

Mission Vietnam

What One Can Do

Inspirational stories of the hand of God at work abound in Vietnam. One such story comes from the town of An Bien in the Rach Gia Province which is in the southwestern part of Vietnam. Most of the people there are known as the Khmer people and come from Cambodia. Previously Buddhist, most were converted to Christianity in recent years. The big obstacle for these new Christians was the necessity of traveling 34 miles just to go to church. This may not seem like an issue to us here in the United States, but for people without transportation and without the money to secure regular transportation, this was a major obstacle. They needed their own church in their town because no one's home could accommodate everyone. This is where we begin to see God pull everything together and meet the need.

Obviously, a church in their town would make it possible for them to worship together every week. But the question, how could they afford it? So, they prayed fervently for a church. Little did they know that many miles away God was speaking to someone about their situation at a funeral! Mission Vietnam's in-country director, Doctor Anh's brother, Nghia, had died in April of this year. At that same time there was a need to purchase land in An Bien. His brother had never been to An Bien, but had heard the story of a couple in their seventies who had been converted. They had to pay 50,000 dong for a motor bike ride and another 10,000 dong for the ferry just to get to church. They could not afford for both of them to go to church each week, so they alternated Sundays. The man had been mute since he was thirty years old and just wanted to be able to be with his wife and hold her hand in church on Sunday.

Although the man could not speak he could still hear and would communicate with others by using a small chalkboard. The man often had reported that he had several visions over the last forty years of the devil closing his mouth by laying two of his fingers on his lips. Although he had asked many Buddhist monks to come pray for him, he was never able to speak. But one day, his daughter asked a woman from the Christian church to come and pray for him.



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HOW YOU CAN BE A PART OF MISSION VIETNAM

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.*

The woman from the church asked her young pastor to come and pray for the woman. But the young pastor was concerned that, since the family had paid a great deal of money over the years to have the monks pray for him, and for forty years their prayers had gone unanswered, he had a great deal of expectations being placed on him. He did not know if his faith was strong enough. So before he went, he fasted and prayed for one week.

When the woman brought her young pastor to the man's home, the pastor prayed for two hours before saying anything to the man—after which he shared the Gospel. After sharing the Gospel, the pastor told him that if he agreed with the Gospel to say “amen.” The man not only responded “Amen,” but “Amen, in the name of Jesus!” The man was miraculously healed!

When Doctor Anh had told that story to her brother before his death, he said he would like any unused money for his funeral to go to purchase the land in An Bien so they could have a church. With the money from the funeral, as well as other money from doctor Anh's family, it was possible to purchase land on which a church could be built.

Previously the land they had purchased for the church had been sunken swamp land. However, it has now been filled with new soil from dredging the nearby river. Just before Christmas the An Bien church received approval from the government to establish and build the new church which made it possible for them to hold a Christmas rally on the property.



Presently there is a Bible study being held the first and third week of each month in the house of the man who received the miracle of healing. Usually eight to twelve people attend and two weeks ago four people accepted Christ. He tells all who come, “I won't force you to follow my religion, just come to the Bible study and make your own decision.” Because of the miracle done in his life, people are willing to listen.

Maybe God is speaking to you somewhere here in the U.S. about one of the many opportunities in Vietnam. Because one man listened and was touched by the story of an elderly couple, a church is being built. Because one man listened to a young pastor share the Gospel and was moved in faith, a Bible study was held and four people accepted Christ, and on it goes. Will you be one person who listens and is moved in faith to make a difference?

Newsletter Changes:

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Make your plans to join us on our next Journey in 2012 or call to plan a trip just for your group by contacting our President and Executive Director, Dr. Wayne Wright by email:

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