

# Mission Vietnam

## Church Spotlight: Long An church

The church in the Long An Province is a church with a great testimony of God's divine favor being poured out on their efforts for the Kingdom of God. It is also an example of what can happen when your financial gifts are put to work by Mission Vietnam. Pastor TRAN THANH DUNG leads the church in the town of Tan An, in the Long An Province. The church was established in 1927. The old church building was built in 1956 and would seat approximately one hundred people. The average attendance at that time was about 50 to 70. After 1975 and the take-over of the communist government, the number of believers decreased to 30 to 50. However, since 1989, the number of believers has grown quickly because of the church's personal witness program. In 2006 the church attendance had grown to 300 each Sunday with a total number of believers connected with the church being 600. Obviously, the church was beyond capacity. Since October of 2007 the Long An church built a new church building.

To make matters worse, the old church building was very narrow and there was not enough room for 300 believers to worship together. The government had plans to extend the road in front of the church that would narrow the shape of the church building after the work was done. Circumstances did not look good for the church. But, it was then that a miracle occurred when a local businessman announced he wanted to open a coffee shop in a quiet place just outside of town where he owned a piece of property ten times the size of the church property.



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We realize that not everyone feels the call to travel to Vietnam. Nevertheless, we know many of those same people have a heart for missions and have faithfully supported God's work in Vietnam. In fact, were it not for people just like you, there are churches that would never have been built, there are blinded eyes that would never have been healed through surgery, there are orphans that would still be without a home, and many more

dreams and prayers would have gone unfulfilled and unanswered.

We cannot emphasize too much the importance of your financial gifts to this ministry at this critical time. So much is at stake. So much is possible. God has chosen you for such a time as this! It's time to join the mission. *Please send your tax deductible gift of any amount today.*

However, as it happened, his property was not zoned for large business buildings, but was zoned for religious buildings. The business owner heard about the church and offered to exchange property with the church. With the church building being located in town it would work better for his business than his property and his larger piece of land would work better for the growing church. The businessman not only was willing to trade property, but also gave the church extra money for their land. The government even compensated the church financially for taking part of their property when extending the road in front of the church. Consequently, the church ended up with more land and more money. This gave the church the ability to build a new church building that would seat over 400! Before the new church was built the church had 600 believers. Now after four years, there are over 1000 believers! The church is praising God for His favor!

To add to the praise report, the church went on to establish two other new churches. In Thu Thua they have 50 believers and in Tam Vu they have 70 believers who come to worship every Sunday. *Below is a picture of their new education center.*



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