

FoCHgram for November 2006

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



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LISTEN TO YESTERYEAR

Jerry.....B-E-A-U-T-I-F-U-L!!!!
I got (the CD's) yesterday and have listened to them over and over. CD# 54, if you pay attention, is from Thursday 23 OCT 69 between 11AM and Noon. I was there during that time and most likely listened to that broadcast "live" while I was on Engineer Hill"! Sure brings back the memories....I had completely forgotten that there were NO commercials on the broadcasts.

These words are in response to a 2 CD set that has been made available previously to Pleiku Pals members and is now available to our FoCH readers.

The 2 CD set are recordings of AFVN programs from the Pleiku / Kon Tum area and at one point, the DJ describes the 1,000KW "blowtorch" power coming from the transmitter in Kon Tum.

If you're interested, contact fochgram@yahoo.com and request your own 2 CD set. They sell for \$17, which includes priority box mail to points in the US, only.

GENE IS BACK FROM VIET NAM

Our Director of Viet Nam Operations, Gene Flynn has returned from his trip to Viet Nam over the period Oct 5 – Oct 19th, 2006

Gene was working with our contacts in Sai Gon on obtaining wholesale pricing for several milk products needed in the Orphanage for the children.

Further contributions were delivered and we were also able to buy some medicine for the upcoming cold months in the Central Highlands as well as small things like soccer balls. Gene also saw to a small ice cream party for all of the children.

Gene also delivered some quality cold weather clothing as well as over 200 cold weather caps. The sewing class was inspected and is doing well and further funded work to the girl's dorm will be done next month.



Vinh Son Outing

While visiting, Gene and our In-Country Director Nguyen Tau Can were able to take this small group of donor sponsored children for a picnic at a park several miles outside of Pleiku. Funding was provided by the sponsors. This is unlike our end-of-year school beach trip where we try to get as many orphans as possible to the beach for a weekend.



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Gene also brought back photographs of additional children who we would like to present for direct sponsorship. The photographs will be available soon. For further information please contact our Director of Viet Nam Operations, Gene Flynn. His email is:

ecjckflynn@usachoice.net

In addition to the above we have secured 42 school desks for the orphanage, Gene gave out 2 additional scholarships to village students and we have secured an initial site for a planned vocational motorbike repair facility.

Our only failure to report was our inability to get funding to a distant Montagnard family for a cow. The notification and funding came after Gene's trip started. However, we will get that done in March 2007.

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS

We have a DVD of the Kon Tum area and the orphanage that was filmed and produced by Mr. Leslie Caulfield of Winter Park, Fl. Les has been returning to the orphanage for a number of years and this work he presented us with is moving.

If you want your own copy send \$6.00 to

FoCH DVD
8 Silk Tree Court
Catonsville, MD. 21228-5867

This more or less covers the cost of copying the DVD and the Priority Mailing to US addresses only. Since FoCH, Inc is a 501 (c) (3) organization, anything OVER \$6 may be tax deductible

CHRISTMAS IN VIET NAM

During the French Colonial period many Vietnamese converted to Christianity and thus Christmas is one of the 4 most important festivals of Vietnam.

On Christmas Eve the Christians attend Midnight Mass and then go back to their homes to enjoy Christmas supper that usually consists of chicken soup or turkey and Christmas pudding for the rich. Santa Clause and the Christmas tree became popular with the kids and the children leave their shoes outside on Christmas Eve instead of stockings for Santa Clause.

<http://www.worldofchristmas.net>

Of course, this is not the narrative that will be told at St. Vincent's Orphanage

A FINAL THOUGHT

There are always unseen people who find it necessary to "inform" the police when *foreigners* are in town. Gene's photo shows a local police officer questioning Sister Juliana about his business at the orphanage. Apparently Sister J. gave a "good answer".



Regardless of harrying, our Mission isn't to fulfill our dreams, it is to fulfill the children's dreams

