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“IT’S A GOD THING!”

In recent years few would have believed it—but it is happening! As our founder Dave Roever is fond of saying, “It’s a God thing!” For the past three years the Vietnamese government has allowed the Christian church to hold evangelistic rallies in public forums in the city of Saigon. This last December a Christmas rally was organized and held in the sports stadium—right next door to the Presidential Palace. Just across the road from the back gate of the Palace, the city’s sports stadium became a place of worship as thousands gathered within its gates. Each night of the rally the street was crowded with people coming to worship and exalt Jesus Christ. No doubt some were curious about this new happening in a city and country where such expressions of faith, in a public forum, have been strictly forbidden for the last 30 years. Nevertheless, the government allowed people to congregate along the street around the rally as well as within the stadium. The theme of the youth rally was, “A priceless gift.” Pastor Cu brought his message by emphasizing three powerful aspects of the Gospel message.

1. Who gives, and who receives the gift? God gives and anybody, rich or poor, educated or illiterate, can receive His gift.
2. What is in the gift? God gave to the earth, "A Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes..."
3. How to receive the gift? “Just open your heart to receive Jesus!”

As an interlude between each portion of the message the mass choir sang and music led in lifting up praise to Jesus Christ! An estimated 13,000 people came to the rally each evening to the sports stadium. At last report, the Christian Association is compiling an accurate number of the conversions; however, it is



estimated that there were approximately 600 people who gave their life to Christ the first evening and 1,500 people who accepted Jesus Christ as Savior on the next evening!

Worshippers at the rally within the stadium in Saigon, Vietnam

It's Your Time to Make a Difference!

Before you read any further, stop and take a deep breath. Imagine you could not do that. Imagine your ribcage was wrapped around your lungs like a big hand and its fingers were squeezing the life out of you. It sounds horrible, doesn't it? Yet, that was the everyday reality for a little girl named Lien in Vietnam. Lien suffered from a debilitating condition called "Scoliosis." Scoliosis is known for causing a curvature of the spine, but it often results in the twisting and deformity of the ribcage and other bones in the upper body. On a recent trip just last fall, members of the REAP team made up of Dr. Wright, Duane Parrish and several pastors from the US, encountered this child and her need. It would be easy to take the attitude of some and dismiss the need by saying, "What can I do?" Thankfully, there are many people who have united with REAP International and said just the opposite, "How can we help?"

A difference was made in the child's life because there were people who believed that if they joined together in their efforts that God would make a way—and He did. In working together and pooling their resources, a commitment was made that resulted in Lien having the surgery that liberated her from the suffocating grasp of Scoliosis which literally saved her life. That is correct. She would have died without the surgery. Stop for a moment. Take a deep breath. Feels good, doesn't it? Now imagine yourself joining with REAP International to make a difference. Take action and make it a reality. It might just be the best feeling you've had in a long time.

For more on how you can make a difference in the lives of children like Lien and the thousands of people who came to Jesus Christ at the Saigon rally, please contact our Executive Director, Dr. Wayne Wright by email: 2wrights@cablone.net or call to speak with him about REAP and Mission Vietnam at (208) 308-2823.

We thank all who have partnered with us in the past and your continued involvement has never been more important. In addition, we are looking to others who have yet to get involved with mission Vietnam. In both cases, ***your financial involvement is vital.*** As wonderful as it is to see God opening new doors of opportunity, we nevertheless remain powerless to take advantage of these opportunities without your help. We would ask that you prayerfully consider sending your gift this month. May God bless you!



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