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Dear Friends of L.O.V.E.,

I hope and pray that you all are well. We continue to be thankful for you: for your prayers, for your financial support and for your kindness. We miss Reggie, but our Vietnam staff is so remarkable, and LOVE continues to do its great work for the children and people of Vietnam. Here is a picture of the staff that Na Cha recently posted on Facebook. I have an affinity for boats and it is a favorite of mine. I have no doubt that Jesus was right there in the boat with them, calming the waters and leading them to step out of the boat to do his great work. They are very special young people and I love each one of them. See: <https://www.loveofvn.org/ourteam.html> Thank you staff!



Christmas is a very busy and special time at LOVE. In December we will have a mission trip to the churches in Quang Ngai and in February 2022 to Quang Tri and Virongheo-Kontum where we are setting up medicine cabinets and helping to organize programs for all ages on the occasion of Christmas and the traditional Tet festival. The poor Churches in the countryside and mountainous areas really need our help and support. We are currently only able to reach places near Da Nang city because of Covid, but there are churches and poor people throughout Vietnam that really need our help. We recently received a request all the way from the Xin Chai Church in Lao Cai province, pictures below. These churches love Jesus and they have such courage and faith to serve and share Christ's love when they are able, but circumstances and conditions are very difficult for them. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ. We must find a way to help. May God bless and protect each one of them.



LOVE's foundational mission has always been and continues to be to help the children of Vietnam break their cycle of poverty and despair through scholarships, child & family sponsorships and college student support, but we have also helped, when we have been able, with medical missions and disaster relief, and we have done everything in the name of Jesus, demonstrating his love, offering his hope and sharing his gospel. (<https://www.loveofvn.org/mission.html> and <https://www.loveofvn.org/RainySeason2019.html>). But God (two very important words in scripture), has now put it on our hearts, and I hope on your hearts, to go further. We have established a new and separate program and fund that we call **HOPE, Hope to Overcome Poverty & Emptiness**. We believe that the most effective way to serve Jesus in Vietnam is through the existing church in Vietnam. The Holy Spirit and Jesus are already there in the hearts of the brave pastors, brothers and sisters of Vietnam. We must join and support their work, Christ's work. HOPE will cooperate with and help the poor churches to bring hope to hopeless people and fight against poverty and emptiness by filling them with the Love of Christ through practical action and love. This will require that we strengthen and establish new relationships on the ground in Vietnam and partner with other Christian groups inside and outside of Vietnam wherever possible. It is our plan to do this.

Last year's Christmas and Tet missions were really the start of this new program. In 2020 we supported medical help for 3 mountainous areas in Quang Tri, and from June 2020 to now we have had 5 mission and medical cabinet trips in Quang Tri (<https://www.loveofvn.org/medicalkits.html>). We will have one more trip in December for a total of 6 trips in 2020. During these 6 trips, with the help of the local churches, we have been able to give medical support to more than 400 people and organize events for children to tell the Bible story and to tell about Jesus, giving small gifts such as candy, coloring, slippers, bags and water bottles to more than one thousand children <https://www.facebook.com/NguyenNamPhuong/videos/4895738307174853>. We have helped with providing food for more than 100 needy households and provided special activities for women. Early in 2022 we will pause mission trips to the Quang Tri area, but will still help and supply medicines to them every 3 months. We will go instead to Kontum in 2022, starting with the Virongeo Church. We've only been there once before in 2018 (<https://www.loveofvietnamexpressed.org/2019/19Jan.html>). We pray we can go back there in 2022 on mission trips, but because of Covid, we have not yet been able to go. It is a village in the mountains and is completely separate from the city center. It takes 4-5 hours to reach them. Here are some pictures of children in Quang Tri and Kontum. Beautiful!



We ask all of you to continue your prayers for LOVE and our staff. Pray for their strength, wisdom, provision and safety. Check out the links in this letter and consider giving as God leads you. Many of you have given to LOVE for many years and we are immensely grateful. My plan is to continue to reach out to you all by email at least bi-monthly in addition to our monthly newsletters to let you know how things are going more personally and share what God has put on our hearts for LOVE. Feel free to email me at any time with questions or suggestions. I hope I can get to know you all better. I wish you and your families the most blessed of Christmas seasons. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (**Isaiah 9:6**). God Bless, Alan