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REAP International's Bicycle Ministry

What would you do without your family vehicle? What if walking was your only means of travel to where you needed and wanted to go? It is difficult for us to even imagine, isn't it? However, for many of the Vietnamese people this is a reality. Automobiles and even small motorcycles are beyond the reach of untold thousands of Vietnamese people. REAP's bicycle ministry is a unique way of blessing the Vietnamese people in a way which both improves their lives and empowers them to make personal strides in their everyday lives. Unlike in America where bicycles are used mainly for sport, recreation, and exercise, in Vietnam a bicycle can provide much needed mobility for those in rural areas, a means of carrying the Gospel, and even the ability to earn a living. In Vietnam, through REAP's assistance, bicycles are given through the Vietnamese National Children's Fund (VNCF) to "A" students. In addition, bicycles are also given through REAP International directly to Bible school students for use in future ministry opportunities.

Easing the way in 1999, REAP began by giving away 50 bicycles to those who had demonstrated a need and who had been working diligently to improve their lives and that of those around them. Today, that initial gift of 50 has grown to 1,100 gifts of much-needed bicycles. Money is raised here in the United States through *the gifts of people just like you* and then the bicycles are purchased from a Vietnamese factory, which in turn, ***are given to Bible school students,***

pastors, church workers and many poor families. For many of these people, a bicycle is the only means of transportation for the entire family.





To date REAP has given away 1,100 bicycles, all of which have gone to school children, Bible school and college students, church workers, pastors, and extremely poor families. As you can imagine, a REAP bicycle can be the only means of transportation to market, school, work, and church for the poor. As difficult as it is to imagine, for the very poor, buying a bicycle is comparable to buying a car in the U. S. Dr. Anh has

asked for 50 bikes to be given away on our June trip. We still need funds to purchase 10 additional bikes.

Thank you for getting involved TODAY!

Because of the continued involvement of our active veterans and *ministry partners just like you*, through your giving, the ministry of REAP can continue to touch the lives and hearts of the people of Vietnam with the love of Christ.

Phu Quoc Island Update! The little church on Phu Quoc Island had **120 people** for Easter service. They only had 50 chairs (which REAP purchased last year) so 70 people had to stand. Just last August only 30 people were meeting every Sunday at Mr. Dung's house for services. These Christians are so excited about having their own church building. We anticipate God filling their new building each Sunday in multiple services as they try to accommodate the crowds. With **\$12,000 left to pay** on the land we will soon be raising money for the building.

We would ask that you prayerfully consider sending a gift of \$25.00, \$50.00, \$100.00, or \$200.00 or more this month. Mark your donation as either "Bicycles" or Phu Quoc."



Thank you for your tax deductible donation to assist in building the Kingdom of God. Please mail your check or money order to: Mission Vietnam – REAP, P.O. Box 6063, Twin Falls, ID 83303 Thank you for your contribution; it will make a difference!

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