

# REPORT TO DONORS FOR 2016 FINANCIAL YEAR

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# OUR DONORS

I am grateful to our board, **Clive, Loan and Tiep, Julie, Geoff and Long**. They have provided steady encouragement and support. I have regularly consulted our Australian Vietnamese friends **Loan and Tiep** act as cultural interpreters. They have provided a picture of what is happening behind the scene.

While Loan, Tiep and Long have now resigned from the committee, we welcome their continuing friendship and advice. We also welcome **Dennis** as a new member of the board.

Thank you to our faithful weekly contributors **Clive, Vytas, Michael and Adrienne, Geoff and Rachelle**.

Thank you also to our many volunteer interpreters and “fixers” in Vietnam **Nguyen, Hien, Chau, Thuy, Huong, Vi, Huyen, Hiep, Truclinh, Duong, Lam, Son**. Nothing would get done without their help.

The orphanage fund received large donations from our friends **Anne Wiggan, Dennis and Karna**.

**Jee and Joyce** held a Sunday junk stall at the local Trash n Treasure market. **Vytas and Mel** helped at a second market stall.

We received donations from Vietnamese Australians, **Kim Huynh and Loan Pham**.

**Neighbours in our street** including **Hamish and Ginny** helped with two fundraising street parties.

With this funding we were able to carry out many small, local projects at the village level. There were also four larger projects, each at a thousand dollars:

- Tertiary course sponsorships for disabled women at An Binh shelter.
- Freezer for food storage and a children’s holiday for orphanages in Can Tho.
- Washing machine, medicines and sun shade, shelter for homeless women in Dong Nai.
- Medicine distribution to 9 orphanages, mainly around Nha Trang.

**On behalf of Friends of Vietnam Orphanages Inc, I am grateful for your generous donations to the fund, together with your moral support and good counsel.**



**Peter Kabaila,  
Secretary**

# PROJECT SUMMARY

Every dollar you donated went to direct assistance in Vietnam.

During the 2016 financial year we paid for projects to encourage children to attend school, provided shoes, medicines and baby formula to orphanages. We spent **\$12,450** of the funds provided by our donors, as summarised below. The funds were either personally administered or administered by a helper network.

## EDUCATION

*(\*items completed during the January 2016 Vietnam visit are asterisked)*

\$190*	(3M vnd)	Course scholarships An Binh Orphanage.
\$440*	(7M vnd)	Sewing training for disabled women
\$200*		Tertiary scholarship
\$425*	(6.8M vnd)	Music training for disabled women
\$375*	(6M vnd)	Library for Huong Duong orphanage
\$625*	(10M vnd rounded).	(Study scholarships for 3 households)
\$375*	(6M vnd)	TV for Trang Nua orphanage
\$1,163.00	(19M vnd)	Study scholarships An Binh Orphanage

## MEDICAL

\$1,370*	(21M vnd)	Medicines for 7 orphanages
\$190*	(3M vnd)	Assist an acid burns victim
\$40*	(0.7M vnd)	Food for Yen, young mother dying of cancer in Can Tho
\$95*	(1.5M vnd)	Milk for orphanage
\$375*	(6M vnd)	Clinic doctor's computer
\$550		Surgery for ectopic pregnancy at Xa Thach Long village

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

\$110*	(1.8M vnd)	Provisions for children at Long An Pagoda
\$360*	(5.8M vnd)	Food storage for Thien An orphanage
\$500*	(8M vnd)	Holiday for children of Buu Tri Pagoda
\$250*	(4M vnd)	Infant care at Vinh Phuoc Pagoda
\$310*	(5M vnd).	Mission to the poor in Tay Ninh (Cao Dai area).
\$2,100*		Projects for Dong Nai Women's Home
\$500*	(8M vnd)	Care package for unmarried mothers, Dong Nai
\$1,000*		Farming and nutrition for Dai An orphanage
\$260*	(4.2M vnd)	Youth group mission to the poor, Hue City area
\$310*	(5M vnd)	Nuns' mission to the poor, Hung Trach mountain village
\$125*	(2M vnd)	Youth group mission to the poor, Tuyen Hoa village
\$375*	(6M vnd)	Food & hygiene for leper colony

# PROJECT DETAILS

## EDUCATION

**\$190\* (3M vnd) Course scholarships An Binh Orphanage.**



Tertiary course study fees at An Binh shelter, Saigon. Request and course fee receipts received by email. Sr Lich was reimbursed in cash.

Nguyễn Thị Kim Oanh: 863.000

Nguyễn Thị Ngọc Ánh 675.000

Hoàng Thị Huyền 675.000

Thỏa - Braille course 600.000

Sponsored student Nguyen Thi Ngoc Ahn nurses Gia Bao (2 yrs) at An Binh

**\$440\* (7M vnd) Sewing training for disabled women**



Second hand Juki overlocker sewing machine with new table, An Binh Orphanage, Saigon.

Hieu helps Sister Hoa shop for the overlocker sewing machine.

**\$200\* Tertiary scholarship**

Tertiary study scholarship to a poor student (brother of Sister Tuyen from Huong Phuong, Quang Binh).

**\$425\* (6.8M vnd) Music training for disabled women**



Keyboard being delivered by motorbike

Yamaha electronic keyboard, stand and chair, An Binh Orphanage.

**\$375\* (6M vnd) Library for Huong Duong orphanage**



Library of children's books purchased from the city bookshop for Huong Duong orphanage (Nha Trang). *Coordinated by Lam.*

**\$625\* (10M vnd rounded). Study scholarships for 3 households**



Nguyễn Thị Diễm Hương

School fees scholarships for students from 3 households identified by the Lasan group. *Project coordinated by Thuy.*

Hà Tĩnh: (1 household)  
Võ Thị Linh Đan (total 2,410,000 vnd)  
Võ Thị Thiên Trang (total 3,105,000 vnd).

Huế: (2 households)  
Nguyễn Thị Diễm Hương (1st semester: 3,540,000 vnd)  
Lê Thanh Tâm ( 1st semester: 125,000 vnd)  
Lê Văn Công ( 1st semester: 615,000 vnd)



Thiên Trang and Linh Đan with their mother

### **\$375\* (6M vnd) TV for Trang Nua orphanage**



TV for education and enjoyment at Trang Nua orphanage. (Xa Doai, Near Vinh City). TV, antenna, DVD player and wall brackets, delivery and installation. *Coordinated by Chau.*

### **\$1,163.00 (19M vnd) Study scholarships An Binh Orphanage**



Mai Ly (in Year 10) and Gia Bao, the newest and youngest arrival at the shelter.

Academic year 2015 -2016 course sponsorships as follows:

1. Nguyễn Thị Kim Oanh: 2.695.000. (lớp 10) học phí 6 tháng
2. Nguyễn Thị Mai Ly: 2.695.000 (lớp 10) học phí 6 tháng
3. Nguyễn Thị Ngọc Ánh: 2.997.000 (lớp 8) học phí 8 tháng
4. Hoàng Thị Huyền : 2.997.000 (lớp 8) học phí 8 tháng
5. Lê Thị Mai: 3.640.000 (học Cao đẳng Y dược năm 2) học phí 3 tháng
6. Nguyễn Thị Hiếu: 3.900.000

# MEDICAL

\$1,370\* (21M vnd) Medicines for 7 orphanages



Pharmacy seller prepares medicine list

Year's supply of basic medicines for 7 orphanages in Nha Trang region, 3M vnd for each. Coordinated by Lam.

Hapacol 80	4 <sup>h</sup> x	29.000	Flu capsules Para. Phenylephrine.
Hapacol 325	2 <sup>h</sup> x	150.000	Paracetamol.
Hapacol 150	4 <sup>h</sup> x	36.000	Paracetamol + chlorpheniramine malate
Hapacol flu	2 <sup>h</sup> x	200.000	Flu capsule.
Cephalexin 500	4 <sup>h</sup> x	150.000	Cephalexin (antibiotic)
Modom	4 <sup>h</sup> x	50.000	Domperidone (nausea)
Idium	4 <sup>h</sup> x	50.000	Loperamide hydrochloride (diarrhea)
Terpin	4 <sup>h</sup> x	75.000	Cough capsule (Terpin + codein)
Ong Vang	4 <sup>h</sup> x	45.000	Baby cough syrup
Fabenzon	10 <sup>h</sup> x	6.000	Mebendazol (worm tablets)
Povidin	10 <sup>ch</sup> x	6.000	PVD - USP (Betadine)
Bang keo	2 <sup>h</sup> x	30.000	Band-aids.
Boralex	10 <sup>tab</sup> x	25.000	Children's multivitamins.
Mombee	4 <sup>h</sup> x	50.000	Mozzie repellent
Gac	5 <sup>g</sup> x	7.000	Garze bandages
Silkron	5 <sup>tub</sup> x	190.000	Dermititis cream.
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		X 7 = 21 M vnd =	\$1 370 AUD

Medicine parcel list



Medicines for each orphanage

EACH MEDICINE PARCEL (X 7) CONTAINED

Hapacol 80 x 4 boxes – Flu capsules paracetamol + phenylephrine

Hapacol 325 x 2 boxes – Paracetamol

Hapacol 150 x 4 boxes – Paracetamol + chlorpheniramine malateo

Hapacol flu x 2 boxes – Flu capsules

Cephalexin 500 x 4 boxes – Antibiotic

Modom x 4 boxes – Domperidone (nausea)

Idium x 4 boxes – Loperamide hydrochloride (diarrhoea)

Terpincodeine F x 4 boxes – Cough capsule (Terpin + codeine)

Ong Vang x 4 bottles – Baby cough syrup

Fabenzon x 10 boxes – Mebendazol (worm tablets)

Povidin (Betadine) x 10 bottles – PVD USP

Bang keo x 2 boxes – Band aids

Boralex x 10 – Children's multivitamins

Bang gac x 5 – Bandages

Silkron x 5 tubes – Dermatitis cream



Meds for Nhan Ai orphanage



Meds for Anh Dao pagoda orphanage



Meds for Huong Duong Orphanage



Meds for Loc Tho Pagoda Orphanage



Meds for Ninh Hoa Orphanage for Disabled



Meds for Thanh Son Pagoda Orphanage



Meds for Dai An Orphanage



Lam coordinated visits, medicine selection and personal delivery to each orphanage.

**\$190\* (3M vnd) Assist an acid burns victim**



Working funds provided to Nhung, volunteer English tutor, to periodically visit Hieu, a 23 year old affected by an acid attack on her mother when Hieu was just 3 months old, to assist Hieu when needed. Hieu will continue to be encouraged and supported by our fund to complete any offered surgery or job training.

**\$40\* (0.7M vnd) Food for Yen, young mother dying of cancer in Can Tho**



Yen

Food supplies for Yen's children: 5 tins condensed milk, 50 cartons UHT milk, 25 fresh eggs, 5kg sugar, 60 noodle pkts. Yen's husband gave up his job to be her fulltime carer. *Coordinated by Hien.*

**\$95\* (1.5M vnd) Milk for orphanage**



Powdered milk for the children of Trang Nua orphanage 10 kg.

**\$375\* (6M vnd) Clinic doctor's computer**



Xa Doai Medical Clinic. Computer with internet, accessories and software for the clinic doctor's further medical education.



**\$550 Surgery for ectopic pregnancy at Xa Thach Long village**



Family raised/borrowed 7M and we supplied the remaining 8M for emergency surgery to save the life of Nguyen Thi Nga, a woman with a pregnancy outside the womb at Xa Thach Long, Ha Tinh. *Coordinated by Chau.*

Daughter visits her Mum after surgery

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## \$110\* (1.8M vnd) Provisions for children at Long An Pagoda



For children at Long An Pagoda orphanage (Can Tho): 5L cooking oil, 5L soy sauce, 10 kg sugar, 25kg rice, 120 pkts noodles, 100 cartons UHT milk, 4 toothbrushes, 20 bars soap, 4 toothpaste tubes, 9kg washing powder.  
*Coordinated by Hien.*

## \$360\* (5.8M vnd) Food storage for Thien An orphanage



Vietnam manufactured freezer for Thien An orphanage (Can Tho) to stock pile food donations. *Coordinated by Hien.*

## \$500\* (8M vnd) Holiday for children of Buu Tri Pagoda



Holiday and return to school supplies for children of Buu Tri Pagoda orphanage, Can Tho: Primary school sets of exercise books (20), pens (100), pencils (100) and crayons (200). We also purchased food: Rice 25kg, noodles 300 pkts, milk 60 x 1 l cartons, fresh meat 19kg, tomatoes 5 kg, sugar 6kg; transportation fees to get them home.  
*Coordinated by Hien and Khoi.*

Swimming lesson for orphanage kids on holiday

### **\$250\* (4M vnd) Infant care at Vinh Phuoc Pagoda**



Infant care supplies for Vinh Phuoc Pagoda orphanage at Bac Lieu: baby formula milk powder 1kg x 6 cans, UHT 1litre milk cartons x 15, washing powder 12kg, nappies in 4 sizes, 16 pkts. *Coordinated by Hien.*

### **\$310\* (5M vnd). Mission to the poor in Tay Ninh (Cao Dai area).**



Poorest households in Tay Ninh local villages identified by two Cao Dai volunteers. They visited with food and hygiene provisions: 50 eggs, 25kg rice (5 of), 10 litre bottles of cooking oil, 5 litre bottles of fish sauce, 150 pkts of noodles, 14 toothbrushes, 5 toothpaste and 5 soap bars. Transport. *Coordinated by Vi and Uyen.*

Carrying provisions to a house

### **\$2,100\* Projects for Dong Nai Women's Home**



Woman who lost limbs in a Vietnam War mortar attack

Education, medical, hygiene and sunshading for 99 homeless women. 1.2M student scholarship for Loan; Medicines for 3 months 9.5M; Washing machine 12M; Dollar for dollar funding for awning for disabled women's verandah 11M. *Coordinated by Chau.*

### **\$500\* (8M vnd) Care package for unmarried mothers, Dong Nai**



Woman at the home helps dress a newborn

Care package for each of the three women currently staying at St Martin Unmarried Mothers Home, Dong Nai: shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste, skin lotion etc. Also enough baby milk formula to feed the babies for 6 months. *Coordinated by Chau.*

### **\$1,000\* Farming and nutrition for Dai An orphanage**



Cow, vegetable garden fertiliser and edging, chickens for children to raise. *Coordinated by Sister Dung.*



### **\$260\* (4.2M vnd) Youth group mission to the poor, Hue City area**



Lasan youth group visits a bedridden woman

Lasan youth group mission is to visit each of 20 families with food parcel. Budget for each of 2 visits: 5kg rice 50,000, fish sauce 12,000, cooking oil 20,000, pack of seasoning 18,000, Total: 100,000/household x 20 households = 2M vnd. *Coordinated by Thuy.*



## \$310\* (5M vnd) Nuns' mission to the poor, Hung Trach mountain village



Child helping carry provisions for her Mum

8 most vulnerable households identified by Sisters of Charity at Hung Trach, near Phong Nha. Provisions for each of the 8 households was: 1 winter blanket, 1 mozzie net, 10kg rice bag, 2 litres cooking oil, 2 litres fish sauce, 1 box of 30 noodle packets, 1kg washing powder, 2 toothbrushes, 1 toothpaste. Purchased by Sister Nhan. *Coordinated by Chau.*



Visit to poor household in village



Delivering provisions

## \$125\* (2M vnd) Youth group mission to the poor, Tuyen Hoa village



Student group gathers to visit poor households with banh chung at the traditional gift giving time of Tet.

Tuyen Hoa (Near Ba Don, Quang Binh). Social work by students in Vietnam. Group visit to poorest households in the village of Tuyen Hoa, at the traditional gift giving time of Tet festival. Food parcels of banh chung. *Coordinated by Chau.*

**\$375\* (6M vnd) Food & hygiene for leper colony**



Loss of fingers from leprosy



Sister-in-charge consults local resident regarding the expenditure

Quynh Lap leper village, Nghe An. Purchased for distribution by two nuns who do social work there: 10 kg rice, 1.5 litres fish sauce, 2 litres cooking oil, 30 packets noodles, 3 packets seasoning, 1 packet of sweet cakes, 2 toothbrushes, 1 toothpaste (x 20). About 300 lepers live in the colony. *Coordinated by Chau.*



Visiting local residents



# A PROJECT TO COMBINE TRADITION WITH LOVE

The project is to help a youth group carry out a mission to the poor in their home village. The activity combines tradition with love. At the traditional gift giving time of Tet, the group prepared bánh chưng rice parcels. They then visited the poorest families in Tuyen Hoa village in Quang Binh Province. At each social visit they provided the rice parcels, fish sauce, cooking oil and a small amount of cash to supplement family income. This report is by Chau, our volunteer interpreter.

Friends of Vietnam Orphanages inc paid for material to make Bánh Chưng for families at Tuyen Hoa village.

Sticky rice: 60 kg : 1 200 000 vnd

Pork: 5 kg: 450 000 vnd

Green bean: 5 kg: 150 000 vnd

We also had some overseas Vietnamese sponsors. Vietnamese American (Việt kiều Mỹ) sponsors enabled us to give each family 300 000 vnd. each and we bought some more material to make Bánh Chưng and fish sauces and cooking oil and each family we gave them.



Banh chung is the Vietnamese equivalent of traditional Christmas pudding. It is slowly boiled for each household to share once a year.



The student group gathers to visit. We came to Tân Hội parish and priest of this parish took us visit poor people in village.

We visited 25 households in this village. But I would like to talk to you about some of these families.



Household 1: Husband died and the woman lives with 3 children (two girls and a boy). She works hard to raise her children. Her name is Nguyễn Thị Chinh. 40 years old



Household 2: Unmarried mother with her daughter. Her name is Trần Thị Hợi. 37 years old. Her daughter's name is Trần Thị Hoa. 8 years old. She is studying at class 4.



Household 3: Husband died of cancer. She lives alone. She collects sticks in the forest to sell to earn money. But this is hard work for her, because she is very weak and is very ill. Her name is Thái Thị Hồng. 46 years old



Household 4: Old woman living with her daughter. Her name is Nguyễn Thị Bằng. 76 years old. Her daughter's name is Nguyễn Thị Ái. 49 years old. She has mental illness and cannot get married so she lives with her mother and looks after her mother.



Household 5: Woman who burned her face. She lives alone, is very weak but she must go in forest to find wood to sell. Her name is Nguyễn Thị Vân. 70 years old.



Household 6: The man had an accident while he was working in forest. He lives with old parent. His name is Toàn.



## **VOLUNTEER'S DAY AT A CHILDREN'S SHELTER**

***Mary is a young overseas Vietnamese volunteer. She visited a shelter for children with HIV***

I just wanted to email to share with you my time at the Shelter. Unfortunately I was only able to visit for one day due to the Tet holidays and celebrations.

I would like to thank your interpreter Duong for taking me there and introducing me to the people there. I really appreciated that.

Even though it was only one day, it was a quite an experience. Even upon meeting them for the first time the kids were very interested and wanted my attention. Their enthusiasm and smiles were very bright. It was amazing how positive and happy they are despite their situation. It was good to see kids treated so well and so well behaved. They were very respectful. I mainly played with them, going from child to child and to the park with some.

Attached I have a photo of kids braiding my hair. It got braided 10 or so times! And I probably lost a lot of hair but it was worth it. Also I took a photo of the children watching a movie. I didn't take photos while playing, because I wanted to enjoy the moment.

These kids are amazing and I am so happy to see that they have the support they deserve.

Thank you for giving me the information to help make this happen. I look forward to future volunteer opportunities. I will let you know when I go to Vietnam again.

Regards, Mary Vu



Mary arriving at the shelter (left) and kids watching TV at the shelter (right)



Kids braiding Mary's hair