

# 2010 End of Year FOCHgram

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## The Notes of 2010



The year has rushed to an end and 2011 is due to hit whether we want it to or not.

Life has changed in many and various ways for all of us and of course we all like to reflect on the positive and just a little on the negative and plan, or hope, that the New Year will be better than the year we just finished walking through.

Your organization, **The Friends of the Central Highlands, Vietnam, Inc.**, has just completed another successful year and it is our hope and prayer that our combined efforts have effected and positively altered some lives in the Central Highlands.

In addition to our regular projects, funded by your generous donations, several people have taken it upon themselves to sponsor individual projects with directed funds that are in addition to their normal pattern of donations. Even with

the turn down in the U.S. economy, the true hearts of FoCHVN donors have not faltered or found excuse to roll back their giving.

FoCHVN, Inc. is a perfect combination of caring people and donors who help provide the funding for the projects which are executed by our unpaid and dedicated officers, helpers, staff and consultants.

Our donor base is small, but we have been able to add a few more including a church in Ellicott City, Maryland this year.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR SPONSORSHIPS for 2011**

FYI: We have had FoCH Board members in Vietnam inspecting the established projects, determining what needs to be taken forward and or redirected. Just remember, these trips are paid for by the individual Board Member, as they have always been, in keeping with the philosophy of FoCH on spending almost every last nickel on the needs of the people we serve.

### **Some of the activities we have been involved with in 2010 were:**

- \* The construction of a Boy's Dorm at the Jackfruit orphanage location;
- \* Salary for nurse Lan,



BOYS DORM AT JACKFRUIT

- \* Purchase of pharmaceuticals as needed,
- \* The completion of plans and securing funding to rebuild the doors and windows of the Dak Kia leprosy village which were destroyed in the 2009 flood,
- \* Securing funding and completion of planning to provide a dental plan for the children of Dak Kia leprosy village this summer after the end of the school year,
- \* We purchased additional bedding and sanitary products for the disabled children's orphanage,
- \* We were able to expand the remote village education Project. It now includes students at the primary, secondary and college level: A total of 36 children in 11 remote villages. This is an intensely reviewed Project to assure compliance with attendance and grade requirements,

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\* We also have continued our “Quality of Life Projects”, such as Christmas parties, Tet New Year celebrations and the Fall Festivals. This year we provided these celebrations for well over 400 children, and the cost has been directed spending that we have received as donations.

## NOTE: THE WEB PAGE

We are trying to update our web presence and we are going to develop a page to post the Business People who assist us. We will most likely post the business card. So, if you are a Business who is supporting FoCHVN, Inc. please send your business card to us at the PO Box and as we get things updated, we'll get your card posted so that your neighbors will know of your Support for this organization.

## SAD BUT TRUE



Of course there is not a darn thing we can do about this young man who is a patient in a

disability orphanage in the Kon Tum area. In fact it is none of our business, but you need to be made aware that what we consider “normal” standard of care here in the states is not what is “normal” elsewhere on this earth.

As I continue with some of the accomplishments of FoCHVN, always consider there is more we can and want to do;

\* Supplement the food stream at the Dak Kia leprosy village,

\* Purchased and installed a mirror in the physical therapy room at the orphanage for the disabled children,

\* In conjunction with other Charity Organizations provided dental care for three additional orphanages.

OF SPECIAL NOTE: This year our Frank Fee again provided his interpretation of Santa Clause for some of the Christmas parties, but was confined to bed after suffering a fall. He is on the mend and I'm sure he'll be fully reconditioned by the time Christmas comes for 2011.

There are many, many unsung heroes who are involved with this small but vibrant organization. You, the reader, are one of them. The Officers and Board members of FoCHVN salute your dedication and your continued sponsorship of this organization. Thank You. Thank You.

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“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”



Thanks for all you do...Gene Flynn, President

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