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“Everything we have prayed for the last fifteen years is beginning to happen!” Dr. Anh told us as we met together in Vietnam last month. What an exciting time it is to be a part of what God is doing in Vietnam. Jesus Christ is being exalted and He is drawing all to Him through His church and the love that’s being shown through various ministries.

We were joined on this trip by a quality group of people from the Calvary Lighthouse church of Twin Falls, Idaho. The group was led by Kevin Newbry and were prepared in every way to show and teach the love of Christ to everyone we encountered.



One Vietnamese woman asked, “Why?” since so many of our countrymen had died in the Vietnam War. “Why do you love the Vietnamese people? Why do you love our children? Why are you so happy?” Someone tried to explain to her about how Christians believe in forgiveness and how God’s love motivates. But with tears in her eyes she just kept asking “But why do you love us?” It is difficult for those who have not experienced the love and forgiveness of God through Jesus Christ to understand, but it is undeniably real—and they can see it! As Dave Roever has said from the beginning, “Compassion

leads to conversion.”

The church on Phu Quoc Island stands as a testimony of the power of God and His saving grace. Originally began almost forty years ago, the church was closed after the war when the communist government took over. But now, all these years later, it has been restarted. There was never a building; however, the faith in the hearts of a few burned like red-hot coals in the ashes. With the recent government restrictions lifted, the fire has been rekindled and has begun to burn brightly.

As we met with the church on our first Sunday morning there, we were greeted by a lively congregation of 180 people. The congregation was brimming with children and the joy of the Lord. On a sandy lot, partially cleared of vegetation, the little temporary sanctuary framed with poles and covered with tin, reverberated with the sound of singing and the preaching of God’s Word! The building was filled



and people from the community, even the local police stood outside looking in on the happenings. It is exciting watching God work!

Upon **visiting our orphanage in Khe Sanh** we were astonished to find the incredible growth of Pastor Duc's ministry there. Pastor Duc has labored in this area for the last 40 years, but now as restrictions are lifted his harvest is really being reaped. Not only has his church and the orphanage reached its capacity, he has cultivated 42 house churches in 42 surrounding villages!

As we later moved on to **the orphanage for deaf and blind children** in the Dong Nai Province we saw yet

another prayer answered. As you may remember, last fall when a group of pastors from the U.S. came here they found a young girl who had her torso so badly deformed and her internal organs so compressed by scoliosis that she did not have long to live. Those pastors raised the money for her to have surgery. When we arrived the little girl was not dying—she was playing with the other children! (Pictured to above)



Nevertheless, my excitement about all that was being done was somewhat tempered when we visited the dorm rooms of the children at the orphanage for the Deaf and Blind. I stood in one room with a young girl named Lien which I see on each trip. She was all smiles as she showed us their living quarters. Through the interpreter I asked Lien where she slept. She pointed not to the bare beds, but to the concrete and tile floor. Thinking she misunderstood, I asked for clarification. As it turns out, there are not enough beds for the children and no where to put more, so the older children sleep on the floor and let the younger have the beds. At this point I am trying to find a way to remedy this so Lien has a better place to sleep. Their solution was simple. The children would be so happy with a new blanket and a mosquito net for the upcoming rainy season."

(Above—Lien stands where she sleeps)



How simple. How humble the request. As we found, for only \$15.00 you and I can buy one of these children a blanket and a mosquito net. However, there are 185 children in that orphanage and what we do for one we do for all. So, we need your help. Right now will you give at least \$15.00 to meet this need? The rainy season is on the way. These children deserve to sleep soundly without being bitten by mosquitoes. You can make the cool nights a little warmer or a hard floor a little softer, but you must act now. You can donate securely by credit card on our website or mail your tax deductible donation to REAP International. Please designate your gift: "Deaf and Blind Orphanage." **Either way you give, do it today!**

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