challenges.

Background

In April 2016, Vietnam faced one of its most severe environmental crises when Formosa Ha Tinh Steel discharged toxic waste into the ocean. This incident led to widespread contamination, severely affecting the livelihoods of local fishing communities. The Vietnamese government and the Chinese-owned company initially attempted to conceal and deny the disaster. As a result, a ban was placed on fishing within 20 nautical miles off the coast of Ha Tinh Province, which caused the economic collapse of the fishing villages. Efforts to protest and seek compensation were met with heavy governmental crackdowns. High-profile cases included the imprisonment of citizen journalists Nguyễn Văn Hoá (7 years) and Lê Đình Lượng (20 years, plus 5 years of house arrest). Catholic fishing villages campaigning for compensation were portrayed by state media as "hostile elements" attempting to exploit religion for protests.

The Need

For the youth in these affected villages, the future is bleak. The economic collapse has left them with limited options: emigration, often through illegal means, or pursuing education in the hope of finding alternative livelihoods. Many students come from families struggling under the weight of these circumstances, and without outside support, their chances of advancing in their studies are slim.

Project Goals

Our project aims to provide some financial assistance to five selected students in dire need of tuition fees, learning materials, and other essential educational expenses. Also, encourage the students to rise above their economic and social hardships through education.

Project Cost

Total cost was 39M = \$2,300 AUD.

Conclusion

With your generous support, this project has been able to make a meaningful difference in the lives of some young students in Ha Tinh Province. Education is one of the few paths available to break the cycle of poverty and hardship, and your contributions are helping to open doors for these students, giving them hope for a better future.



Hung in front of the university building.

Nguyen Hung is doing the last year of an IT course in Hue University (*Dai Hoc* for 4-year courses). Hung's background is the parents are fisherman. The father can read and write but the mother cannot. Hung's father has had an illness for a long time and has not been able to work for years. We have helped this family before and this time paid some of his internship living costs of 5M = \$300.



Nguyen Ha Tram is in Year 11. She has two brothers of school age. Her parents Chien and Cuong have been unemployed for a long time. Tram is smart, very hard working, top of her class in the school, and is currently teaching herself Chinese. Her dream is for her proficiency in English and Chinese to get her a scholarship to study languages at university. We contributed the first year of Tram's language tutoring fees of 14.5M = \$860.



Nguyen Thao Vy is in Year 8 in a secondary school in Ha Tinh. She has two younger siblings aged 7 and 2. Her family background is that her father Sy grew up working as a fisherman, and mother Hien from a rice farm. Following the massive fish kill along the coast and rivers by the local steel company, the father has not been able to catch enough fish to support his family and can only find temporary casual work. Thao Vy has been left in the village with her aunty to continue studies, while her parents try to find work in Danang City. Thao Vy's mother is working as a maid. We are covering some school costs of 3.5M = \$200.



School award for achievement in 5 key areas of study.

Nguyen Thi Luyen is one of the two girls we were helping with accommodation costs for their courses in Nha Trang University (*Dai Hoc* for 4-year courses). Luyen's family background is her father died of cancer and mother is working on another family's fishing boat. Luyen is the youngest of 6 siblings and the 5 older ones were not been able to finish school. They are either fishing, or selling fish at the market. Luyen is very determined to overcome all these personal difficulties, get out of the village and get stable employment in the city. This year will be the last year of her journalism course. We are covering some of her living costs of 5M = \$300.



Fund-raiser High School graduation photo.

Vo Thien Trang is a Year 1 entrant into a carer/nurse Technical College course in Hue (*Cau Dang* for 3-year courses). Trang's background is mother is a construction labourer and father a carpenter. Trang's parents Nga and Phuoc are illiterate. Trang has left her home province for the opportunity to find a study environment. Her family placed her in a boarding convent for girls where they have free accommodation, but pay \$3 per day for food. We contributed the first term of course fee being 11M = \$650. Sadly, Trang's village schooling could did not prepare her for the technical nature of the course and she discontinued the course to return to her village.

4 SCHOOL MATERIALS FOR VINH SON 5 SHELTER, KONTUM

As part of our support for the Vinh Son 5 Shelter, which houses 55 children, we organised medical checks with Dr. Trong and arranged for volunteer tutor Lan Anh to assist one of the nuns in purchasing school study materials for the children.

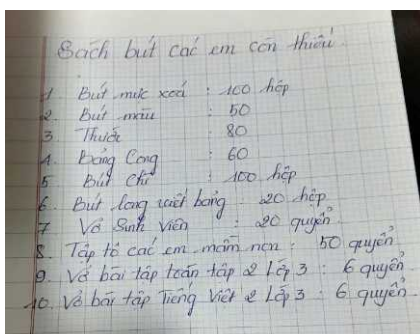
Provided Materials

The following items were supplied to the children:

- Markers
- Coloured pencils
- Pencils
- Rulers
- Children's chalkboards for writing practice
- Correction pens
- Notebooks
- Colouring books
- School textbooks

Project Cost

The total cost for this project was 10 million VND (approximately \$600).



5 CHICKENS & FOOD, CON SO LANG VILLAGE SHELTER, KONTUM

This shelter, run by two indigenous Ba Na nuns, provides a home for 21 school-aged indigenous girls, allowing them to attend the nearby school. The shelter already has a productive vegetable garden and a well-maintained chicken run. To improve the girls' nutrition, we supplied 50 small chicks and a bag of feed. Additionally, we provided a few weeks' worth of food supplies for the girls.

Project Impact

By expanding the shelter's chicken-raising capacity, we aim to enhance the girls' diet with a sustainable source of protein. The food provisions further ensure their nutritional needs are met while they continue their education.

Dormitory Inspection

During our visit, we inspected the girls' dormitory, which is a lean-to structure made of sheet metal. It is currently uninsulated, poorly lit, lacks windows, and would become extremely hot in summer, dark during the day, and very noisy during rainstorms. To improve their living conditions, we measured an alternative dormitory location and forwarded the sketches to Long, a builder contact, for a feasibility study and budget estimate.

Future Project Plans

We are currently exploring a larger project in partnership with another charity group to convert several large rooms into a proper dormitory for the girls, providing them with a safer, more comfortable living environment.

Project Cost

The total cost of the chicken-raising and food provision project was 20 million VND (approximately \$1,200), comprised of 10M for food and 10M for chickens.







6 FURNITURE & READING ROOMS FOR 3 VILLAGE SCHOOLS

This project originally supported only one remote, small village school in Ngọc Leang, located in the Tu Mơ Rông district, approximately 50 km (a 3-hour ride up a steep mountain road) from Kontum City. Ngọc Leang is home to about 1,000 people from the Sê Đăng language group. The villagers are primarily farmers, cow herders, and labourers on Vietnamese-owned coffee plantations. While the children's school is new, it lacks essential furniture.

Later we expanded the project to include two other village schools and furniture fitout of a reading room in two of the schools. Each reading room is fitted out with 10 tables and three bookshelves. Altogether, we made 80 tables, 7 book shelves and a hundred plastic chairs for 3 village schools in Kon Tum. Included was the fitout of two school reading rooms. Villages were Ngọc Leang, Plei Jodrop, Kon Trang Monei.

Project Implementation

To address this need, we visited a small school furniture manufacturing workshop in Kontum City. The furniture is made from lightweight galvanized steel square tubing and laminated wood sourced from rubber tree plantations.

Project Cost

We spent 62M = \$3,700 AUD, comprised of 36M = \$2,150 AUD for materials, 6M +\$360 for 100 chairs and 20M = \$1,200 village wages for 2 workers for 26 days to fabricate, and 18M= \$1,075 for book supplies for two reading rooms.





7 DISABLED SCHOOL IN PLEIKU, GIA LAI

This boarding and day school, run by nuns from a local convent in Pleiku, serves 80 children with a wide range of disabilities. The school has received advice and support from sponsors and staff from Western countries over the years. Recently, the nuns requested a large loudspeaker for announcements, new computers for their computer laboratory, and financial assistance for teacher salaries.

Given the limited budget of our charity, we offered to support them with more practical necessities. The nuns agreed, and we provided five additional wheelchairs to supplement the two they already had, along with school supplies such as colouring materials and plasticine.

Project Impact

By focusing on immediate needs like mobility aids and educational materials, we aimed to improve the daily experience for these children, allowing them to participate more actively in school activities.

Project Cost

The total cost for this project was 10 million VND (approximately \$600).



8 SINGLE MOTHER'S SHELTER – THIEN AN, HA TINH

Our interpreter's summary: *"We did a project at an unmarried mothers shelter. There are four girls at high school years 10 and 11. They made a mistake with a boy of the same age. No help from parents and no support from government and no acceptance from society. This shelter provides the accommodation and help during their pregnancy for the girls. And this shelter also provides a place for them to hide themselves from a difficult society".*

This project supported a small shelter for single mothers, run by two nuns who house women with unwanted pregnancies and arrange adoptions for their babies.

The shelter accommodates women during their pregnancy and one month after. The nuns carefully vet adoptive families to ensure stability. With the improving urban economy and smaller family sizes, there's a waiting list for adoptions, with most babies adopted within a week of birth. While some shelters retain children to attract donations, this shelter prioritises adoptions. Over the years, the client base has shifted from young adult women who had left their villages to work in factory districts or in Thailand, to local high school girls. Currently, about 20 pregnant girls are accommodated annually.

Adoptions require government paperwork, so accepting payment from adopting couples could lead to accusations of child trafficking. Instead, the shelter receives 5 million VND monthly from the parish, with additional support from donors.

During our visit, four school-aged girls were staying at the shelter. Initially, one of the nuns requested an electric dryer for cloth nappies, but when we suggested this would increase their electricity bills, they agreed to extension of their outdoor drying area instead.

The kitchen and dining area is covered by a simple metal shed, which had severe leaks. We offered to replace the roof sheets, install new flashing, and add gutters and downpipes, which the nuns accepted.

We asked if the girls arrived with personal care items. While the nuns said they did, I suggested a simple "care package" for girls at the shelter. This aimed to show each girl that she deserves to value herself. Our project manager helped the girls prepare anonymous lists of items they needed, which encouraged them to add more requests. Typical items were skin moisturiser for stretch marks, lip balm, maternity wear and warm jacket for winter.

Lunch with the nuns and girls was a special experience, with the nuns creating a warm, family-like atmosphere. It was a sharp contrast to the institutional environments I've seen in government-run facilities.

Our project manager then arranged for a local builder to assess repairs and went to the market with a nun. From the market, we provided care packages for each girl based on their lists. We also bought laundry supplies, including baby clothes and towels, for a total cost of 4 million VND (around \$250). The laundry area extension and kitchen roof materials cost was the remainder of this 25M= \$1,500 project. We got good value for money by paying village labour rates for the workers who also purchased the materials.

One girl approached us for help, explaining that her father had drowned and her mother was suffering from suspected lung cancer. We offered a hospital test, but this was declined. It later emerged that the girl was seeking cash to rebuild their home, which the local Caritas charity might assist with if the family contributed. The nuns informed us that both the girl and her younger brother neglected their mother, adding to her stress. The brother had run away with the family motorbike, causing trouble until the police confiscated the unregistered vehicle. Unsurprisingly,

their mother's health deteriorated. We responded by offering a hospital test and chickens for the family to raise.

Then a good news story. While I was there, a former client of the shelter called in to thank and say goodbye to the nuns. She had kept the baby for her mother to raise. Her parents had then organised a working visa for her to go to Canada, to start a new life.

Photos below: The nuns and girls at the shelter granted permission for photos to be taken. I ensured the girls were de-identified in the images.



Cloth nappy drying area: Instead of creating an electric dryer maintenance problem, we are looking at extension of the existing rain cover in the drying yard. Also roof repairs to manage leaks in the main kitchen/dining area.



Nun standing at our completed extension



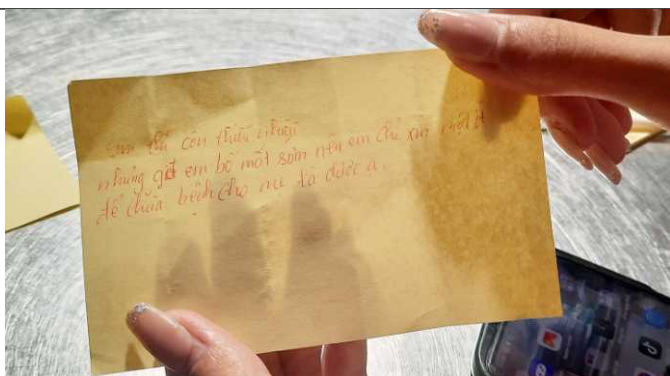
Our roof waterproofing is out of sight, but makes a crucial difference for keeping the interior from flooding during tropical downpours.



With the two nuns who run the shelter. Framed on the wall are photos of the local benefactor who left land for the shelter in their will.



Gathering the anonymous lists of items needed by each girl at the shelter.



Girl holds her request on a note



Girls come to collect their bags and check the contents



A former client of the shelter called in to show that the baby she kept is well and to thank and say goodbye to the nuns.



This very engaging visitor practised her English lessons with me and brought the baby for a photo.

9 HUOI POC VILLAGE, NAM CAN, KY SON, NGHE AN PROVINCE.

Huoi Poc is a small village of Mong indigenous people on the border of Laos. It is situated on the top of the mountain range. It is very poor. It rains through the year. The road is steep, slippery and dangerous. It is difficult for the children to attend school. We originally suggested this as a bicycles for students project, but the local children walk as the mountain road is steep.

Our project partner here was Hiep's charity group. They carried out a visit to the village and brought essential provisions to the people. They began with a detailed breakdown of the program's estimated costs for supplying primary school and kindergarten, including educational materials, food, clothing, and equipment. The total budget for the program was 47M (approximately \$2,800) and our share of the cost was 22M (approximately \$1,320).

We contributed 22M (approximately \$1,310) for the following:

No	Item	Quantity	Unit price	Total price M vnd
1	Umbrellas (primary)	20	80,000	1.6
2	Pencils	800	3,000	2.4
3	Sports Shoes	160	100,000	16
4	Socks	160	5,000	0.8
5	Towels for Kids	85	5,000	0.425
6	Modelling Clay	85	10,000	0.85
7	Crayon sets	85	10,000	0.85
8	Umbrellas (kindergarten)	85	80,000	6.8
9	Foam Mats	10	100,000	1
10	Water Buckets with Lids	3	100,000	0.3
11	Large Boots	5	100,000	0.5
12	Large Raincoats	5	150,000	0.75
	TOTAL			32 *

Hiep's group contributed:

No	Item	Quantity	Unit price	Total price M vnd
1	Rice	100	20,000	2
2	Fish Sauce	12	22,000	0.264
3	Cooking Oil	10	42,000	0.420
4	MSG	5	60,000	0.3
5	Soap	3	250,000	0.75
6	Student Notebooks	800	5,500	4.4
7	Dry Food	320	5,000	1.6
8	Solar Energy Lamp	1	1,000,000	1
9	Milk	85	22,000	1.87
10	Candy	85	10,000	0.85
11	Sundries, Plastic Bags	1	1	1
	TOTAL			14.5

Donated items were:

1	Retailer of the above items donated some of the cost as 200,000 vnd gifts *
2	Children's Clothing
3	Outdoor Toys



Huoi Poc is a small village of Mong indigenous people on the border of Laos



Volunteer group arrives at the end of the formal road.



Clearing a soil slide to make the track passable



Carrying a second-hand mattress (for children's midday sleep) up the village track.



Children meet the delivery truck on the village track.



Children unloading the truck.



Carrying the foam floor mats we provided for children's midday sleep.



Arrival at the village school.



Children with our umbrellas. (It's a very rainy place).



Official proceedings for kindergarten.



Primary School assembly for the occasion.



Typical Vietnam charity group poster and photo-op.



Home visits to disadvantaged households



Cash donation envelopes from the shop that sold the provisions.





10 CHICKEN RAISING IN VILLAGES AROUND PHAT DIEM

This project helped disadvantaged villagers improve their livelihoods and nutrition through raising chickens. We partnered with Sister Kinh, a local nun who has spent her life working with the people of Phat Diem, to manage and oversee the project. Sister Kinh conducted home visits to ensure each of the 20 selected households had proper housing for the chickens. These villagers, who are familiar with raising chickens, were chosen because they have the experience and willingness to care for the livestock. The project aims to improve their household income and nutrition.

Inspection

Sister Kinh, a respected figure in the local community, had the crucial role in the project, conducting periodic home visits to villagers. The project started with an inspection of the chicken housing for each of the 20 selected disadvantaged households. This inspection ensured that household had the capacity, knowledge, and willingness to raise the chickens successfully.

Distribution

Each of the 20 households received 20 vaccinated chicks and a bag of feed, with a total project cost of 21.5 million VND (approximately \$1,300). These villagers, many of whom have limited or no family support, live on the fringes of Phat Diem. The chickens provide an opportunity to generate income and improve nutrition.

Monitoring

Sister Kinh documented the project by taking photos during her inspections of chicken housing and distributing chicks. These people are disadvantaged even by local village standards.

With the help of Sister Kinh, we provided support to village households who need it most. The project improves economic stability but also strengthens the ties within the community. By involving the villagers in their own success, the project ensures long-lasting benefits for the community.

A few inspection photos show our clients are disadvantaged, even by local village standards.





Sister Kinh took a record of the distribution of the chickens.





11 FAMILY NO. 4 CHILD PROTECTION CENTRE, DANANG

The Child Protection Centre No. 4, originally established by French charities, is one of several local shelters in Danang. This particular centre is home to 23 children. Our project manager in Danang coordinated a memorable visit and activity day in partnership with two university student clubs, one from the architectural faculty and the other from the medical faculty at Danang universities.

The university students crafted a well-thought-out plan, which included:

- A one-day visit to the shelter.
- Fun activities for the children, such as games and singing.
- Awarding prizes to the participating children.
- Providing each child with a personalised football-style sports uniform, complete with their name and a sponsor-style logo representing Friends of Vietnam Orphanages (FoVO).
- Delivering provisions requested by the shelter including rice and instant noodles.
- Purchasing ingredients and cooking a communal lunch for everyone.

The total cost of this project was 10 million VND (approximately \$595). The energy and enthusiasm brought by the university students were invaluable, and the initiative fostered a meaningful connection between the students and the children.

The day was a huge success. Football and uniforms are immensely popular among both children and adults in Vietnam, and the idea of forming a football team with custom sports uniforms came directly from a conversation between the university students and the shelter.

Highlights of the day included:

- University students arranging photos with the children, displaying the donated provisions.
- A group photo with everyone cheering "Mot, hai, ba, zo!" (Hip hip hooray!).
- The children proudly showing off their new personalised sports uniforms.
- Games and singing competitions with prizes awarded by the university students.
- The university students preparing and cooking lunch for the entire group.
- The excited children sitting down to enjoy the communal lunch with students and staff.

The personalised sports uniforms were a big hit. One boy, in particular, had the group in stitches as he pulled faces while showing off his new outfit. Each shirt featured the child's name and team number on the back. Peter, received a shirt with "Pi To" (a Vietnamese version of Peter) printed on the back. A Friends of Vietnam Orphanages badge (FoVO) was on the front of each shirt. It was just one day, but filled with joy, laughter, and a strong sense of community, and we are grateful for the support that made this project possible.



Students set up donated rice, instant noodle packets etc for a photo with the children.



Group photo with everyone cheering "Mot, hai, ba, zo!" (Hip hip hooray!)



Some of the children show their personalised sports uniforms including our project manager My Chau.



Games and singing competitions with prizes awarded by the university students.



University students preparing and cooking lunch for the entire group.



Excited children sitting down to enjoy the communal lunch with students and staff.



Students joined the communal lunch.



Children were happy with their personalised sports uniforms.



Gold crowns on Peter's teeth provided great amusement for the children.



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12 SURGERY TO ENABLE A FISHERMAN TO WALK AND WORK

Background

Diệm was born in 1977 in a small fishing village in Ha Tinh Province, Vietnam. One of six children, he left school at the age of seven, after only completing second grade, to work as a fisherman due to his family's poverty. Unable to read or write, he has spent his life working at sea, beginning alongside his father and later as a diver on ocean-going fishing boats from the age of 13.

His wife, Shern, also comes from a fishing family and left school early. By age 13, she was rowing boats on her own to deliver fish to market. She is also illiterate and suffers from a phobia of loud engine noises, which makes fishing-related work more difficult.

Family Situation

Diệm and Shern have three children: one son who worked in Korea, another son who is unemployed locally, and a daughter currently in Year 12. The family's livelihood depends entirely on small-scale fishing.

Health Struggles

Years of physically demanding labour—especially launching boats by pushing with his legs—along with smoking and drinking, led to chronic leg pain and disability. Eventually, Diệm's right leg became noticeably shorter than the left, forcing him to rely on crutches.



Diệm on crutches before surgery.



Pre-surgery X-ray shows the worn right femur ball joint completely separated from the hip.

After further injury from lifting a box of fish, he suffered worsening back pain. He spent three years unsuccessfully self-treating with traditional Chinese herbal medicine before purchasing government health insurance, partly subsidised by Formosa Ha Tinh Steel in compensation for a massive toxic fish kill they had caused.

He first sought treatment at the local Thach Ha District Hospital, where electric acupuncture and a stretching rack worsened his condition. X-rays at the Ha Tinh Provincial Hospital finally revealed that his right femoral head was severely worn and completely detached from the hip socket.

First Surgery – 2019

Villagers, including a local doctor, urged Diệm to travel to Hanoi for better-quality care. There, he underwent successful hip replacement surgery, which enabled him to walk again with less pain.

Funding for the first surgery (quoted at 100 million VND or over \$6,000 AUD) came from multiple sources:

- 40 million VND from health insurance
- 10 million VND from selling Shern's gold chain

- 10 million VND from Shern's sister
- 10 million VND from Diệm's three brothers
- 30 million VND (approx. \$1,800 AUD) covered by our charity, with a major contribution from the Aranda Men's Group in Canberra

This operation allowed Diệm to temporarily return to light work and support his family while Shern assisted her younger brother with river fishing.

Current Project – Second Surgery (Recently Completed)

In recent years, Diệm's leg deteriorated again, and the pain became too intense for him to work. Though his family had once sold their jewellery and pooled savings for his first operation, they were now in financial ruin after borrowing heavily to send their son to Korea on a guest worker visa—only for the application to be rejected.

Desperate and without alternatives, Diệm chose the lower-cost option of surgery at the Ha Tinh Provincial Hospital. The procedure was successful, but not without complications: he suffered several weeks of post-operative infection and pain. Thankfully, he recovered after returning home to convalesce.

To fund this second surgery:

- The family received modest support from their village and extended family
- They took out a loan
- Our charity filled the funding gap by contributing 15 million VND (approx. \$900 AUD), **with a major contribution from the Aranda Men's Group in Canberra**

Although Diệm's body is worn and fishing is physically demanding, he has had no choice but to return to the sea to support his family, as he lacks education, skills, and confidence in any other occupation.

Conclusion

Thanks to your support, **both of Diệm's surgeries have now been completed**, enabling him to walk and continue working, however modestly, to support his family. Your contributions have made a direct and meaningful difference in the life of a man who has known only hard labour and hardship.



Diệm and Shern's fishing crafts:

- *At rear: the sea-going net trawler*
- *Centre: circular boat (bamboo frame, bitumen-covered cloth) for access and rowing to shore*
- *Front: smaller boat used for river fishing*

IN MEMORY OF THUY (1989–2025)



Photos from Thuy's charity work with us in ethnic minority villages

This year, we lost a dear friend and collaborator, Thuy — a brave, generous, and deeply compassionate young woman whose life was devoted to helping others despite her own hardships. Thuy contracted polio as a toddler, leaving her with paralysis on her right side. Raised in a hard-working family, she overcame significant challenges to complete a pharmacy degree with the support of fee assistance. A devout Catholic, Thuy hoped to enter the religious life and applied to several convents. Sadly, her fragile health meant she was unable to meet the physical demands of convent life and was not accepted as a novice.

Undeterred, Thuy turned her compassion outward. Using Facebook crowdfunding, she organised her own charity projects the Vietnamese way. Thuy supported her volunteers and helpers very generously. She provided scholarships for disadvantaged students, distributed food parcels to cancer patients, supported ethnic minority communities in the mountains, and even built whole houses for families in need. It was during this time that our charity was fortunate to meet Thuy and collaborate with her on several projects, including the Vong Chep community project in Gia Lai, featured in this report.

Thuy faced her own health struggles with characteristic courage. After the Vong Chep project, she was diagnosed with advanced cervical cancer. Too frail for chemotherapy, she underwent limited radiotherapy, cared for lovingly by her sister, who returned from working abroad to stay by Thuy's side throughout her 10-month illness.

Thuy passed away on 11 June 2025 at the age of 36. Her funeral was attended by hundreds of people whose lives had been touched by her kindness and generosity. Thuy's life was an inspiration — a testament to resilience, faith, and the profound impact one determined individual can make. We are honoured to have called her our friend.



In hospital, Thuy (sitting cross-legged) sharing a meal with her sister Tuyet Trinh.



Thuy's funeral casket



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28.11.24	79.28	0	Leo Gijzel
02.12.24	50	0	Franziska
02.12.24	150	0	Clive
05.12.24	25	0	Michael & Adrienne
09.12.24	20	0	Geoff & Rachelle
16.12.24	50	0	Helen & David
19.12.24	25	0	Michael & Adrienne
23.12.24	20	0	Geoff & Rachelle
24.12.24	200	0	Graham Williams
27.12.24	150	0	Patrick H
27.12.24	200	0	Harold Jackson
30.12.24	79.20	0	Leo Gijzel
02.01.25	500	0	Amanda
02.01.25	25	0	Michael & Adrienne
02.01.25	50	0	Franziska
02.01.25	150	0	Clive
06.01.25	20	0	Geoff & Rachelle
15.01.25	50	0	Helen & David
16.01.25	25	0	Michael & Adrienne
17.01.25	50	0	Hayden & Yen
20.01.25	20	0	Geoff & Rachelle
25.01.25	50	0	Patrick H
28.01.25	200	0	Harold Jackson
28.01.25	81.40	0	Leo Gijzel
30.01.25	25	0	Michael & Adrienne

31.01.25	155	0	Paul Pearson
03.02.25	20	0	Geoff & Rachelle
03.02.25	50	0	Franziska
03.02.25	150	0	Clive
17.02.25	20	0	Geoff & Rachelle
17.02.25	50	0	Helen & David
25.02.25	200	0	Patrick H
27.02.25	200	0	Harold Jackson
28.02.25	81.59	0	Leo Gijzel
03.03.25	20	0	Geoff & Rachelle
03.03.25	50	0	Franziska
03.03.25	150	0	Clive
13.03.25	25	0	Michael & Adrienne
17.03.25	20	0	Geoff & Rachelle
17.03.25	50	0	Helen & David
17.03.25	50	0	Hayden & Yen
25.03.25	150	0	Patrick H
27.03.25	200	0	Harold Jackson
27.03.25	25	0	Michael & Adrienne
28.03.25	83.76	0	Leo Gijzel
31.03.25	20	0	Geoff & Rachelle
01.04.25	150	0	Clive
02.04.25	50	0	Franziska
03.04.25	250	0	Spiral
04.03.25	1000	0	Jennifer & Brett Y
10.04.25	25	0	Michael & Adrienne
14.04.25	20	0	Geoff & Rachelle
15.04.25	50	0	Helen & David
24.04.25	25	0	Michael & Adrienne
26.04.25	200	0	Patrick H
28.04.25	200	0	Harold Jackson
28.04.25	86.86	0	Leo Gijzel
28.04.25	20	0	Geoff & Rachelle
01.05.25	150	0	Clive
02.05.25	50	0	Franziska
08.05.25	25	0	Michael & Adrienne
12.05.25	20	0	Geoff & Rachelle
14.05.25	500	0	Rasa K
15.05.25	35	0	Helen & David
19.05.25	50	0	Hayden & Yen
22.05.25	25	0	Michael & Adrienne
26.05.25	200	0	Patrick H
26.05.25	20	0	Geoff & Rachelle
27.05.25	200	0	Harold Jackson
28.05.25	85.93	0	Leo Gijzel
02.06.25	50	0	Franziska
02.06.25	150	0	Clive
02.06.25	50	0	Franziska
03.06.25	5000	0	Jennifer & Brett
05.06.25	25	0	Michael & Adrienne
09.06.25	20	0	Geoff & Rachelle
10.06.25	200	0	Harold Jackson
16.06.25	50	0	Helen & David
17.06.25	50	0	Hayden & Yen
19.06.25	25	0	Michael & Adrienne
23.06.25	20	0	Geoff & Rachelle
26.06.25	200	0	Patrick H
28.06.25	600	0	Julie & Jan
30.06.25	87.58	0	Leo Gijzel

TOTALS	\$26,274	15,000	+ \$5,500 carried over from last fin year's withdrawal = Total \$20,500
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ATTACHMENT

2025 PROJECT SUMMARY

How Your \$20,500 Was Spent

Every dollar you donated went directly toward providing assistance in Vietnam.

This year, we focused primarily on Central Vietnam, with an emphasis on the highland provinces of Kontum and Gia Lai, home to the Ba Na and J'rai peoples. Collaborating with university student groups and other dedicated volunteers, we ensured that 100% of every dollar donated was used for direct aid, as we operate with zero administrative costs.

Over the financial year, we received \$26,274 AUD in donations and spent \$20,500 across 12 impactful projects. We extend special thanks to our incredible project manager and our many valued contacts in Vietnam for their support.

No	Million VND	\$ AUD	PROJECT
1	70.5	4,415	BICYCLES FOR STUDENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kon Hongo Kotu Village in Kontum – 20m (\$1,250).Ba Long Village in Khe Sanh– 20m, (\$1,250)Nam Chieu Son Community in Hue City – 10m (\$625).Bike repairs at Vinh Son 1 Shelter, Kontum – 4m (\$255);Villages around Ha Tinh City – 16.5m (\$1,035).
2	16.5	1,035	SHELTER FOR MEN WITH MENTAL DISORDERS IN PLEIKU, GIA LAI.
3	39	2,300	SUPPORTING ADVANCEMENT IN STUDIES – HA TINH PROVINCE
4	10	595	SCHOOL MATERIALS FOR VINH SON 5 SHELTER, KONTUM.
5	20	1,190	CHICKEN RAISING AND FOOD PROVISIONS FOR CON SO LANG VILLAGE SHELTER, KONTUM.
6	80	4,775	FURNITURE & READING ROOMS FOR 3 VILLAGE SCHOOLS, KONTUM
7	10	595	DISABLED SCHOOL IN PLEIKU, GIA LAI.
8	25	1,500	SINGLE MOTHER'S SHELTER – THIEN AN, HA TINH
9	22	1,320	HUOI POC VILLAGE, NAM CAN, KY SON, NGHE AN PROVINCE.
10	21.5	1,280	CHICKEN RAISING IN VILLAGES AROUND PHAT DIEM, NINH BINH.
11	10	595	FAMILY NO. 4 CHILD PROTECTION CENTRE, DANANG.
12	15	900	SURGERY TO ENABLE A FISHERMAN TO WALK AND WORK.
	339.5	\$20,500	TOTAL <ul style="list-style-type: none">Totals were rounded.Exchange rates varied, @1.597M/\$100 for projects 1 & 2, then 1.682M/\$100 for remainder of projects.This year's funding was \$15,000 withdrawal + \$5,500 carried over from previous fin year's withdrawal.



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3	Dennis McManus PSM	3,000
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5	Patrick Hourigan	1,950
6	Anon.	1,550
7	Leo Gijzel	990
8	Aranda Men's Group	675
9	Michael & Adrienne	650
10	Hayden & Yen	600
11	Franziska & Peter Everton	600
12	Julie Kulikowski AOM	600
13	Beyond Bank Community Reward Account Interest	550
14	Geoff & Rachelle Stannard	520
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16	Amanda Kabaila	500
17	Rasa Kabaila	300
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