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My wife and I had been married for twenty years before we were able to purchase our own home. But of all the wonderful memories surrounding that happy event, nothing is more memorable than the reaction of my wife to finally having a home of her own. Finally she had her own "nest"—a place where she could nurture her family and make the home for those she loved. The feeling really could not be put into words.

In June of this year I was privileged to see that look on another couple's face and to see the reaction to an unimaginable gift of a new home. I was with the team from REAP International and we had traveled to the small island of Phu Quoc, off the coast of Vietnam.



It was there at the end of a dusty and bumpy ride inland to a rural area of the island that we met this wonderful family. The family of three had been living in a poorly constructed shelter that substituted for a home. The man and his wife were of slight build and modest in appearance and demeanor. Their only child was a living, breathing doll of a child. Bamboo poles, pieces of sacks, palm leaves, and rusted tin were joined together by a dirt floor. The furnishings could not really be adequately called meager. They were less than meager. The furnishings were almost nonexistent. Even the small cats that occupied the corners of one area of the house were looking lean and forlorn.

Former family home

Yet, everything was different when we traveled to the new home being built by donations given to REAP International. I will always remember that as we stood there in front of the new brick-and-mortar house which was almost complete how that the man and his wife began to radiate joy. They had not smiled at the former home. They simply showed us around. But now they were beaming. Standing side-by-side holding one another in a proud and joyous embrace, they posed for pictures with us. We were happy too, but they were experiencing something more. I could see it in their eyes. I had seen it in my own eyes. I had seen it in the eyes of my wife and of my children as we had stood in front of our new home.



New family home almost finished!



Something wonderful had taken place. A home had been prepared for them because of the love of God in Christ Jesus and it was a home beyond their wildest dreams. No longer would they have to hide from the rain and winds in their own home. Now, they were safe from the winds and the rain. Now they had a home in which this wife and mom could nurture and make a home for her family!

More homes were built and this is but one story. Of course, there are more families who huddle together in their shacks when the rains and winds

come to Phu Quoc. But we believe that there are more stories yet to be written, and homes yet to be built. Will you join with us in this project and many more just like it? As unbelievable as it is, for only \$1700.00 you or your church could build a home for an impoverished family on Phu Quoc Island and show them the love of God in a way that they and the whole island can see! The gospel is being preached on Phu Quoc, souls are being saved rapidly, but it is also equally important that the gospel be lived out before the people of Phu Quoc.

As we rode from house to house, the little daughter of some of us in the family (pictured above) rode with me in the van. Never making a sound, she sat beside me like a little angel perched on the edge of the seat. When the road became bumpy she reached over and took my hand to steady herself. As I looked down at her tiny hand I saw a living picture of trust and dependence between two people from two different worlds. When Greg and Glenda sent me the photo I thought it said everything I wanted to convey to our partners here in the states. What better way to convey the truth and power of the gospel than to take the hand of those who need Jesus Christ and say, "You can depend on me." *Why not join hands with us and work a miracle in someone's life today?*



**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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