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School year ends on high note Vinh Son children awarded outstanding student certificates



Nearly 100 Vinh Son students were recently presented awards for scholastic accomplishment. Their school year ended on May 26th, and this newsletter pays tribute to these fine young scholars. Everyone is proud of their efforts, and knows they will be role models for their fellow classmates in the years ahead.

Congratulations!

The popular phrase (“it takes a community...”) is truly accurate when describing the relationship between the children of Vinh Son and you, their benefactors. Your donations provided the building blocks (nutritious food, dental and medical care) that have helped them achieve success in the classroom. The students pictured here were presented a “Praised Paper” in front of the entire school, and in a few cases, in the presence of the Community Chairman. Such a great honor to be sure. “Our kids” have earned some time off from their studies, and we wish those who will visit their villages “safe travels.”



Vinh Son 1 (left) had 35 winners, while Vinh Son 2 (wearing their school uniforms) had a total of 24. What a wonderful way to end the school year!



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Vinh Son Facts

- Population – about 630 Montagnard children in six facilities
- Administered by the Sisters of the Miraculous Medal
- Location - Kontum, Vietnam
- \$12 feeds, shelters, and educates one child for one month

Put your hands together for these winners!



VS 3 (9 students)



VS 4 (18 students)



VS 5 (9 students)



VS 6 (2 students)

Their futures are brighter because of you!
 School fees are shared by Orphans of Kontum (Netherlands), Terre des Hommes (Canada) & Friends of Vinh Son (USA)



In Memory Of

On June 4, 2010, the Vinh Son community lost one of its most beloved caregivers, Sister Marie Catherine Y Deo. At age 80, she was a tireless and loving woman who never stopped caring for her charges. During the day, she would ride her bicycle about 6 miles to look after the Vinh Son 1 field crops; then, at night, she cared for the babies. Sister Catherine dedicated her life to the children, and will be dearly missed. May she rest in peace.

Dental program continues to improve lives

FVSO receives a list of procedures for each dental treatment like these below:

- A Him - 11yrs**
Clean & fill 1 tooth
- Y Bien - 7 yrs**
Pull 2 teeth
- Y Trang - 9 yrs**
Clean & fill 2 teeth
- A Tuan - 11 yrs**
Clean & pull 2 teeth

This year's focus has been on VS 4 and VS 6, providing care to 81 kids so far, costing about 14 million dong (\$740 in U.S. dollars).

Special thanks must be made to Dave and Claire Christensen, who have contributed to this effort in 2009 and 2010. They will be making their first trip to Vinh Son in 2011.

Also instrumental to the dental program is Ms. Thien, who personally transports the children to Pleiku for treatment. She also provides the lists of each visit.



Now Available

The Friends of Vinh Son Collectable Cap

This great looking, one-size-fits-all, cap is still available for sale at \$20 each. Simply ask for it when making your donation to FVSO. All proceeds will go to the kids.



Please make checks payable to FVSO or Friends of Vinh Son

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