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**December 2007 Newsletter**

## ***Making Dreams Come True***

Have you ever seen the face of a child on Christmas morning when they begin to open the presents they have found under the tree? The wonder and excitement that is evident in their wide-open eyes and broad smiles is a joy to witness. Most of us will see that sight on the faces of our children or grandchildren this Christmas and we will remember just how blessed that we really are. Yet, these children are not our only children. The REAP International family knows that we have other children in Khe Sanh, Vietnam and on Phu Quoc Island that have been dreaming of a special day of their own.

*(The pastors from left to right are: Earl Thornton, John McLaughlin, Duane Parrish, Khe Sanh Pastor, Wayne Wright, Greg Fadness, Russ Hodgins, Kevin Newbry)*



Just last month Dr. Wright and Duane Parrish took a group of pastors to meet our children at Khe Sanh and they saw first-hand how children the world over are much the same. Dr. Ahn reports on just how much new clothes mean to our orphans. She writes, "When we took them to the market with the visiting pastors last month, they were able to choose their favorite clothes. I was surprised at how they knew what style of clothes they wanted (note the picture of them in the



jeans: the jacket and the pants). I asked them why they chose them and they answered that when they saw their classmate try them on, those children appeared very rich! *We made their dreams come true by buying them these clothes.*"

Of course, new clothes are not just about style, winter is coming and it is really cold up in the mountains where the Khe Sahn orphanage is located. The children will need better coats for the winter. In addition, the Vietnamese New Year is in February. The children will need additional new clothes for the upcoming year. We would like for our children to have some traditional, but special, Vietnamese food for Vietnamese New

Year which we can buy in Saigon and send to them. This will require funds in addition to the monthly support. This will make it possible for the pastor to cook something special for the children during the three-day New Year's celebration. The pediatricians who care for the children also suggest we should help them with providing milk on a regular basis. The ten children are all very thin and under 15 years of age, so they need at least one cup of milk every day.

### **The children of Phu Quoc Island:**

Dr. Ngoc and Dr. Hoanganh report that this year will be the first time that the Christian believers on the island will be able to legally celebrate Christmas on the land REAP has purchased for church. Within the church there are about 70 children. On the morning of December 27 they will have a special service for children along with more children on the island who are not yet Christians—a total of 200 children! “We have 100 stuffed animals, but we need at least 100 more.” For only \$150 we can pay for the remaining toys for the children to receive at the Christmas service. And, of course, all children love cookies and candies. Dr. Ngoc and Dr. Hoanganh will be buying some for them to enjoy on Christmas day.

They also report that “the children on the island also need clothes. This year we would like to offer each of them a new shirt or blouse and a pair of pants so that they will have something to wear to church. These clothes will be for Sunday morning only because from now on they will be able to worship God on the church property. The cost for each child will be approximately \$7 to \$10 or \$500 to \$700 total for 70 children. This will be a wonderful gift for them.”

Of course there are many needs in Vietnam, but the children are so vulnerable without our help. We hope you see that these are your children—our children. I think of the message that Dr. Ahn has had printed on 1000 towels she has ordered as Christmas gifts for the children in an area suffering from floods, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” *Matthew 19:14* The children ARE coming to Christ and, with them, they are bringing their dreams! We praise God for people like you that will join with us in the love of Jesus Christ to make their dreams come true.

**We thank all who have partnered with us in the past and your continued involvement has never been more important. If you have yet to get involved with mission Vietnam let me assure you that *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**



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