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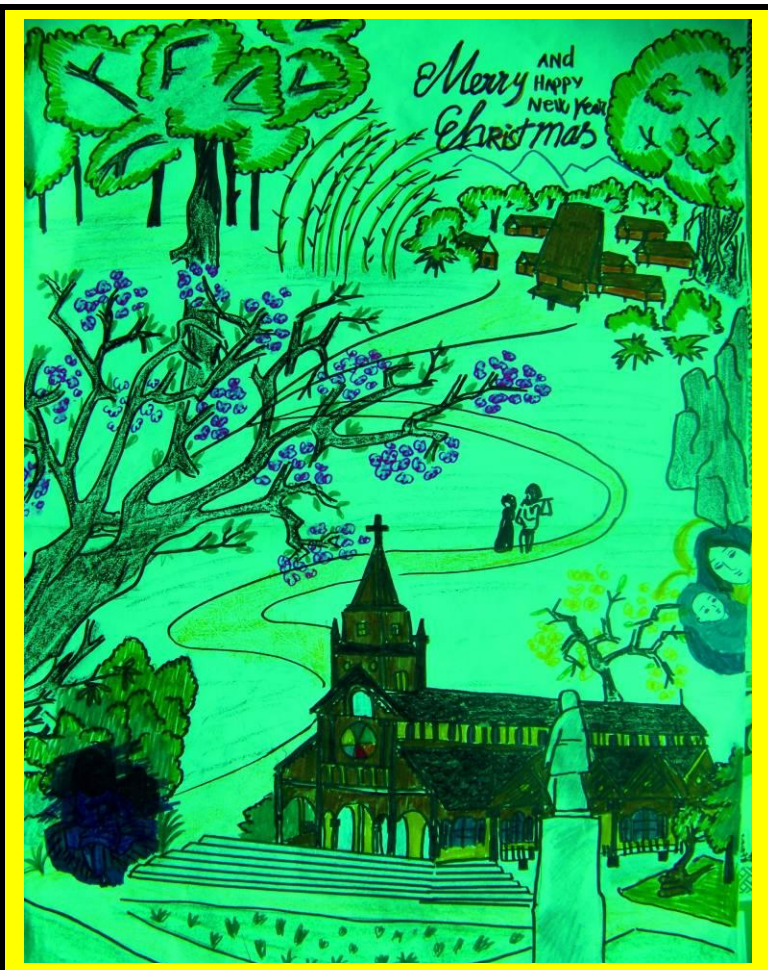
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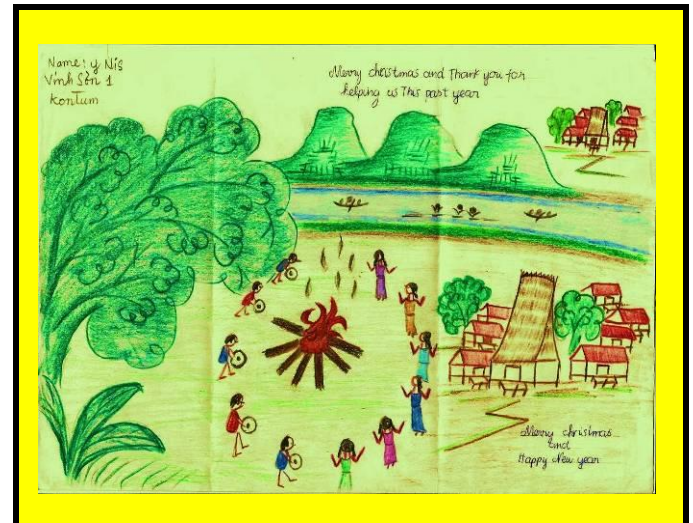
A message from FVSO President, Dave Chaix

As 2013 comes to a close, I just wanted to take a minute to thank everyone who helped us complete another successful year. The children and caregivers at Vinh Son and Sao Mai are forever in your debt. Your contributions allowed us to allocate \$118,200 to the orphanages this year. With a successful fundraising period about to end, and along with your continued support, we will be in financial position to continue that same level of aid in 2014.

A more detailed accounting will be available in January. Until then, we'll be happy to accept last minute donations. Every dollar goes to the kids. Please enjoy the Holiday Season, knowing you've brought joy to so many.



The old Wooden Church at Vinh Son 1



Merry Christmas

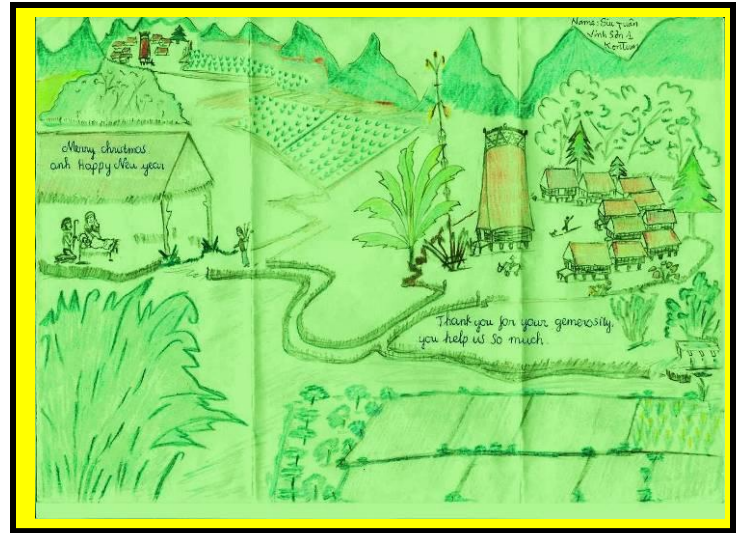
From everyone at Vinh Son and Sao Mai

The date is December 22nd...that's when all six Vinh Son orphanages will hold their Christmas parties. FVSO has partnered with other non-profit groups (Orphans of Kontum, Viet Dreams, Ask@VSO, Poussieres de Vie) to fund these celebrations.

Recently, we received a number of beautiful greeting cards from the kids, four of which are displayed in this newsletter. Notice how they reflect their wonderful cultural heritage.

**There will be plenty of cheer again this year
Because of you!!**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year From your friends at Vinh Son and Sao Mai



Explore Vietnam With Clyde In 2014

There are still spaces available for this once-in-a-lifetime excursion that includes meeting the boys at right and all the children at Vinh Son. Over a 16-day period (4/16 – 5/2), you'll experience some of Vietnam's most popular destinations and landmarks. FVSO Board Member, Clyde Lewandowski, has put this package together, and invites you to contact him for all the details. He can be reached at:

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Children's photos courtesy of Derek Smith:



Organizations supporting FVSO

- 189th Assault Helicopter Company
- Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 535, Nevada County, CA
- Counterparts
- 4th Infantry Division Association (NY & NJ Chapter)
- 14th Combat Engineer Btn. Assoc.
- MilSpec Tours



Vinh Son & Sao Mai Orphanage Facts

- Population – approximately 830 Montagnard children in seven orphanage facilities
- Administered by the Sisters of the Miraculous Medal & St. Paul Chartres
- Location – Kontum/Pleiku, Vietnam
- \$12 feeds, shelters, and educates one child for one month

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Donation Information

Please make checks payable to FVSO or Friends of Vinh Son
 Donations are gratefully accepted year round
 100% of administrative costs are paid by the Board and Officers