

FoCHgram for January 2007

A Special Communiqué to Keep You, the Donors, Informed & Up-to-Date with Ongoing Projects of FoCH, Inc.

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First, we all at FoCH, Inc. wish you each and every one a very Happy New Year, 2007.

A General Update

To start this New Year I thought it might be a good idea to review some basic information in this FoCHgram. We had a Board Meeting on November 18, 2006 and the structure was changed. Arnold Waggoner and his wife Janelle retired from the day to day operations. Arnold was the last of the original 3 founding members. Arnold has remained in an advisory capacity under the title Past President

Also, we elected 3 new Board members, two more for the Viet Nam Office and one additional person for the US Board. The passing of the Old Guard has given us depth and the addition of the new members has truly made FoCH an international organization.

Board of Directors

Chief Operations Officer

Jerry Harlowe

Special Assistant to COO
Leslie Caulfield

Past President
Arnold Waggoner

Chief Financial Officer

Cindy Flynn

Director of Viet Nam Operations

U.S. Office

Gene Flynn

Assistant Director
Trung Nguyen

Director of Viet Nam Operations

Viet Nam Office

Nguyen Tau Can

Assistant Directors

Hoang Song Lien

Lau Nguyet Cam

Second, let me remind you of our web page location: <http://www.foch.us>

Please drop by when you can just to look around. We try to post photos of our trips back to Viet Nam as soon as possible. They are more than fun photos; they can be instructive and educational.

We have eliminated items in the page that were not cost effective and rearranged other items for easier reading.

Third, as hectic as life gets, we ask you to take a few minutes and let us hear what you think about our work at FoCH, Inc. and any suggestions you may have. Your input is valuable.

You can snail mail us at:

Comments
c/o FoCH, Inc.
P.O. Box 123
Kersey, PA. 15846

Or you can direct your comments to:
fochgram@yahoo.com

Fourth, we have a DVD, produced by Les Caulfield, based on his 2006 trip to Viet Nam and his visit to the orphanage. Les has produced a #1 DVD here and you will appreciate his work and his professionalism.

If this is something of interest to you, you can purchase a DVD, at costs. Just contact me at: fochgram@yahoo.com and ask for the Vinh Son Orphanage DVD.



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All mailing will be by Priority Mail which is \$4.05 plus 3.00 for the DVD, a total of \$7.05. We make no money from this, but we hope that the DVD will be shared with friends and family and that someone may consider the merit of the work we do.

Fifth, our direct sponsorship program is going well and we thank all of you. Right now, we have over 40 children supported through Direct Sponsorship and there are more waiting. For those who may wish to consider this please contact our very busy Director of Viet Nam Operations, Gene Flynn. Write him at:

Direct Sponsorship
c/o FoCH, Inc.
P.O. Box 123
Kersey, PA. 15846



The two smiling girls, Y-Mem and Y-Yen, are just two of the children who are now receiving direct sponsorship support through FoCH, Inc. members. There are many more of these children waiting for your love and support.

Remember, you have more in one day than any of these children have in a year.

Sixth, is to say Thanks for all of you who helped present a Christmas Party for the kids this year. We began with nothing and ended up with an outpouring of love and Christmas Cards and Presents. We hope to have a DVD available of the Christmas Party and it will be made available on a "Cost" basis, plus mailing, the same as Les' DVD mentioned previously.

The cards send to Kon Tum came from children with big hearts and with the caring to produce

letters such as this one below, and believe me, this is the norm, not the exception.



This great letter was just one of hundreds of letters and cards we received for the orphanage Christmas party. We intend on doing it again next year. I'll write more on the party at a later date due to space considerations.

Seventh, I want to let you all know that Gene Flynn is scheduled for a total knee replacement for a bum knee that hasn't been right since he left Viet Nam decades before.

The Operation is scheduled for 6 January and Gene will be rehabbing for some months, including a restriction from flying for at least four months.

That makes me sad as Gene and I were going to return to Viet Nam together in March, but I will be solo on this trip. "Next time Gene...."

Eighth, We have now established an electronic international funds transfer that allows FoCH, Inc. to transfer funds to our Viet Nam office at a rate near 1%.....this is cheap! Our new Board member, working in the field of international banking, arranged the new account. GREAT WORK!!



The Fiends of the Central Highlands, Inc. is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as an organization exempt from income taxes under IRS code, section 501 (c) (3). FEI # 731471423. <http://www.foch.us>

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And Finally I'd like to list for you all the accomplishment and projects in 2006 of FoCH, Inc. Remember, none of this was possible without your support.

- * We established an In-Country presence with 3 new Board members in Viet Nam located in two cities.
- * You completed a new Dormitory for the girls.
- * You started renovations on the old Dorm.
- * You created the Direct Sponsorship Program, which now has over 40 children in direct sponsorship.
- * You sent 3 girls to Dental Assistance School in Ha Noi.
- * You sent another girl to Ha Noi for musical instructions.
- * You sent another promising student to English Class in Kon Tum.
- * You 42 double desks constructed and delivered to the orphanage.
- * You purchased White Boards for Library and school room.
- * You paid salary for the computer teacher.
- * You purchased sports equipment.
- * You purchased 2 electric sewing machines for the sewing center.
- * You purchased several bicycles for use of the students and staff.
- * You purchased large quantities of OTC drugs for the orphanage.
- * You purchased several keyboards for the children.

- * You provided several "ice cream" parties for the children throughout the year.
- * We planned our Second Annual Beach outing for the school children with a trip to Nha Trang upon completion of the school year and you sent them.
- * We deliver large amounts of quality clothing and other odd items for the children of all ages.
- * You provided small remuneration for the unpaid infant care givers.
- * You provided funding for 3 school teachers who are teaching the children AFTER school. *Let me note here that this is necessary due to the almost ZERO level of the high school kids getting into college or University after graduation.*
- * We started the initial planning for: Barber School Training at the orphanage *and* construction of a motorbike repair and vocational training center.
- * We established the FoCHgram as our means of communications with you.
- * We planned and executed a Christmas Party for the children without an initial budget...you all came through!
- * AND TO HIGHLIGHT OUR COMMITMENT TO THIS MISSION FoCH, Inc. had 5 different Board Members visit the Orphanage in 6 different trips* during this past year...and one trip cancelled due to health considerations.

**Travel to Viet Nam is strictly a personal item for all Board Members and is NOT funded in whole or in part by FoCH, Inc.*

- * And to end this list, we had a highly successful Kon Tum / Orphanage DVD produced by one of our Board members and have shipped over 200 to our supporters by year's end.

God bless your New Year of 2007.

