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Incredible news! The land purchase for the new church on Phu Quoc Island is a reality. We paid \$12,000 down to secure the land and we have until August 1, 2007 to pay the balance. If you have ever wanted to be a part of something of eternal value—now is your opportunity! The land pictured below is the property which Mission Vietnam has purchased to build the first official Christian church on the island. The property measures 32 meters by 120 meters, which is a large lot by Vietnam's standards. The total purchase price is \$55,000. Presently, we still owe \$33,000.



Phu Quoc Island has approximately 100,000 residents with 300-500 Christians. This new church that will be built on this site will be the first and only Christian church on the island.

We have until August 1, 2007 to pay the balance owed on the land. During the Journey 2007 trip, the REAP team will visit this new property and pray God's blessings over it as property dedicated for use in God's kingdom. Dr. Anh has indicated that the Vietnam Christian Missionary Alliance (CMA) organization will help with the cost of erecting a new building on the island, but it is up to us to pay for the purchase of land.

The Christians living on the island are extremely poor and could never afford to purchase property, let alone make monthly payments to rent a building. This is truly a "God Send" for these people, an answer to prayer.

The minister of this new church, Mr. Dung, is a devoted minister of the gospel who will work diligently to cultivate the seeds of the Gospel that are being planted on Phu Quoc Island. Fourteen years ago Mr. Dung felt that God was calling him to Phu Quoc to work with the Christians. He was unable to move his family with him because the government would not give them legal permission to move to Phu Quoc. Without legal permission to move, his children couldn't attend school on the island. So, presently, they live on the mainland and Mr. Dung visits his family about every three months.

In the mornings he buys fresh fish from the fishing fleet and uses his small motor bike to deliver the fish to his many customers. He uses this money to support the church and his family. In the afternoon, he makes pastoral visits to the Christians who attend his church. Mr. Dung lives in a little shack, rent free, that is attached to a bakery. Presently, this is also where he conducts church services. To accommodate the 30-50 people attending church, he puts up a plastic tarp outside and sets out plastic chairs purchased by REAP. His dedication and sacrifice is a great testimony to his commitment to the kingdom of God! Perhaps God will honor Mr. Dung's sacrifice and give him Phu Quoc for the Kingdom. Rev. 14:15 says, "Take your sickle and REAP, because the time to REAP has come, for the harvest of the earth (Vietnam) is ripe."



The photo to the left shows one of the houses occupied by a Christian family living on the island. Once you see the living conditions of the Christian people, you will understand why they cannot afford to purchase land or rent a building for their church. We just paid to have a new house built for this family of four.

The photograph to the right shows the primitive kitchen, or method and place for cooking which is outside of the home. As a rule, all cooking is over an open fire. As you can see the opportunity is great to make a difference in the lives of the people of Phu Quoc Island. And we are convinced, as always, that *"compassion will lead to conversion."*



Due to the urgency of the need to completely pay for this new property in full by August we would ask that you prayerfully consider sending a gift of \$25.00, \$50.00, \$100.00, or \$200.00 or more this month. Please mark your donation "Phu Quoc Island."



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Twin Falls, ID 83303 Thank you for your contribution, it will make a difference!**

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