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As we drove back from our orphanage in Khe Sanh, on the roads that wind among the mountains of the Central Highlands, one has time to think about the more important things of life, as well as having the time to enjoy the beautiful scenery. But as the evening approaches and as a fog begins to descend on the mountain tops the mountains begin to take on an eerie feel.

The Vietnam Veterans who fought in those jungles know the feeling well. Wade Franks once told me that as a soldier, “you hated to see it get dark—especially when it was rainy and foggy. When that happened you knew you were cut off from air-support. Help was not coming. You were on your own...and the enemy was going to attack.” Just the look in his eyes and the sound of it would give a man chills.

The good news is that there is no military enemy prowling those jungles. Vietnam is peaceful and beautiful. Nevertheless, if you and I were one of the unnumbered children in those mountains with no parents to care for them, we might feel that same sense of desperation which sweeps over a person when they know that they are “cut off” from help—that no one is coming for them.

The darkness and fog that envelopes them is hopelessness and loneliness. They move from house to house, village to village if necessary, looking for a place to call home. They are looking for a family—for someone to take care of them. Many are on their own and may have to live and sleep in that same jungle. This is why REAP International helped to found the Khe Sanh Orphanage. It is one of the few privately funded orphanages in Vietnam and it has been a great success. Ten children bubbling with life and joy fill that home with a love that anyone can feel as soon as they arrive. These children may have no family in those mountains who wants them or that can take care of them, but at the Khe Sanh Orphanage they have a home. The pastor is their father. The staff is their family. Some may have been abandoned, but here they are wanted and loved.

Even greater news is that we have the opportunity to expand our orphanage. We have permission to add five more children! It does not sound like much, but it's wonderful if you are one of those five children. It's wonderful if you have seen the difference that this home has made in the lives of the children that are there. Each visit we see the children blossoming like flowers as they open up more and more. We see the good home they

have been given. We see their happy expressions and the progress that they are making in school. We hear them sing of their faith in Jesus Christ! And there is so much more! It is wonderful to see faith from pure hearts and God wants to reward it! It reminds me of the little boy who had put his faith in Jesus, and had been sharing his faith with others. A mean-spirited man heard him and, seeing how poor the boy was, the man ridiculed him for his belief. "If God was real and He really loved you, why doesn't he tell somebody to buy you some new shoes to replace that worn-out pair you have? Why doesn't He tell someone to buy you some better clothes or feed you better?" The little boy dropped his head for a moment, and then looked up at the man and said, "Maybe He did tell somebody, but maybe they forgot."

We must not forget these children! God has told us what to do. The pastor and staff who run the orphanage have great faith in God and work hard to provide for the children. The children pray and believe that God hears them. And you and I have the privilege of being a part of God's plan to grow their faith and their orphanage. You and I can help lift the darkness and fog of hopelessness and send the help to provide five more children with a Christian home, education, good clothes, and hot meals.

Matching funds have already been promised. If you and I will respond we can double our efforts. It takes only \$50.00 per month to provide every necessity of life for one of these children. Maybe you can make a \$50.00 per month commitment, maybe \$25.00, or maybe \$10.00. The important thing is that you give monthly for these children and show them you didn't forget.



A note from our In Country Director:

Dr. Anh tells us of the importance of the Khe Sanh orphanage succeeding. She writes, "The ethnic people of the mountain area around Khe Sanh do not speak traditional Vietnamese. This makes taking the gospel message to them more difficult. The children in our orphanage are from the villages of the ethnic people. Although our immediate goal is to care for the abandoned children who would be passed from home-to-home at the mercy of whoever finds them, there is more. We believe that when these children are grown, they will return to their

villages and teach their people about Jesus Christ. But for now, we are their parents and their family. Without us, the children have no one."

When you send your gift this month, designate it: "Khe Sanh Orphanage."



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