

# FOCHgram Special

SUMMER 2009

## SUMMER SWIM

Once again, your kindness and donations have provided an invaluable opportunity for some of the children of Vinh Son and JackFruit to experience something so simple as the beach in summer.

To us, going to the beach is not some wild dream, especially for those of us living within several hours drive of the Pacific, Atlantic and Gulf coast. But for an orphan in the Central Highlands, the beach, sand and salt water is something never to be considered or ever thought of in a serious manner, until FOCH.

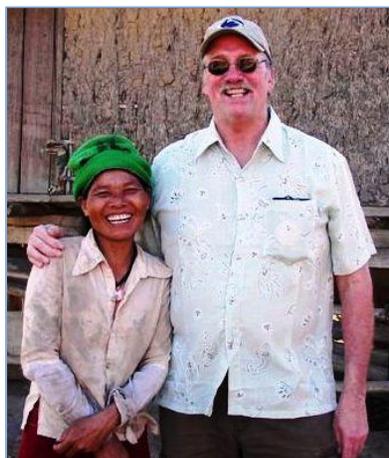


Tug-of-War on the Beach

There has been Great Success over the past four years with this quality of life project and it has not only been FUN, but educational as well.

## BOARD ELECTIONS

To keep you up with the Board who directs FOCH, Joseph Hauser has resigned as President and Gene Flynn of Kersey, PA., has been elected as the new President of FOCH. The new Vice Presidents are Don Severek of San Luis Obispo, Ca. and Nguyen Thien of Pleiku and Cindy Flynn continues as the Treasurer. Congratulations to all and THANKS to Joseph Hauser for his excellent term as President. And gracious thanks to our donors for making it possible for FOCH to continue its services into our second decade of work in Vietnam.



President Gene Flynn

## FARM AID

Your funds are also being directed to several rural farm projects to assist widowed mothers with children, to upgrade field farming practices to stimulate the production of hog farming and in fish farming.



Now, that's a fish!

## EDUCATION

Of course summer is far from over, but we are looking forward to the new school year. This year FOCH will be purchasing supplies and paying school costs at Vinh Son 1 as well as sponsoring 25 children from 7 independent villages and 2 college students. The expansion of the Village Education Project was made possible by a 50% increase in our budget for the 2009 – 2010 school years: Again, all thanks to our donors.



We will continue to beat the drum and thoughtfully expand our education projects as the donations arrive.