

Spring 2010 FoCHgram Special

April 2010 J. Harlowe, Editor

The Friends of the Central Highlands, Inc. will be expanding our services into more remote villages and other types of work, such as with the Orphanage for Disabled Kids and the Leprosy Village.

This change in direction is brought about by the number of international charity organizations that have also come into the Central Highlands in the past several years.

We have been monitoring the situation and have been consulting with the other organizations as we became aware of them. We applaud the increased help coming to the people of the Central Highlands, but we need to keep track of the new organizations so we will not be involved in duplications and a waste of money.

As you know, this organization gets more done with your dollar than most organizations. Our overhead is between 4 - 6% and that reflects the cost of printing, mailing and maintaining the Web Page.

We have also grabbed a page on FACEBOOK and we are posting items there in our effort to make people aware of what we have been doing. FACEBOOK looks like the future of communications for FoCHVN and you, the donor, as the cost will be cheaper and the information much more immediate. Go on FACEBOOK and search Friends of the Central

Highlands. We'll keep you posted as the discussion continues.

President Gene Flynn, VP's Don and Thien were all in Vietnam back in October to inspect our current projects and to determine the need for future projects.

If you currently sponsor a child, that sponsorship will continue until the child attains age 18 or moves from the Vinh Son Orphanage due to marriage or work. At that time we have further children in the villages that are also in need of assistance for success in attending school.

President Gene Flynn has sent the following communication to all of the Board Members and it is now transmitted to you, our supporters and donors:

I would like to thank everyone for their input and timely voting on the latest proposals for future Projects for FoCHVN.

All Project Requests passed, unanimously! Here is a list of the projects and their implementation:

At the Jackfruit Orphanage we will provide a basic stipend to assist the non religious caregivers,

At Jackfruit, Vice President Thien will establish our dental program at Jackfruit. This has been a

great success at Vinh Son Orphanage and the benefit for the investment is HUGE!

Starting in August 2010 we will add 10 more children to our VILLAGE EDUCATION Project. With this inclusion the project will be at 39 kids in 11 villages. These are children who would not have had a chance to go to school because they were far too poor. We hope this program will expand even further as commitments from sponsors increase.



A remote village child: Will he go to school?

At the Orphanage for the Disabled Children, we have purchased 20 more beds to get these kids off of the floor.

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Vice Presidents Don and Thien did a verification headcount of sponsored children and took current photographs at Vinh Son Orphanage and Jackfruit as well as doing a double checked to make sure there was no cross sponsorships with other organizations. Their report will be coming shortly.

Starting in April 2010, Vice President Thien will set up our monthly funding assistance to the Dakkia Leper Colony. The funds will assist in the improvement of their daily lives.



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Photo 1. A resident of the Leprosy Village



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Photo 2. Y Hluuih & her grand nephew

FoCHVN has also accepted two new volunteers in the Central Highlands, Y Brun and Y Banh. Both will be working under the direction of Vice President Thien.

We note the following:

The Boys Dorm at Jackfruit is completed and occupied, the pig sty for Y Hluuih has been

completed and the piglets delivered, and the construction of 3 new homes will begin with the good weather.

We'd all like to thank Cindy & Janelle for their hard work on preparation and submittal of the 501 (c)(3) corporation tax returns to the IRS.



BEACH TRIP 2010

The Beach Trip this year will include children from Vinh Son and Jackfruit. We will continue to provide "Quality of Life" experiences for the children with these outings, and celebrations of Fall Festival, Christmas & Tet New Years.

Vice President Thien Sends Along This Note

Dear Brothers,
A US Vet from Texas, Bill Kennedy, gave me \$500 in February to be used for a 2010 Christmas Party for the leprosy village. In the new FoCHgram, please say "Thank you" to Bill. It was his first time back to the Central Highlands since the war.

BILL from TEXAS... THANK YOU!!

P.S. This old soldier was wounded during the war. He is blind, lost his left hand and has other wounds. His brother was killed beside him by the same explosion. He is being assisted *outside of FoCHVN* by other concerned people and we applaud their humanitarian



efforts. Our mandate is to assist the orphans and children, but when acts of brotherly kindness comes to our notice they do 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
FoCHVN, INC.

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