

# Fall 2010 FoCHgram Special

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## SUMMER TIME 2010

This Summer has been a busy summer for us in the Central Highlands with our many projects going forward in assistance and relief towards our friends and children in and around Kon Tum.

We have had several large donations, one being One Thousand dollars from the Church of St. Paul the Aspotel in Ellicott City, Maryland. Here's a sincere THANK YOU to their pastor Fr. Matt and all of the parishioners.

Their donation has been earmarked for the Dental Program for the leper children. Vice President Thien will see to the particulars of establishing this new dental program.



This is a representation of a new, simple logo that is being considered for FoCHVN, Inc. We

think it is self explanatory. If you have any comments please let us know.

## NEW ARRANGEMENT

The Board has been rearranged, after the most recent election, and appears as:

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This has been done to streamline the Board and to have consistent emails for external contacts. The names and emails will be updated to the web page.

## FACEBOOK

We now have a page on FACEBOOK that you can make comments on and see some of the latest photos and reports. All of this will be slow

in the beginning as the learning curve will need to be taken into account.



Children at the Basilica, Wooden Church, Kon Tum

Shown above are some of the children from poor villages who are members of our Village Education Program (VEP). FoCH is having very good success in getting these children in school and getting them the educational fundamentals that will be necessary as they grow into adults. The program covers 36 elementary and secondary students and three University students. The students are from nine different villages and this is now the third year in a row that we have also been able to expand.... And it is all because of your faith and support.

## MID AUTUMN FESTIVAL

This is the time of year where the harvest is brought in and the holiday associated with it, in the Chinese Tradition with a Vietnamese Twist. Again, this year we will be able to provide small parties for the children at two of the orphanages

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as well as the 170 children in the Leper Village. Again, it is the generosity of the supporters of the Friends of the Central Highlands that makes this happen. These actions we refer to as being "Quality of Life" projects and most are earmarked support from several supporters. The total number of children who will celebrate this year is more than 400. Of course they will have lanterns, moon cakes (NO, not Moon Pies) and fresh and candy fruit. Not too much candy because of the on-going dental care program!

## PEE YEW, SOMETHING STINKS, BUT IS IT BAD?

We have entered a new phase of service to the people of the Central Highlands by constructing new "bio-gas" sites in and around Kon Tum. Basically, it is the collection of farm manure, storage in a covered, lined pit, where the gas of decomposition (methane) is collected and then flows naturally to a two burner cooking stove. There are many advantages to this system and we will be looking into keeping this as a self-sustaining project.



A Contributor to the Bio Gas Project

## FoCHVN, INC. THE QUIET HELPERS

The often quoted line from THE GUNS OF WILL SONNETT goes: **No Brag, Just Fact.** Well, that is what you have with our Projects in Vietnam, the ones that you support day in and day out. We are never sure of our funding because of all the factors that come in to consideration before a person sits down and writes a check. As was mentioned earlier, we received a large check from St. Paul's in Ellicott City, Maryland, but that is the exception, not the rule. However, no matter when and where the funds come to us, they are spent almost 100% on the projects. **No Brag, Just Fact.** We have a very small overhead for stamps and printing, but apart from that the money goes where it is needed. Thank you, over and over for your support.

## A DREAM COME TRUE: OTHER PROJECTS

As you know, there have been several individual projects supported thru direct contributions for those projects, such as building small houses for people who have lived their entire life on a dirt floor. There are "special" people who come to our attention and then a "special" person will step forward to fund the project. These houses are basic concrete floors, two small rooms, just several portals for doors and windows and the standard tile roof. No toilet. No running water. No electric. This is something we might consider to park the motorcycle in and store some boxes and paint cans... but in Vietnam, It's a dream come true.

Our mandate is to assist the orphans and children, but when any act of brotherly kindness comes to our notice, it will deserve attention.

"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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## PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR SPONSORSHIPS

FYI: We have FoCH Board members going to inspect the projects this October and several through next Spring 2011. 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 needy kids and individuals.