

Friends of Central Highlands, Vietnam

FoCHgram for January 2009

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

Chuc Mung Nam Moi ~ Happy New Year



Santa makes dreams and smiles easy !

Such as Graham and Ingrid, Frank Fee, Elizabeth and Jean Pierre. Together we are Making a difference.

A very special “Thank You” goes to our very own Thien, Thao, Nhu Y, & Y Banh



Nhu Y makes sure everyone has cake



Message from the President:

We have seen great changes in the world since last year at this time ! As economic conditions have deteriorated, so has the ability to raise funds for Non-profits such as FoCH. I appreciate the efforts of many members and donors to reach deeper and give more in these difficult times, so that our work in Kon Tum will continue to change lives, open hearts, and bring smiles to those who have so much less than we.

I worry about this coming year, and I would challenge all members to reach out and show your friends, neighbors, and community how changing the lives of these children can also change your own life !



In cooperation with:

This past year has been very rewarding for FoCH. We have opened the doors to working with all groups in Vietnam. Our efforts have been joined with FVSO, East meets West, and the wonderful volunteers



Health issues :

This year, the efforts of FoCH will be to implement early prevention measures through dental care, medical screening, vaccinations and proper diet. Our efforts will include Vinh Son orphanages, remote village peoples, and Bhuddist orphanages nearby.



A Plieku dental office works together with FoCH



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Education projects:

This year our education scholarship program will take effect and we will watch to see its impact on the recipients.

There is an effort in the early stages of planning to fund a school in Kon Tum. We will of course work closely with “East meets West” and Mr. Mel Potter to bring any educational relief the villages of Kon Tum and to the orphans at Vinh Son.



Cultural projects:

A new project this year !
“Field trips for gifted promising students”.
Children who show effort in school will have a chance to explore Vietnam, expanding their experience and potential.



Capital Projects :



The present failing drain field at VS 1

This year we look to tackle some big projects. We hope to replace the antiquated septic system at VS1 with a modern filtering drain field system.

Once the septic system is complete we will begin work on a “point of source” water filter for the entire VS1 complex.

The remote farm reservoir is in place and will fulfill the irrigation needs of an entire remote farm and orphanage. We will report the progress of this project .



The completed farm reservoir system



AN ART POSTER for VINH SON

The posters are still available and all of the money goes directly to FoCH, Inc. projects for the Orphanage.

See our Webpage for ordering information @ <http://www.fochvn.org>



The art posters of Vinh Son orphanage



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To our Sponsors:



Remember why we are there helping !

We have a challenge in front of us !

Please check to see if you have already responded your children for this year.

Remember we are switching over to a Jan. 1st renewal each year. Everyone who sponsored children in Oct, Nov., and Dec. of 2008 will be up for renewal Jan. 1st of 2010. Everyone sponsoring before that is up for renewal Jan. 1st 2009. We can pro-rate your renewal if you have need.

Thank you to all the folks who have become new sponsors ! I know and appreciate that a few of you have decided to sponsor additional children this year. All I can say is Wow ! You are something.



To our Donors:

I have been amazed that in these very difficult times new donors are finding us and giving so generously.

Thank you Seattle, Philadelphia, a drama dept. in Florida & many more !

It is so easy to donate. Whether you give \$5 or \$500 dollars you can rest assure that all donations go directly to projects in Vietnam.

Our members and staff pay their own way. No one is paid !

Send Donations to:

FoCHvn, Inc.

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Please note how to direct your funds



Come join our family !

