

QUICKgram – Friends of the Central Highlands of Vietnam, Inc.

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Based on the generosity of the parishioners of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Ellicott City, Maryland over one hundred children from the leprosy village, just south of Kontum, have or will visit a dentist for the first time in their lives during the month of June, 2011.

This project is being done in small groups, ten to twelve kids at a time. That makes the visits more manageable for the dentist as well as the Project Manager, Thien, who has to transport the kids and keep watch over them. Most of the children, if not all, have never used a tooth brush. As part of the visit to the clinic in Pleiku, about 40 kilometers south of their village, the children receive instructions from the dentist on oral hygiene and they all received their first ever brushes and tooth paste.



Hey, what's going on in here?



Some basic instructions

Email from Thien

Anh Jerry,

Yes, I saw the dentists did a lot of work so I asked children: Do you brush your teeth at home? I got smiles and shake of the head instead say "NO". The dentist joked, "Let dentist brush once".

This morning I distributed the brushes and toothpaste for children. I also called the nun to ask her to remind children about brush teeth.

Tomorrow the dentist would like to give the brushes to children so I will give them toothpaste.

Yes, a "tooth-friendly" village is good idea.

I think, we have the brush and toothpaste for them sometime and ask the nun to remind them after the meals.

Enjoy your time,
Em T.



Early arrival at the clinic in Pleiku



Getting down to business

