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Helping disadvantaged communities in Vietnam

Report to Donors

2016 Financial Year

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FoVO Vietnam Field Trip Key Map Red circles indicate some project locations.

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Introduction

Friends of Vietnam Orphanages Inc (FoVO) remained a **very small, "hands-on" charity** during the 2016 financial year.

Every dollar donated to FoVO went to direct assistance in Vietnam. Travel and administration costs were paid separately.

During the year FoVO supported many small projects including education and training, medicines, food and infant care, assistance to disadvantaged households, and practical improvements at orphanages and shelters.

Much of the work depended on a network of volunteer interpreters, friends, nuns, students and other local helpers who identified needs, helped purchase supplies and assisted with delivery.

During the 2016 financial year FoVO spent $12,450 of donated funds on projects in Vietnam.

Acknowledgements

I am grateful to our Board members Clive, Julie and Geoff for their steady encouragement and support. Loan, Tiệp and Long resigned from the committee during the year, but we remained grateful for their continuing friendship and advice. We also welcomed Dennis as a new member of the Board.

Loan and Tiệp continued to be particularly valuable as Vietnamese -Australian cultural interpreters, helping us understand what was happening behind the scenes.

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, Hiền, Thi, Thuy, Huong, Vi, Huyen, Hiep, Truclinh, Duong, Lam and Son. Nothing would have been achieved 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, and Vytas and Mel helped at a second market stall.

We also received donations from Vietnamese-Australians Kim Huynh and Loan Pham.

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

With this support FoVO was able to carry out many small, local projects. Some of the larger commitments included training and education at An Bình, assistance to the homeless women's shelter in Đồng Nai, farming and nutrition at Đại An, and medicine supplies for orphanages around Nha Trang.

On behalf of Friends of Vietnam Orphanages Inc, thank you for your generous donations, moral support and good counsel.

Peter Kabaila
Secretary
Friends of Vietnam Orphanages Inc

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Project Summary

How Your $12,450 Was Spent

NO.	PROJECT	AUD	MILLION VND
1	An Bình Orphanage, Sài Gòn — education and training	$2,218	36.0
2	Quảng Bình — tertiary scholarship	$200	3.2
3	Hướng Dương Orphanage, Nha Trang — children's library	$375	6.1
4	Hà Tınh and Huế — school scholarships	$625	10.2
5	Trang Nứa Orphanage, Xã Đoài — TV, DVD and infant milk	$470	7.6
6	Nha Trang region — medicines for seven orphanages	$1,370	22.3
7	Hiếu — continuing assistance	$190	3.1
8	Yến and family, Cần Thơ — food assistance	$40	0.6
9	Xã Đoài Medical Clinic — computer and equipment	$375	6.1
10	Xã Thạch Long, Hà Tınh — emergency surgery	$550	8.9
11	Long An Pagoda, Cần Thơ — provisions	$110	1.8
12	Thiên Ân Orphanage, Cần Thơ — food-storage freezer	$360	5.8
13	Bửu Trì Pagoda Orphanage, Cần Thơ — children's holiday	$500	8.1
14	Vınh Phước Pagoda, Bạc Liêu — infant-care supplies	$250	4.1
15	Tây Ninh villages — household provisions	$310	5.0
16	Đồng Nai Women's Home — education, medicines and equipment	$2,100	34.1
17	St Martin Unmarried Mothers Home, Đồng Nai — care packages	$500	8.1
18	Đại An Orphanage — farming and nutrition	$1,000	16.2
19	Huế — Lasan youth group household assistance	$260	4.2
20	Hưng Trạch — household provisions	$310	5.0
21	Tuyên Hóa — Tết household assistance	$125	2.0
22	Quỳnh Lập leprosy -affected community — food and hygiene	$375	6.1
	TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURE	**$12,450**	**202.3**

VND converted at the Reserve Bank of Australia average rate for the financial year, approximately 1.62 million VND = AUD $100.

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1. An Bình Orphanage, Sài Gòn

Education and training — $2,218

Description

An Bình provided accommodation and training for girls and women, including some with disabilities. FoVO assisted with course fees and practical training equipment.

Project expenditure

Initial course scholarships — 3M VND ($190)

- Nguyễn Thị Kim Oanh — 863,000 VND
- Nguyễn Thị Ngọc Ánh — 675,000 VND
- Hoàng Thị Huyền — 675,000 VND
- Thỏa — Braille course — 600,000 VND

Sewing training — 7M VND ($440)

- Second -hand Juki overlocker sewing machine
- New sewing -machine table

Music training — 6.8M VND ($425)

- Yamaha electronic keyboard
- Keyboard stand and chair

2015 – 16 study scholarships — 19M VND ($1,163)

- Nguyễn Thị Kim Oanh — 2.695M VND
- Nguyễn Thị Mai Ly — 2.695M VND
- Nguyễn Thị Ngọc Ánh — 2.997M VND
- Hoàng Thị Huyền — 2.997M VND
- Lê Thị Mai — 3.640M VND
- Nguyễn Thị Hiếu — 3.900M VND

Observation

The assistance combined continuing education with practical vocational and music training. The overlocker and keyboard were purchased during the January field visit after discussion with the women at An Bình.

Reflection

Education and training formed one of FoVO's largest commitments during the year. The assistance ranged from individual course fees to equipment that could continue to be used by women living at the shelter.



Hieu helps Sister Hoa shop for the overlocker sewing machine.



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



Yamaha electronic keyboard, stand and chair, An Binh Orphanage

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2. Quảng Bình — Tertiary Scholarship

Tertiary study assistance — $200

Description

FoVO provided a tertiary study scholarship for a disadvantaged student from Quảng Bình. The student was the brother of Sister Tuyên from Hương Phương.

Project expenditure

Tertiary study scholarship — $200

Observation

This was direct assistance towards the student's tertiary education.

Reflection

The scholarship was a small, straightforward education project directed to an individual student who needed financial assistance to continue studying.



Nguyen Cong Binh front of his college.

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3. Hướng Dương Orphanage, Nha Trang

Children's library — $375 (6M VND)

Description

FoVO provided a library of children's books for Hướng Dương Orphanage in the Nha Trang region.

The books were purchased from a city bookshop during the January field visit. The project was coordinated locally by Lâm.

Project expenditure

Children's library — 6M VND ($375)

Observation

Hướng Dương was an urban shelter near Nha Trang caring for about 20 school -age children, four girls and 16 boys, aged approximately nine to seventeen. Most were away at school during the day. The shelter was run by a priest and a brother, with local women employed to assist with its day-to-day operation. We inspected the children's rooms, library and wet areas. The toilets and showers were run down and poorly maintained.

Thi's reaction was interesting. She had grown up in a village where children were expected to work and household facilities were often very basic. She considered the toilets at Hướng Dương better than those available to many village families, but unnecessarily dirty. In her view, the older children could take more responsibility for cleaning, washing dishes and doing their own laundry rather than leaving these tasks to the adults employed at the shelter.

This was a reminder that improving facilities was only part of caring for children. Everyday responsibilities and practical skills were also part of preparing young people for independent life.

Reflection

Rather than providing a consumable item, this project provided an educational resource that could remain at the orphanage and be used by many children.



Children at Huong Duong Orphanage in the library

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4. Hà Tĩnh and Huế — School Scholarships

School fee assistance for students from three households — $625 (10M VND)

Description

FoVO provided school fee assistance for students from three disadvantaged households identified with the assistance of the Lasan student group. One household was in Hà Tĩnh and two were in Huế.

Project expenditure

Hà Tĩnh:

- Võ Thị Linh Đan — 2.410M VND
- Võ Thị Thiên Trang — 3.105M VND

Huế:

- Nguyễn Thị Diễm Hương — 3.540M VND
- Lê Thanh Tâm — 0.125M VND
- Lê Văn Công — 0.615M VND

Total: approximately 10M VND ($625)

Observation

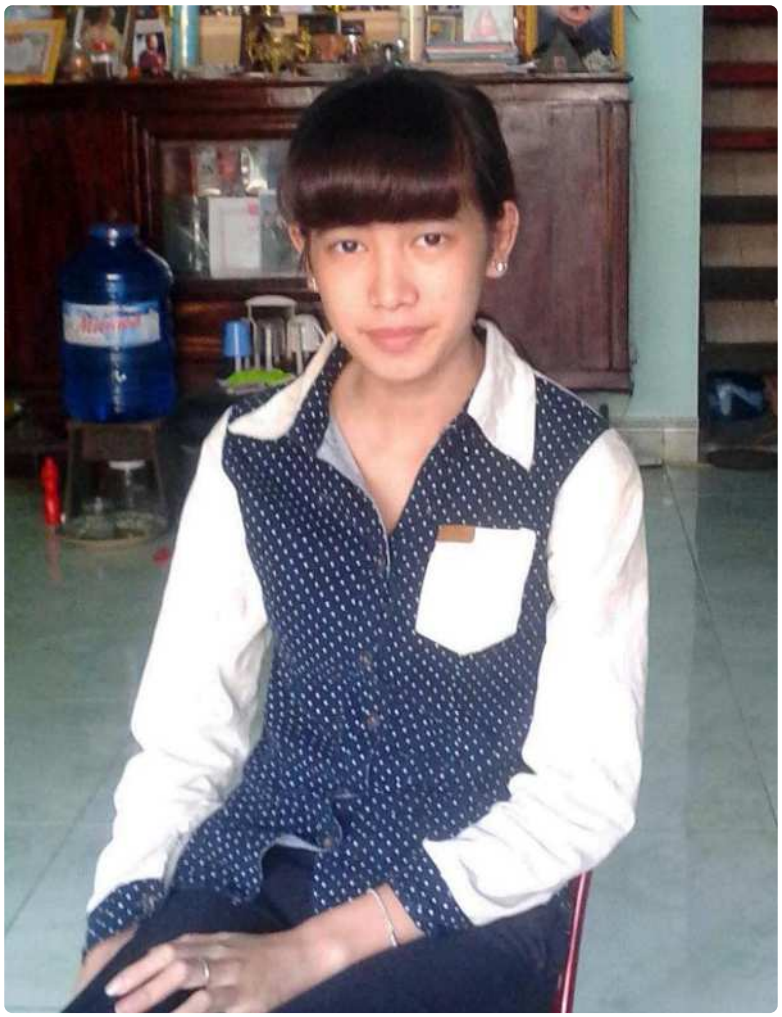
The assistance was directed to particular students whose households had been identified locally as needing help with education costs. The project was coordinated with the Lasan group in Huế.

Reflection

Direct payment of school costs was a simple way for a small charity to assist particular students without establishing a larger education program.



The family of Le Thanh Tam shares a simple lunch.



Nguyễn Thị Diễm Hương



Thiên Trang and Linh Đan with their mother





Le Van Cong's family



Thien An

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5. Trang Nứa Orphanage, Xã Đoài

TV, DVD equipment and infant milk — $470 (7.5M VND)

Description

FoVO provided equipment for education and recreation at Trang Nứa Orphanage near Xã Đoài, together with powdered milk for the children.

Project expenditure

TV and associated equipment — 6M VND ($375)

- Television
- Antenna
- DVD player
- Wall brackets
- Delivery and installation

Infant milk — 1.5M VND ($95)

- 10kg powdered milk

Total: 7.5M VND ($470)

Observation

The television and DVD equipment provided a shared resource for the children. The separate purchase of powdered milk met an immediate nutritional need.

Reflection

The project combined a lasting piece of equipment for the orphanage with a basic consumable needed for the children.



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





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6. Nha Trang Region — Medicines for Seven Orphanages

Basic medicines — $1,370 (21M VND)

Description

FoVO purchased approximately one year's supply of basic medicines for seven orphanages in the Nha Trang region.

Each orphanage received a medicine parcel valued at 3M VND. Lâm coordinated the visits, medicine selection and personal delivery to the orphanages.

Project expenditure

Seven medicine parcels at 3M VND each — 21M VND ($1,370) Each parcel contained:

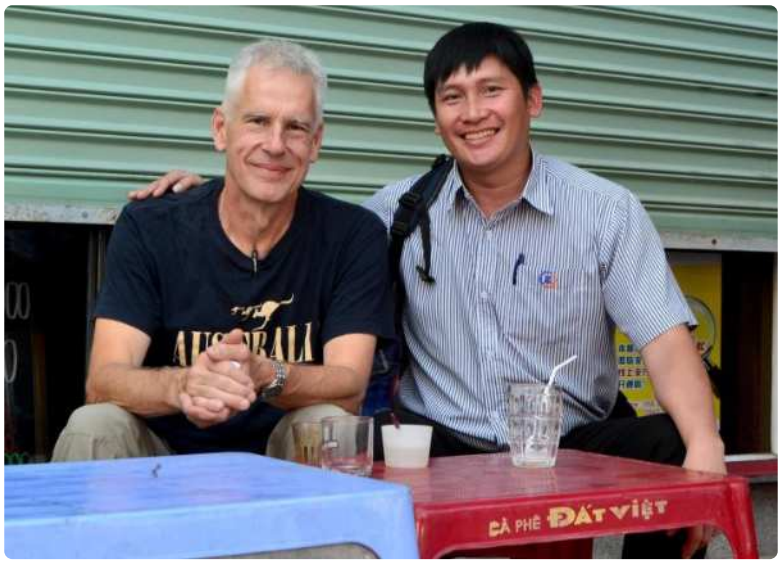
- Hapacol 80 — 4 boxes
- Hapacol 325 — 2 boxes
- Hapacol 150 — 4 boxes
- Hapacol Flu — 2 boxes
- Cephalexin 500 — 4 boxes
- Modom — 4 boxes
- Idium — 4 boxes
- Terpincodeine F — 4 boxes
- Ong Vang baby cough syrup — 4 bottles
- Fabenzon worm tablets — 10 boxes
- Povidin antiseptic — 10 bottles
- Band -aids — 2 boxes
- Boralex children's multivitamins — 10
- Bandages — 5
- Silkron dermatitis cream — 5 tubes

Observation

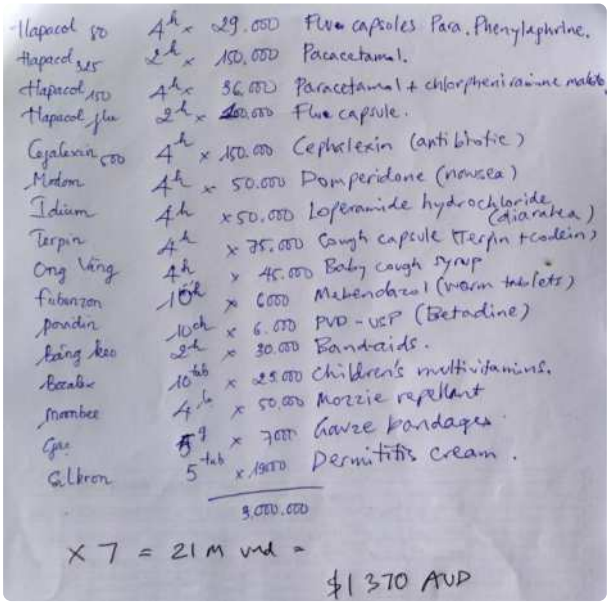
Rather than making a general cash contribution, the medicines were selected, purchased, divided into parcels and delivered directly to the orphanages.

Reflection

This was one of FoVO's larger projects for the year. Purchasing the medicines as standard parcels provided practical supplies that could be used by the orphanages as common illnesses and minor medical needs arose.



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





Pharmacy seller prepares medicine list



Medicines for each orphanage



Meds for Nhan Ai orphanage



Meds for Anh Dao pagoda orphanage



Meds for Huong Duong Orphanage



Meds for Ninh Hoa Orphanage for Disabled



Meds for Thanh Son Pagoda Orphanage



Meds for Dai An Orphanage



Meds for Loc Tho Pagoda Orphanage

Lộc Thọ Pagoda

One of the seven shelters receiving medicines was Lộc Thọ Pagoda, about 7 km from Nha Trang. Eleven children lived at the pagoda, cared for by the Buddhist nun Nguyễn Thị Hoàng Trang (sacred name Diệu Lạc), assisted by women from the nearby village. The pagoda also operated a primary school for children from disadvantaged families.

During our visit we discussed common needs including medicines for headaches, stomach upsets and coughs, together with multivitamins. Lộc Thọ subsequently received one of the medicine parcels intended to provide approximately a year's supply of basic medicines.













Nhan Ai Orphanage

Nhan Ai is a foreign funded orphanage. It houses 117 children as well as running a preschool. Unwanted children are dropped off at the orphanage and almost none are re-homed. Last year we funded some meds. Our local project partner Lam followed up with a delivery of meds.


Công trình do Quỹ Brittany's Hope tài trợ
Funded by Brittany's Hope Foundation
Ngày khởi công (ground breaking): 15/03/2011
Ngày khánh thành (opening ceremony): 10/01/2012
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7. Hiếu — Continuing Assistance

Working funds for medical and practical assistance — $190 (3M VND)

Description

FoVO continued to assist Hiếu, a young woman affected by an acid attack on her mother when Hiếu was three months old.

FoVO provided 3M VND in working funds to Nhung, a volunteer English tutor who knew Hiếu, so that she could visit periodically and provide assistance when needed.

Project expenditure

Working funds for continuing assistance — 3M VND ($190)

Observation

Hiếu had already received assistance over several years. The intention was to maintain some practical support while encouraging her to take up opportunities for further surgery or job training when these became available.

Reflection

Unlike most projects during the year, this was continuing assistance to a person FoVO already knew rather than a one-off purchase or delivery.





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8. Yến and Family, Cần Thơ

Food assistance during cancer illness — $40 (0.7M VND)

Description

Yến was a young mother in Cần Thơ who was dying of cancer. Her husband had given up his job to care for her full-time.

FoVO provided food for the family and children. The project was coordinated by Hiền.

Project expenditure
Food supplies — 0.7M VND ($40)

- 5 tins condensed milk
- 50 cartons UHT milk
- 25 fresh eggs
- 5kg sugar
- 60 packets of noodles

Observation
This was a very small project responding to an immediate need. Rather than attempting to fund Yến's cancer treatment, the assistance provided basic food for her family while her husband was occupied with her care.

Reflection
The project was within the scale of assistance FoVO could provide directly: a modest amount of practical help to a family facing a difficult situation.



Yen

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9. Xã Đoài Medical Clinic

Computer for medical education — $375 (6M VND)

Description

FoVO provided a computer and internet access for the doctor at the Xã Đoài medical clinic.

The computer was intended to assist the doctor with continuing medical education and access to medical information.

Project expenditure

Computer, accessories, software and internet access — 6M VND ($375)

Observation

The project provided equipment for the clinic rather than medicines or assistance to an individual patient.

Reflection

A relatively small expenditure provided the clinic doctor with an ongoing resource for further medical education.





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

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10. Xã Thạch Long, Hà Tĩnh

Emergency surgery for Nguyễn Thị Nga — $550 (8M VND)

Description

FoVO assisted Nguyễn Thị Nga, from Xã Thạch Long village in Hà Tĩnh, who required emergency surgery for an ectopic pregnancy.

The total cost of the surgery was 15M VND. Her family raised or borrowed 7M VND and FoVO provided the remaining 8M VND.

The assistance was coordinated by Thi.

Project expenditure

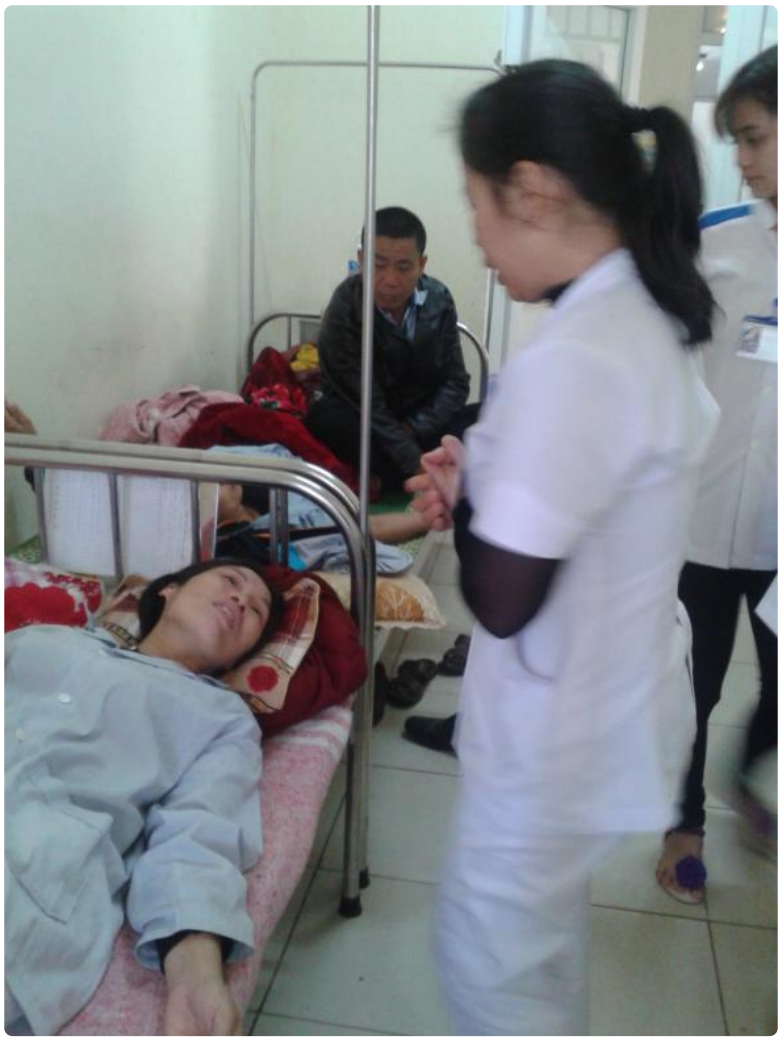
FoVO contribution towards emergency surgery — 8M VND ($550)

Observation

The family contributed as much as it could towards the medical cost. FoVO's contribution enabled the remaining hospital cost to be met.

Reflection

This was direct emergency assistance in response to an immediate medical need, with FoVO meeting the shortfall after the family had raised part of the cost themselves.



Nga after surgery with daughter visits her Mum after surgery



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11. Long An Pagoda, Cần Thơ

Food and household provisions for children — $110 (1.8M VND)

Description

FoVO provided basic food and household supplies for children cared for at Long An Pagoda in Cần Thơ.

The project was coordinated by Hiền.

Project expenditure

Food and household supplies — 1.8M VND ($110)

- 5 litres cooking oil
- 5 litres soy sauce
- 10kg sugar
- 25kg rice
- 12 0 packets of noodles
- 100 cartons UHT milk
- 4 toothbrushes
- 20 bars of soap
- 4 tubes of toothpaste
- 9kg washing powder

Observation

The assistance consisted entirely of everyday consumable supplies purchased for the children at the pagoda.

Reflection

This was typical of FoVO's small hands -on projects during the year: a locally identified need followed by the direct purchase and delivery of useful supplies.



Children at Long An Pagoda orphanage (Can Tho)



One of the boy in Long An orphanage sleeps after playing with chalk.



Kids well dressed for photos









Minh, nun in charge, with children.





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12. Thiên Ân Orphanage, Cần Thơ

Food-storage freezer — $360 (5.8M VND)

Description

FoVO provided a Vietnam-made freezer for Thiên Ân Orphanage in Cần Thơ.

At the time of our visit, Thiên Ân was caring for about 40 children. Many came from families affected by HIV/AIDS and drug addiction. Children left at the orphanage were tested for HIV. Those found to be HIV positive were transferred to a separate shelter in Sài Gòn, while children who tested negative could remain at Thiên Ân.

As word about the shelter spread, more babies began to be brought there. About three years before our visit, the coordinator, Yen, decided that the orphanage had reached its capacity of 40 children and stopped accepting more. This was a difficult but practical decision about how many children the shelter could properly care for.

The orphanage regularly received donations of food, including meat and fish. When we asked Yen what was most needed, she requested a commercial-sized freezer so that larger food donations could be stored and used over time.

Project expenditure

Vietnam-made food-storage freezer — 5.8M VND ($360) Total project expenditure — 5.8M VND ($360)

Observation

The freezer was a simple practical improvement. It increased the usefulness of food already being donated by other people by allowing meat, fish and other perishable food to be stored for later meals.

The visit also showed that managing a children's shelter involved difficult decisions as well as finding resources. Demand for places could exceed the shelter's capacity, and accepting another child meant taking responsibility for that child's continuing care.

Reflection

FoVO's contribution was small but practical. We did not need to provide the food itself to improve the way existing donations could be used.

The more difficult issue was not something our freezer could solve. Thiên Ân had limited space and resources and had already reached the point where its coordinator believed that accepting more children would compromise its ability to care for those already living there.







Watching Tom and Jerry



Cleaning the fish pond. This does grow food.



Old freezer (rusted out)



New freezer

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13. Bửu Trì Pagoda Orphanage, Cần Thơ

Children's holiday and return-to-school supplies — $500 (8M VND)

Description

FoVO provided a holiday for children from Bửu Trì Pagoda Orphanage and supplies for their return to school.

The project included food, school materials and transport costs for children returning home during the holiday. It was coordinated by Hiền and Khôi.

Project expenditure

School supplies:

- 20 sets of primary -school exercise books
- 100 pens
- 100 pencils
- 200 crayons

Food:

- 25kg rice
- 300 packets of noodles
- 60 one -litre cartons of milk
- 19kg fresh meat
- 5kg tomatoes
- 6kg sugar

The project also included transport fees for children travelling home.

Total project expenditure — 8M VND ($500)

Observation

The project was more than a distribution of food or school supplies. It enabled children living at the pagoda to have a holiday and helped prepare them for their return to school.

Reflection

The project responded to a particular time in the children's year, combining a recreational break with practical assistance for the next school term.

See Stories from the Year for detailed story and photographs

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14. Vinh Phước Pagoda, Bạc Liêu

Infant-care supplies — $250 (4M VND)

Description

Vinh Phước Pagoda in Bạc Liêu was caring for 63 children, almost all under five years old. The pagoda was coordinated by the monk Minh Tâm, assisted by a nun named Ba.

Minh Tâm had an unusual personal history. He had been at the pagoda in 1975 when its community dispersed. He subsequently returned to civilian life, married, ran a business and raised a family. After his children had grown up, he gave his assets to them and returned to religious life, re-establishing the pagoda and orphanage.

By 2016 the shelter had reached capacity and Minh Tâm had decided that no more babies could be accepted. Despite this, three newborn babies were subsequently left outside the temple. They were about one month old when we visited.

The immediate priorities identified by the pagoda were formula milk, nappies and washing powder.

Project expenditure

FoVO purchased:

- 6 one-kilogram tins of baby formula
- 15 one-litre cartons of UHT milk
- 12kg washing powder
- 16 packets of nappies in four sizes

Total project expenditure — 4M VND ($250)

Observation

The visit was noisy and chaotic, with so many very young children competing for attention. The supplies requested were not complicated: they were basic consumable items needed every day when caring for babies and young children.

The three recently abandoned babies also illustrated the difficulty of setting a limit on the number of children a shelter could accept. Declaring the shelter full did not prevent another baby from being left at the temple.

Reflection

FoVO's contribution was small and practical. The project responded to immediate needs identified by the people actually caring for the children.

The more difficult problem was capacity. Like other shelters we visited, Vinh Phước could reach the point where those responsible for the children believed they could care properly for no more, while abandoned children continued to arrive.











"The Enforcer" wipes tears in naughty corner.









Genetically deformed baby will get surgery.

















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15. Tây Ninh Villages

Food and household provisions — $310 (5M VND)

Description

FoVO provided food and household provisions for disadvantaged families in the Tây Ninh area.

Two Cao Đài volunteers helped identify households in greatest need and assisted with the distribution. The project was coordinated by Vi and Uyên.

Project expenditure

Food and household provisions — 5M VND ($310)

- 50 eggs
- 5 bags of rice, 25kg each
- 1 0 one-litre bottles of cooking oil
- 5 one -litre bottles of fish sauce
- 150 packets of noodles
- 14 toothbrushes
- 5 tubes of toothpaste
- 5 bars of soap
- Transport

Observation

Local Cao Đài volunteers helped identify the households and FoVO provided the funds for the provisions. The assistance therefore depended on local knowledge as well as FoVO funding.

Reflection

Working with local volunteers provided a practical way for FoVO to reach households that a visiting fieldworker would have had difficulty identifying independently.



Carrying provisions to a house

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16. Đồng Nai Women's Home

Education, medicines and practical improvements — $2,100

Description

FoVO assisted a home in Đồng Nai caring for 99 homeless women, including women with disabilities.

Assistance during the year included a study scholarship, medicines, a washing machine and a contribution towards a sun-shade awning for the verandah used by disabled women.

The project was coordinated by Thi.

Project expenditure

- Study scholarship for Loan — 1.2M VND
- Three months of medicines — 9.5M VND
- Washing machine — 12M VND
- Dollar -for-dollar contribution towards a sun-shade awning — 11M VND

Total FoVO expenditure — $2,100

Observation

The assistance addressed several practical needs at the home rather than one large project. The washing machine reduced the burden of everyday laundry, while the awning provided shade to a verandah used by women with disabilities.

Reflection

FoVO was able to respond to several clearly identified needs at the same institution, combining immediate assistance such as medicines with equipment and improvements that could continue to be useful.



Woman who lost limbs in a Vietnam War mortar attack



New sun-shade awning



Always new building in Vietnam

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17. St Martin Unmarried Mothers Home, Đồng Nai

Care packages and baby formula — $500 (8M VND)

Description

FoVO provided assistance to three unmarried mothers and their babies at St Martin Unmarried Mothers Home in Đồng Nai.

Each woman received a personal care package containing items such as shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste, skin lotion and other toiletries. FoVO also provided enough baby formula to feed the babies for approximately six months.

The project was coordinated by Thi.

Project expenditure

Personal care packages and baby formula — 8M VND ($500)

Observation

The assistance was directed both to the immediate personal needs of the three mothers and to feeding their babies over the following months.

Reflection

This was a small and practical project in which the assistance could be purchased locally and directed to the particular needs of three mothers and their babies.



Woman at the home helps dress a newborn

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18. Đại An Orphanage

Farming and nutrition — $1,000

Description

FoVO provided $1,000 towards a small farming project at Đại An Orphanage near Nha Trang. The project included a cow, 50 chickens, feed, fertiliser and materials for the vegetable garden. The project was strongly promoted by Nhung, one of the nuns at Đại An. Nhung had grown up on a farm and believed that the children should spend more time outdoors learning how food was produced. She wanted them to help grow vegetables and care for animals rather than simply seeing food arrive ready to eat.

Nhung was persistent about the livestock she wanted. A cheaper calf would have fitted more easily within the available budget, but she wanted a better animal. In the end Đại An selected a more expensive pregnant cow and paid the additional cost itself. The pregnant cow was a particularly shrewd choice. If the pregnancy was successful, the orphanage would eventually have two animals rather than one.

Project expenditure

FoVO contributed towards:

- a cow
- 50 chickens
- chicken feed
- fertiliser
- vegetable-garden materials

Total FoVO expenditure — $1,000

Đại An paid the additional cost of purchasing the better, pregnant cow.

Observation

The project was intended to produce food, but Nhung saw it as more than a nutrition project.

She wanted the children involved in feeding animals, tending vegetables and doing some of the ordinary work required to produce food. For Nhung, who had grown up with farm work, this was practical education as well as a way of improving the children's diet.

The choice of the cow also showed the negotiation involved in a small project. Nhung pushed for a more expensive animal than FoVO had originally envisaged. Đại An ultimately contributed its own money to obtain the animal it preferred.

Reflection

The project combined nutrition, practical education and some potential longer-term value for the shelter. Children could learn about animals, soil, vegetables and the work involved in producing food.

It was also an example of a local partner having quite definite ideas about what should be purchased. FoVO provided a limited amount of funding; Nhung pushed for what she considered the better option; and Đại An paid the difference.

Whether the more expensive pregnant cow proved to be the better investment would depend on what happened afterwards. At the time, however, Nhung had managed to turn assistance intended for one animal into the prospect of two.







Cow jointly funded by us and the orphanage Cow, vegetable garden fertiliser and edging, chickens for children to raise









Poultry farm that we funded last year.



Children helping in the vegetable garden.



Nhung, the young nun working at the orphanage



Children at evening meal



Lam, my interp, serving the meal



Co, a young priest, heads the orphanage





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19. Huế — Lasan Youth Group Household Assistance

Food assistance for disadvantaged households — $260 (4.2M VND)

Description

FoVO worked with the Lasan student group in Huế to provide food assistance to disadvantaged households.

Twenty households were assisted on two visits. The students identified the families, purchased the provisions and helped with the household visits.

Project expenditure

For each household on each main visit:

- 5kg rice — 50,000 VND
- Fish sauce — 12,000 VND
- Cooking oil — 20,000 VND
- Seasoning — 18,000 VND

Cost per household — 100,000 VND 20 households × 2 visits — 4M VND
Additional noodles for three household visits — 0.2M VND Total — 4.2M VND ($260)

Observation

The Lasan students supplied the local knowledge needed to identify households and accompanied the visits. FoVO provided the funds for the food.

Reflection

This was another example of a small project made possible by working with a local volunteer group. FoVO could provide modest financial assistance while the students contributed their time, local contacts and knowledge of the families.



Lasan youth group visits a bedridden woman





Lasan youth group mission is to visit each of 20 families with food parcel

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20. Hưng Trạch — Household Provisions

Food and household supplies — $310 (5M VND)

Description

FoVO worked with the Sisters of Charity near Phong Nha to provide food and household supplies for disadvantaged households at Hưng Trạch.

The Sisters identified eight households considered particularly vulnerable and purchased the supplies. The project was coordinated by Thi.

Project expenditure

Each household received:

- 1 winter blanket
- 1 mosquito net
- 10kg rice
- 2 litres cooking oil
- 2 litres fish sauce
- 1 box of 30 packets of noodles
- 1kg washing powder
- 2 toothbrushes
- 1 tube of toothpaste

Total project expenditure — 5M VND ($310)

Observation

The Sisters were able to identify households from their own knowledge of the local community and organise the purchases before the assistance was distributed.

Reflection

The project again depended on local people who knew which households needed assistance. FoVO's role was small and practical: providing funds while local helpers organised the project.



Child helping carry provisions for her Mum



Visit to poor household in village



Delivering provisions

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21. Tuyên Hóa — Tết Household Assistance

Tết food assistance — $125 (2M VND)

Description

FoVO supported a student and youth group undertaking a Tết project for disadvantaged households near Tuyên Hóa in Quảng Bình Province.

The group prepared bánh chưng, the traditional sticky-rice cakes made for Tết, and visited local households. The project was coordinated by Thi.

Project expenditure

FoVO provided approximately 2M VND ($125) towards ingredients for making bánh chưng, including:

- 60kg sticky rice — 1.2M VND
- 5kg pork — 0.45M VND
- 5kg green beans — 0.15M VND

Other sponsors also contributed separately to the wider Tết activity.

Observation

The youth group prepared the bánh chưng themselves and visited 25 households. The project took place as part of the customary Tết period of visiting and giving food and gifts to disadvantaged families.

Reflection

Tết provided a natural occasion for a local volunteer group to organise assistance within its own community. FoVO's contribution was a small part of a larger locally organised activity involving other donors as well.



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

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22. Quỳnh Lập Leprosy-affected Community

Food and hygiene supplies — $375 (6M VND)

Description

FoVO provided food and hygiene supplies for people living in the leprosy-affected community at Quỳnh Lập. The community had about 300 residents and the project was coordinated by Thi.

People able to live independently occupied simple tenement housing, generally with one room for each household. People requiring greater assistance were accommodated in a nursing home with four-bed wards. The community was under local government administration, with assistance from Buddhist and Catholic religious workers.

Two Catholic nuns undertaking social work in the community helped organise our project. Unexpectedly, both recognised me from earlier FoVO visits elsewhere in Vietnam: one from An Bình orphanage in HCM City and the other from Trang Nứa orphanage in Central Vietnam. It was another example of the personal networks we repeatedly encountered during FoVO's work.

Project expenditure

The original plan was to prepare packages for 20 particularly vulnerable households. The nuns quickly prepared a list and calculated the supplies required for each household:

- 10 kg rice
- 1.5 litres fish sauce
- 2 litres cooking oil
- 30 packets of noodles
- 3 packets of seasoning
- sweet cakes
- 2 toothbrushes
- toothpaste

The supplies were purchased locally. The nuns then reconsidered the original plan and decided that it would be better to divide the goods more widely among families in the community.

Total project expenditure — 6M VND ($375)

Observation

We accompanied the nuns on visits to three households.

Phuong and her daughter

Phuong was 35 years old and had lost fingers from both hands and suffered damage to her toes. She also had difficulty maintaining her weight despite eating normally. Her ten-year-old daughter, Nhung, did not have

leprosy. Phuong assisted the nuns with their work in the community and helped plan the distribution of our supplies.

Tiến and his father

Tiến and his father were both affected by leprosy. Tiến had lost toes and one leg but used a prosthesis and rode a modified motorbike. He was studying at Trung Cấp (vocational college) and hoped eventually to work in a wedding photography studio.

His mother was unaffected by leprosy and remained in her home village. Tiến had experienced the disease since infancy.

Mai and her family

Mai lived with her husband and three children, none of whom was affected by leprosy. Her husband's parents had been affected by the disease. Mai had lost a leg and used a prosthesis. We also visited the nursing home, where elderly residents welcomed conversation, photographs and hugs.

Reflection

The visit showed us a community rather than simply a group of recipients. People affected by leprosy were living with families, studying, raising children, assisting neighbours and managing disabilities.

The change in the distribution plan was also a small reminder of the value of leaving decisions with people who knew the community. We arrived intending to assist 20 selected households. After discussing it, the nuns decided that sharing the supplies more widely would work better within the community.

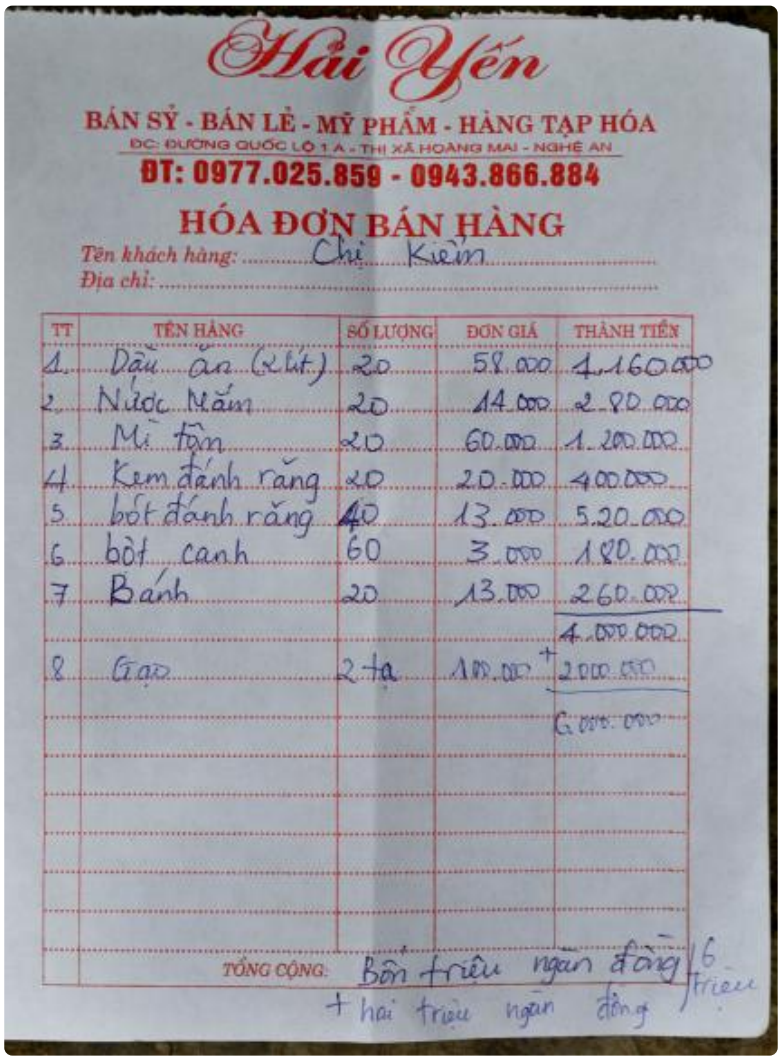
Photographs



Phuong's loss of fingers from leprosy



Phuong helps one of the nuns plan the distribution of the FoVO supplies, and market seller's receipt.



Hải Yến

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1	Dầu ăn (2 lít)	20	58.000	1.160.000
2	Nước Mắm	20	14.000	280.000
3	Mì tôm	20	60.000	1.200.000
4	Kem đánh răng	20	20.000	400.000
5	bột đánh răng	40	13.000	520.000
6	bột canh	60	3.000	180.000
7	Bánh	20	13.000	260.000
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8	Gạo	2 tạ	100.000	+ 2.000.000
				6.000.000
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+ hai triệu ngàn đồng



Phuong's daughter Nhung was not affected by leprosy.



FoVO provisions delivered to Phuong and her daughter.



tenement housing.

Typical street in the community. Behind the concrete fence, both sides are lined with simple one-room



Tiến at home.





Tiến's modified motorbike.



Tiến's prosthesis beside his amputated leg.

Typical four-bed ward in the nursing home.

When we visited the nursing home, its patients were happy to have hugs, conversation and photos.

















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Stories from the Year

Tết in Tuyên Hóa

One of FoVO's small projects was organised by a group of young volunteers for Tết in Tuyên Hóa, Quảng Bình Province.

FoVO provided funds for ingredients to make bánh chưng — the traditional sticky-rice cakes prepared for Tết. The ingredients included 60kg of sticky rice, 5kg of pork and 5kg of green beans.

The young volunteers did the work. They prepared and wrapped the bánh chưng and then visited 25 disadvantaged households.

Other overseas Vietnamese and American sponsors also contributed to the wider activity, providing additional food and some cash assistance for the families.

The visits included elderly people living alone, families affected by illness and disability, and households struggling with very limited incomes.

FoVO's contribution was only a small part of the project. The local young people organised the activity and contributed their time and effort during the Tết holiday.



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

MARY'S DAY AT A CHILDREN'S SHELTER

Mary Vu was an Australian-Vietnamese medical student who contacted FoVO because she wanted to spend a day volunteering while visiting Vietnam.

Because it was the Tết holiday, most organisations were closed or operating differently from usual. A placement was arranged for Mary for one day at a Sài Gòn shelter caring for children from families affected by HIV/AIDS.

Mary spent the day with the children and organised an outing to a nearby park. They played games and spent time together. The girls braided Mary's hair and enjoyed having a visitor who could simply join in with them.

The shelter was already well supported by overseas donors and international organisations, so Mary's contribution was not financial. For one day she was simply another person for the children to talk to and play with.

To Mary's credit, she also followed up afterwards by sending FoVO a short account of her day and photographs, which provide the record of her visit reproduced here.



Mary arriving at the shelter





Kids braiding Mary's hair

Working with Cao Đài Volunteers in Tây Ninh

Cao Đài is a distinctive Vietnamese religion which developed in southern Vietnam in the early twentieth century. Its colourful temples, the Divine Eye symbol and its combination of several religious traditions make it particularly interesting to an outside visitor.

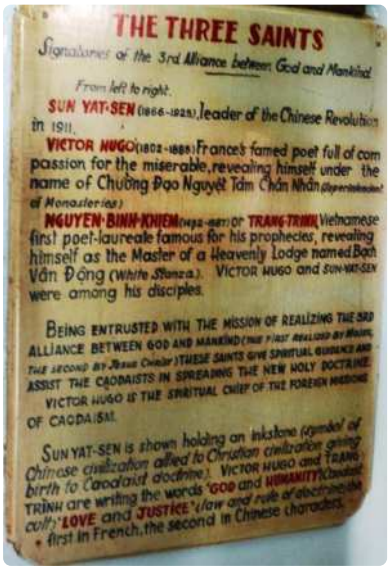
In Tây Ninh we met two young Cao Đài women, Vi and Uyen, who were volunteering with a local charity group. They knew the local community and identified five vulnerable households for us to visit. FoVO provided money for food and hygiene supplies, which we purchased locally. Vi and Uyen provided something equally important: they knew the families, knew where to find them and could continue their involvement after we had left.

The households had very different circumstances. At one we met two children living with their blind father in a single-room tenement. At another we met seven-month-old Tiến, whose parents had both died from AIDS. Five-year-old Thu had lost her mother as a baby and was being raised by her grandmother, with help from a neighbour. Another young person, Huu, was seventeen and had previously received help with school fees from the local charity group.

The visits also gave us small glimpses of Cao Đài religious life. At one house Vi stopped at the family altar to pay her respects. At another she lit incense before we continued with the visit. FoVO's contribution that day was quite small. Vi and Uyen were already doing the important local work. We were able to provide some additional resources and work alongside them for a day.



Altar of Cao Dai model of the universe. Heavens and earth are watched over by the all-seeing eye of the Creator.





Cao Dai venerates Moses, Jesus, and the three Cao Dai saints, Sun Yat-Sen (Chinese revolutionary leader), Victor Hugo (French writer) and Nguyen Binh Khiem (Vietnamese poet).

Households were:



Grandmother receives provisions

1 Le Thi Thanh Thanh (11 years old). Her mother left when Thanh was 6 months old and after that her father formed a new family with two children and brought them home. The second wife then died, leaving all 3 children to be raised by grandmother.



Vi, one of the two volunteers, pays her respects at altar to second wife.



Tenement housing (1 room per household)

2 Mother died and two children live with their blind father in a tenement room. Father and children survive by selling lottery tickets in the streets. They were out on the streets when we visited, but our volunteers undertook to follow up.





3 Tien, aged 7 months. His mother and father died of AIDS. Tien is said not to be HIV positive. He had some kind of illness or deformity and has recovered from surgery in HCM hospital. He is a happy, strong baby with a beautiful smile.





Vi lights incense at the family altar



4 Mother of Thu, now aged 5, died when the baby was a year old. The father suffers a mental illness. The child was malnourished and did not develop the ability to walk until the age of four. She is being raised by grandmother, helped by a neighbour who visits daily.



5 Huu is aged 17. His father died and now he lives with mother in a small river house. He was helped by the charity group to pay school fees.



Plastic barrel provides the water supply

Hướng Dương: from Orphanage to University

Hướng Dương Orphanage in Nha Trang was one of the shelters visited during the year. FoVO's project there provided books and equipment for a small children's library.

One of the people we met was Tien, who had grown up at Hướng Dương. By 2016 she was studying at university.

Tien had not simply left the orphanage behind. She returned to help the younger children with their studies, including tutoring them in English.

Her story gave us a glimpse of what education could mean beyond helping one student. A young person who had herself grown up in the shelter was now studying at university and returning to share some of what she had learnt with children following behind her.

The new library was a modest project, but it fitted naturally with the importance that Hướng Dương placed on education and study.





Girls' room





Tien is an orphanage success story: at uni and volunteer orphanage teacher. Shopping at the bookshop.

The Lasan Students in Huế

In Huế we worked with a group of about 25 university students known as the Lasan group.

The students regularly visited disadvantaged households around the city. They knew the families and their circumstances and identified households where some additional assistance would be useful.

FoVO provided funds for food parcels and some school assistance. The students purchased the supplies locally and accompanied us on visits to the households.

What impressed us was that their contribution was much more than distributing provisions. The students could return after we had left. They provided continuing visits, conversation and friendship to people who were often isolated.

One of the students was Thái, whom FoVO had previously assisted. By 2016 he was himself helping other people through the Lasan group.

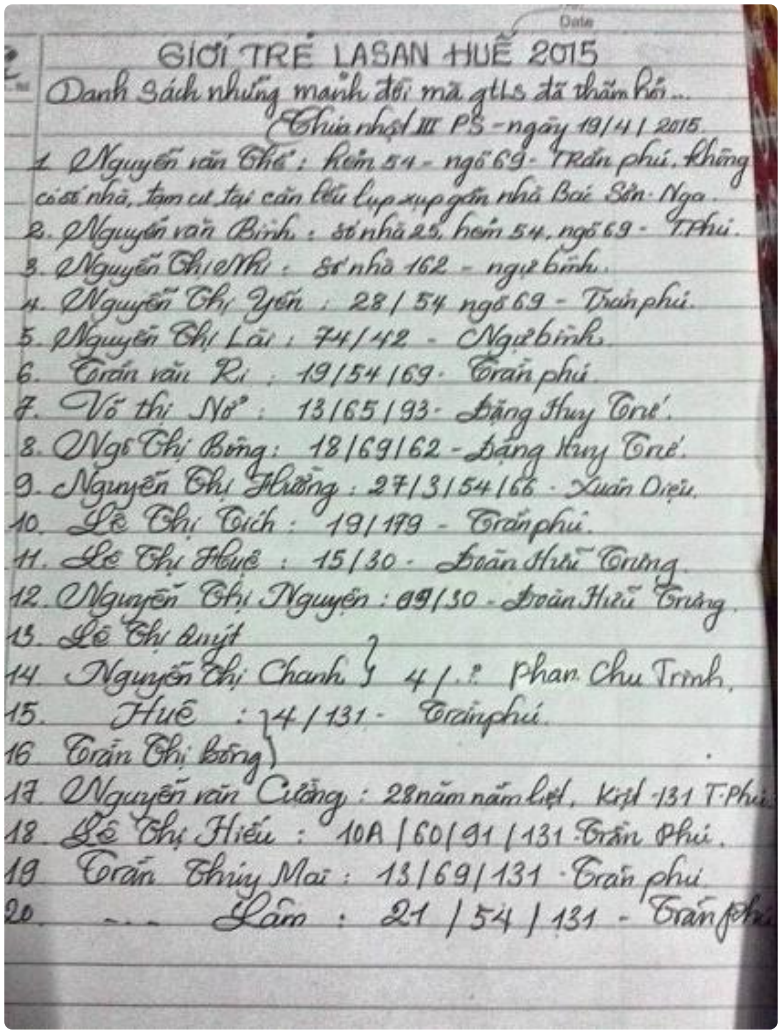
The project was another example of FoVO being able to add a relatively small amount of money to voluntary work that local young people were already doing.





Photographed with members of the Lasan Group.

Thái, leader of the Lasan Group. We sponsored his final year high school fees. Now he's at uni and helping others.



GIỚI TRẺ LASAN HUẾ 2015

Danh sách những mảnh đời mà gtls đã thăm hỏi...

Chủ nhật III PS - ngày 19/4/2015.

1. Nguyễn văn Thế: hẻm 54 - ngõ 69 - T.Trần phú. Không có số nhà, tạm cư tại căn lều lụp xụp gần nhà Bác Sơn Nga.
2. Nguyễn văn Bình: số nhà 25, hẻm 54, ngõ 69 - T.Phú.
3. Nguyễn Thị Nhi: số nhà 162 - ngự bình.
4. Nguyễn Thị Yến: 28/54 ngõ 69 - Trần phú.
5. Nguyễn Thị Lài: 74/42 - Ngự bình.
6. Trần văn Rí: 19/54/69 - Trần phú.
7. Võ thị Nở: 13/65/93 - Đặng Huy Trứ.
8. Ngô Thị Bông: 18/69/62 - Đặng Huy Trứ.
9. Nguyễn Thị Hường: 27/3/54/66 - Xuân Diệu.
10. Lê Thị Tích: 19/179 - Trần phú.
11. Lê Thị Huệ: 15/30 - Doãn Hữu Trưng.
12. Nguyễn Thị Nguyện: 09/30 - Doãn Hữu Trưng.
13. Lê Thị Quýt
14. Nguyễn Thị Chanh } 4/.? Phan Chu Trinh.
15. Huế: 4/131 - Trần phú.
16. Trần Thị Bông }
17. Nguyễn văn Cường: 28 năm nằm liệt. Kiệt 131 T.Phú.
18. Lê Thị Hiếu: 10A/60/91/131 Trần Phú.
19. Trần Thúy Mai: 13/69/131 - Trần phú.
20. ... Lâm: 21/54/131 - Trần phú

For the first Lasan group visit to each household they received: 5kg rice 50,000, fish sauce 12,000, cooking oil 20,000, pack of seasoning 18,000. TOTAL: 100,000 x 20 households = 2M VND

We also sponsored students from 3 households identified by the Lasan group for school fees.

10M vnd (rounded) school fee scholarships for students from 3 households identified by the Lasan group. Hà Tĩnh: (1 household)
Võ Thị Linh Đan (total 2.410.000VND) Võ Thị Thiên Trang (total 3.105.000 VND) Huế: (2 households)
Nguyễn Thị Diễm Hương (1st semester: 3.400.000 VND + 140.000 VND) Lê Thanh Tâm (1st semester: 125.000 VND)
Lê Văn Công (1st semester: 115.000 VND) + 500.000 VND

We visited 3 households of the 20 supported by the Lasan Group in Hue:



At home.

Household 1. Two deaf elderly women with dementia and without family support sharing a room. One has a daughter who suffers some mental disability autism. She is a single mother.





Second elderly woman.

Daughter suffers from autism.



Household 2. A woman with no schooling has twins and lives with her husband in a rented room. Both are unemployed. A neighbour (picture below) sometimes visits her.







Household 3. An elderly woman's husband and two children have died. They are marked by shrines in the yard. She makes a little money by selling lottery tickets on the street. I was struck by her good humour.



Dead husband and both children appear as shrines in the yard.



House altar in the house.





Hưng Trạch Firewood Village

Hưng Trạch is a rural community near Phong Nha where many families earned a modest income from collecting and selling firewood.

We worked there with Sister Nhàn and the Sisters of Charity, who knew the local families and identified households they considered particularly vulnerable. FoVO provided funds for food and household supplies, while the Sisters organised the purchases and accompanied us on the visits.

We visited a number of families in their homes. Their circumstances varied, but the houses and possessions were generally very modest. The provisions we brought were equally basic: rice, cooking oil, fish sauce, noodles, blankets, mosquito nets and hygiene supplies.

Sister Nhàn knew the families well and spoke easily and directly with them. The visits were informal, with plenty of conversation and humour rather than simply handing over a parcel and leaving.

The Sisters themselves lived simply. Their knowledge of the village came from living and working in the area and maintaining continuing contact with local families.

Our visit provided only a small amount of material assistance. The continuing relationship with the households belonged to Sister Nhàn and the other Sisters who remained after we had left.





Sister Nhàn haggling for best price for blankets at the market.

Arriving from the market with our provisions for poorest households. I took 6 bags of rice on the back of my little bike (a light load for local people).





With the sisters and their trainee. Sister at centre is disabled after falling down the half-completed stairs of their house. Her T-shirt has the popular motto “BE YOURSELF but be your best self”.



Sisters and helpers carrying provisions to households.



Decal of Mary on front of bike - with heart illuminated by God’s grace - to prevent accidents.



Sister Nhan is cheerful and energetic on a normal day. But particularly happy today.



Local children highly entertained to have visitors. Here, painting an interp's finger nails.

We visited 3 households



Household 1. An 87 year old deaf man lives without family support in a small house.



Neighbours waking our client.



House interior



Household 2. A woman who is the breadwinner and carer for her children and disabled husband. He is unable to walk, as he has no legs. The dog greeted us from the top of the roof (photo).



Bicycle purchased by Hong Van.

Household 3. A woman disabled by a stroke or heart problem and cannot work. Her husband suffers from a mental illness. They have two children. They live in a timber home with an earth floor. One of our volunteers, Hong Van from Singapore, gave a bicycle so the husband could transport his 2 children to school.





Receiving our blanket and food parcel.

We then went to the café to discuss future projects.

Dong Nai Shelter for Women Without Support

Sister Huong heads a group of nuns who look after 99 women in the village of Suoi Tien. As everywhere, the home is a place to live the final years or months. And as everywhere, the real work is love. The love here is world standard. The nuns treat the women as family, listening to their stories with smiles and laughter.

















The women are encouraged to stay active and alert, to take daily walks and help with all kitchen and dormitory duties. Watching Korean romantic melodramas on TV is also immensely popular. Four times a day the women gather to pray. And twice a week they are led in a singing session. When a woman is reaching the end of her time on earth, the others gather next to her and pray the rosary (an ancient Christian chant) to send her spirit away peacefully.

Daily routine for a young nun (postulant) at Dong Nai is:
330 Wake up 400 Pray at chapel 500 Mass at local church 600 Clean nursing home 700 Breakfast 730 Farm work 900 Study (music, English etc) 1030 Hand feed the elderly 1100 Pray at chapel 1115 Lunch

12.30 Siesta
1400 Prayer in chapel 1430 Study 1600 Farm work
1700 Hand feed the elderly 1800 Dinner
1900 Prayers in chapel 1930 Study 2100 Lights out
At the end of the French occupation in 1954 the Dominican convent (women's Christian monastery) near Hanoi was disbanded and the nuns joined thousands of other Christian refugees who moved south. They rebuilt their convent at Dong Nai and Huong was a teacher of various subjects to young nuns at Dong Nai.

When the American army pulled out of Vietnam at the end of the war in 1975, the North Vietnamese punished the people of the south. They disbanded the convent and hospital run by the nuns. For the next 12 years, Huong worked as a civilian in the rice fields for the (now failed) forced program of collective farming (a form of State enforced share cropping). In 1987 the government ban on religious orders was lifted as part of a trade agreement with the US. Huong was placed in charge of the women's home. She wrote letters to all her former students and distant relatives living abroad. With their funding, she has built up a very productive mixed farm with the core activity being fish production. Local market sellers donate unsold vegetables for feeding the fish.

The home is arranged into accommodation blocks for residents requiring high, medium or low care. Low care residents work in the kitchen and look after themselves. Medium care patients get out of their beds to do some simple tasks, such as taking a walk. High care women are severely disabled or terminally ill.



Luat, in the low care block, was in a truck during the war with soldiers. A bomb blast killed 18 of the 20 people on the truck. She went to a field hospital for amputation of a leg and foot. When Viet Cong arrived they took the medicines and the staff ran away. She was left alone with a few other immobile patients. But she survived. Now, 40 years later, she is at the home.



Huong, in the high care area, is a severely disabled young woman. She was abandoned by her mother, but raised by another woman in the village. When the foster parent became too old to continue she placed the young woman into the home.



Nurse training is basic. Phuong is a young nun from a local coffee farm. She completed the Trung Cap (TAFE) Pharmacy Sellers Certificate Course and has a very basic understanding of some common brand names. She sometimes checks with a doctor at St John of God Hospital in Dong Nai. Pain relief for dying cancer patients is paracetamol and Voltaren (no syringe drivers with hydromorphone here unfortunately).



The community has only one man, a neighbour who recently married and had a baby. He looks very young and is the home's handyman. They call him "Boy".



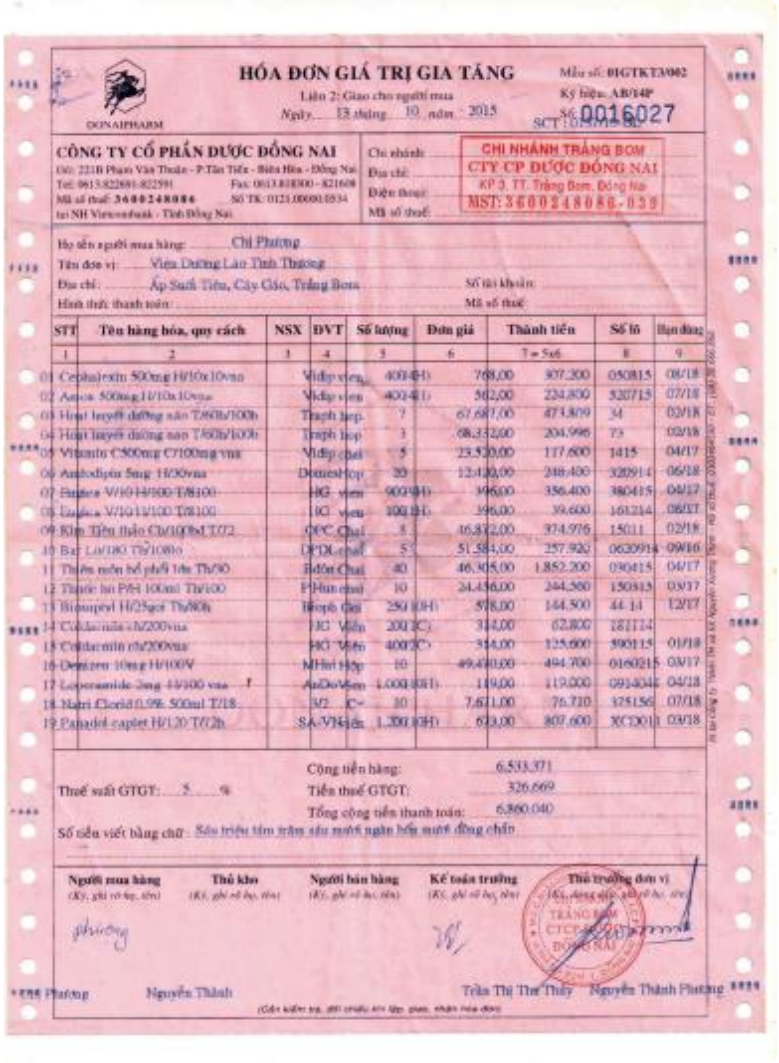
The security guard at the electrical goods store greeted me in perfectly pronounced English. Hung was an American army interpreter for 10 years then worked for a foreign company in Saigon. He got the security guard job in his wife's home area.

We have been providing a school fee scholarship to the two children living at the home. During this visit I asked about top priorities for assistance. These were medicines, a washing machine, and sun protection for the "high care" accommodation block. I met with a local builder. He inspected and designed the 45m long awning in about 5 minutes; prepared a fixed quote in the next 15 minutes and went home. I offered the home dollar-for-dollar funding. Sister Huong accepted the offer and said the builder would start the next day. The drinking water supply appeared to be functional but untested. I provided a contact number of Phong, a priest who specializes in water filtration, to check the home's drinking water quality and treatment method and make recommendations.

I provided the requested assistance as follows:



School fee Phuong (Year 6) and Loan scholarship for (Year 5) are the only Loan school students living at the home. Their mother left her violent husband and works at the home. (0.6M x 2 years = 1.2M)



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02	Amox 500mg H/10x10vỉ		Viên	400	502,00	224.800	520715	07/18
03	Hoạt huyết dưỡng não T/60h/100h		Thạnh hộp	7	67.687,00	473.809	34	02/18
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06	Amlodipin 5mg H/30vỉa		Domesco hộp	20	12.420,00	248.400	320914	06/18
07	Enalapril V/10 H/100 T/8100		HG viên	900	396,00	356.400	380415	04/17
08	Enalapril V/10 H/100 T/8100		HG viên	100	396,00	39.600	161214	08/17
09	Kim Tiền thảo Ch/100ml T/72		DPC Chai	8	46.872,00	374.976	15011	02/18
10	Bạc Liêu 100 T9/100v		DPDL chai	5	51.584,00	257.920	0620914	09/16
11	Thiên môn bổ phế 10x T6/90		Hdon Chai	40	46.305,00	1.852.200	030415	04/17
12	Thước tơ PPH 100ml T6/100		PHuu ống	10	24.456,00	244.560	150313	03/17
13	Bromhexyl H/25gói Th/80h		Thiepb Gói	250	578,00	144.500	44.14	12/17
14	Cefdinir 125mg/5ml 60ml		HG Viên	200	314,00	62.800	281214	
15	Cefdinir 125mg/5ml 60ml		HG Viên	400	314,00	125.600	590115	01/18
16	Denzen 10mg H/100V		NHat hộp	10	49.470,00	494.700	0160215	03/17
17	Loperamide 2mg H/100 vỉa		AnDo Viên	1.000	119,00	119.000	0914042	04/18
18	Natri Clorid 0,9% 500ml T/18		3/2 C-	10	7.671,00	76.710	375156	07/18
19	Panadol caplet H/120 T/2h		SA-VN viên	1.200	673,00	807.600	XCT3011	03/18

Cộng tiền hàng: 6.533.371
Thuế suất GTGT: 5 %
Tiền thuế GTGT: 326.669
Tổng cộng tiền thanh toán: 6.860.040
Số tiền viết bằng chữ: Sáu triệu tám trăm sáu mươi ngàn bốn mươi đồng chẵn

Người mua hàng | Thủ kho | Người bán hàng | Kế toán trưởng | Thủ trưởng đơn vị

Phương | Nguyễn Thành | Trần Thị Thu Thủy | Nguyễn Thành Phương

Receipt

Medicines Three month's supply of medicines. (9.5M)



Man delivering the washing machine

Washing There are one and a half machine washing machines for 99 women. So we added a Vietnamese manufactured 14kg washing machine with 3 year warranty. (12M)



Disabled women's verandah

Sun shading 45m long corrugated iron for disabled awning to replace women's block temporary cloth sun shading for disabled women's verandah. Dollar for dollar funding for 22M = 11M
Total Funding 33.7M = $2,100

Scholarships for An Binh Orphanage in Saigon

An Binh is a house for disabled girls and women, as well as some orphans. It is in the city and run by Lich, a senior nun, with help from Hoa, a younger nun. They provide accommodation, board and job training support. The nuns and residents are mainly from Nghe An a Central farming province known as the birthplace of Vietnamese Communism, but known also for its entrenched poverty, strong regional accent and hard people.

During my visit I tried to quickly piece together a picture of the orphanage residents' situation. The interview results are tabled below.

Most of the orphanage was sick with fever. One child was in hospital. After the visit I had enough info to pay over student course fees for a few sponsored students. I also agreed to go out shopping for an electronic keyboard instrument and an overlocker sewing machine, as two the girls have begun learning keyboard and sewing.

Interview notes
(*asterisk denotes orphanage is seeking a sponsor for this resident)



*Gia Bao is two years old. He was brought Bao to the convent of Trang Nua (near Vinh in Nghe An Province). His mother, an unmarried student, gave him up at the age of 2 days. He was very sickly at Trang Nua so 6 months ago when Sister Hoa came to help at An Binh Orphanage in HCM City she brought Bao with her for medical treatment. That was 6 months ago. The change of weather has improved him and he is an active toddler now. The orphanage is looking for a sponsor for Bao.



*Mai Ly Ly is 15 years old. Her mum had to give Ly up at birth. Ly was raised at a shelter at Trang Nua convent, which I visited last January. Ly was sent to HCM four months ago because it was time for her to enter high school. School fees are paid every 2 months and amount to about 4M per year.



Kim Nguyen Thi Kim Oanh is one of 5 Oanh & siblings, two of whom live at An Binh Ngoc orphanage. Oanh is 16 years old and Anh in Year 10. Anh is 14 years old and attending Year 8 at Middle School. Their parents died in a mountain rock fall accident in Nghe An. Our friends Hung and Merridee had previously sponsored Anh and Oanh.

Ngoc Anh holding Gia Bao





Kim Oanh sick with fever, managing a smile for the camera

*Hoang Huyen is 14 years old and in Year 8. Thi Her family are in Lam Dong. They had Huyen too many children to afford schooling. Huyen was brought to HCM attend school.



*Nguyen Huyen is 20 years old. She is receiving Thi computer tuition and begun learning to Huyen play keyboard. She is from Hoang Mai village in Quynh Luu district, Nghe An. Huyen was born with paralysed legs. She wheels herself on a small wooden trolley. Her mother gave her up to her father at birth. But father had the same disability and could not raise her. She is being home schooled in computer literacy. When asked, “What would you like to help you learn?” she said, “An electric keyboard”.



*Nguyen Hoa is 23 years old and was received Thi Hoa by the nuns at birth. She says she has some problem with her mind. She is learning to sew at a workshop at Tan Binh Church. When asked, “What would you like to help you learn?” she said, “To learn sewing at a private training centre (college) and to have a sewing machine for practice at home”.



*Nguyen Nhung is 14 years old. She is from Thi Cam Phuong Den village, Huong Che Nhung district, Ha Tinh province. She is from a family of four children, whose mother died. The family was too poor to send them to school. Nhung’s sister received help with school fees but Nhung did not attend school. So she has begun some sewing work training at Tan Binh Church. When asked, “What would you like to help you learn?” she said, “To also learn sewing at a private training centre (college) and learn to play electric keyboard”. Thoa Thoa lives at

the Blind Centre and is studying Braille. She has done training with the HCM blind massage team. She. We have sponsored her study fees for both courses.



*Le Thi Mai is 21 years old, studying the Mai Pharmacy Sellers Certificate at Dai Viet College. The cost is said to be 15M vnd per year.

Giving a Holiday to the Children of Buu Tri Pagoda

Buu Tri Pagoda in Can Tho City centre houses 60 children under the coordination of a Buddhist nun (Su Phu). Her family farm is in the remote village of Lang Ham, accessed only by river canal. At the end of the school term she takes the children there for a week's holiday in the village.

There, a local family helps to care for the children and they learn many life skills: playing in the village, fishing and swimming. They spend some of the day foraging for food. They find crabs and in one day of fishing in the family farm pond the children can catch up to 30 fish. Nevertheless, there is always a shortage of food for the children, particularly meat.

Also this holiday, Su Phu did not have enough money left to transport the children back to the pagoda, so we provided the transportation fees to get them home.(1M vnd)
We purchased 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. (7M vnd)
With two interps, the school sets and holiday food provisions were taken by taxi from the store and then loaded onto a canoe and taken to the holiday home. There is some roof water collection for drinking water. But for canal people, the canal is the main water resource, including for bathing, dishwashing, laundry, sewerage drainage and water for cooking. A few days later, the combination of canal water and too many raw salads in the street food proved too much for me. I spent the next week in recovery.



Buu Tri Pagoda sign



Disabled girl welcomes visitors to the pagoda



Loading donated provisions in the canoe



Khoi helps the canoe operator load canoe



People wash clothes in the river



People bathe in the river



Fisherman lifting fish net



Washing dishes in the river



Canoe with our donated provisions passes a typical “monkey bridge”.



On arrival, children help unload our donations



Rear view of the holiday farm house.



Su Phu and a “cat” from the orphanage



Girl crossing a log bridge



Su Phu a little wobbly but brave on bridge



Friends



Friends



Blind girl at the orphanage





Friends playing



Boy being supervised by bossy girlfriend



Midday nap time





Swimming lesson: Boys wait for the river crossing



Children supervised by floating banana trunk





Swimming lesson





Australian white man tries the bamboo bridge

Ngoc Anh (17), who has lived at the orphanage since birth, and who we have sponsored for school fees, returned with us.