

FoCHgram December 2009

GENE IS BACK

Gene Flynn returned from his Inspection Tour of the Kon Tum area post flood on September 9th.

The damage to the structures are being repaired, commerce is improving and the people have accepted the damage and are moving on in getting life back to normal.

One important benefit of Gene's trip was the ability to meet with other groups and peoples who are also working in the Central Highlands. Because of Gene's first-hand knowledge and his meetings the FoCH Board has been in discussion to set priorities within a workable budget. There are many needs but we have to accomplish what we can within a realistic budget. When we spend your donations we are EXTREMELY careful of the Who, What, When, Where and Why.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

This year the FoCH Christmas and Tet Celebrations will be held at Vinh Son 1 and also Jackfruit. The kids at Jackfruit have never had a Christmas or Tet Celebration, "a la FoCH." These "Quality of Life" projects not only allow us to give the kids a smile and a gift, but more importantly, we pray that we allow them a memory and maybe in that memory will be hope for tomorrow.

Payments for these projects are funds that have been DIRECTED by donors specifically to support these celebrations.

In the summer of 2010 we intend to send a group of children back to the beach and we will include

the Jackfruit children. There's more than enough salt water to go around.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

FoCH will be looking out into some of the remote villages to assist as is feasible. There are big problems in the villages and a few dollars go a long way when given the FoCH stretch.

We are excited by several agricultural and village water projects that are being investigated and formulated and trying to establish a workable budget that allows us to use the donations we receive from you in a very efficient and accountable method.

The projects under discussion and investigation include a pig breeder farm & village water purification projects.



We are very excited about having the ability to give some limited assistance to another orphanage for severely disabled children. Many of these children are, more or less, warehoused and cared for with maybe less than minimum care. It is not because the helpers do not care, it's because they do not have the basic items to bring comfort to

these kids. This type of institution is a place where your life will change forever if you visit and stay a while. It is not because of the cruel reality of the situation, but because of the kindness and love displayed in the care of the children and then seeing the life in the eyes of the kids; souls captured in bodies so twisted. Children will die there from hydrocephalus (water on the brain) when here in the U.S. a somewhat uncomplicated operation can "fix" the problem. Not there.

FoCH is also considering some degree of assistance with a Kon Tum leprosarium. We may not have leprosy here in the United States any longer, but it is still a frightening reality in Vietnam.

At Jackfruit, FoCH is working on plans to erect a boy's dormitory that will allow these children shelter, beds, bedding and more room to breathe. Another organization has promised us that they will get involved in the project too and supply funding for roofing, electrical and concrete work. This way we get a project done and stretch the donated dollar further and further.

Without you, there is no help for them. Thank You.



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