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Each year, for the last 11 years, we've recapped the annual Dental Project conducted for the children at each of the Vinh Son and Sao Mai orphanages. This year is no different.....OPEN WIDE!

The 2019 Dental Program

As reported by Sister Martha, Vinh Son Orphanages

Thanks to FVSO and CoVS for their help and support for looking after the children's health, especially for checking and curing the children's teeth yearly. They have supplied funding for this project for the last 11 years. **Sister Basile Y NGAT** was again in charge of all the moving parts on the ground, making sure that the Dental Program ran smoothly.

Below, I have summarized the program that began with check-in at 8 o'clock in the morning. The 6 Vinh Son orphanages were visited by the dental teams beginning on May 2nd and ending on May 12th.

In the afternoon, there was a dentist's group who came to check all the children's teeth of Vinh Son 1 orphanage and if the children have some problems with their teeth, the dentists would write their names in a notebook. Then, the following day, they were taken to the dentist's office in Kontum City for treating and curing their bad teeth.

Differently from their fear at the SANH THACH dentist's, most of the children with decayed teeth felt happy to watch TV, read book, eat cakes and biscuit and drink soft drink at the dentist's office while they were waiting to be treated.

The dentists of SANH THACH office are very friendly and helpful, and they always reminded the children how to keep the hygiene of their teeth by brushing and cleaning their teeth after having their daily meals.

In dental program, we have 710 children to check their teeth. The children have some problem with teeth are 668 children until now, they are still treating...not finished yet.

Once again, we give thanks to FVSO and CoVS for helping supply the funds and the dentists, making this year's program so successful. The children's health of six Vinh Son orphanages has improved greatly, especially their teeth. They are checked and cured so well that they have their happy daily life at their orphanage and they can go to school every day to prepare for their good future lives.

A special Thank-you goes to our partner, CoVS (Children of Vinh Son) who annually contribute half the expense of this program.

Sponsored by FVSO, the Sao Mai Dental program will be conducted by the Pleiku Dentist.

Total Cost = \$14,900

The annual dental program fee is split between FVSO (Friends) and CoVS (Children)

1

Checking-in and patiently waiting for their turn



2

Open wide, let's see those teeth, say "Ah!"



3

Advanced treatment takes place at the Dentist office

Children who require more sophisticated dental work receive that care at the office in Kontum after their preliminary examination



4

And finally, it's all over but the smiling and a lolly-pop



Coins for the Children

Vietnam veteran, Rich Arnold, is pictured below with his very special grand daughters, Isla, Savannah and Kinsley. For the last two years, the girls have been collecting their coins so they can send money to FVSO. As Rich proudly states, "They want to help the Vietnam children." Indeed, they have....over \$100 this year alone! **THANKS Girls!!**



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- A Power Point presentation, detailing the FVSO story, is available for your use.
- Tell your personal story. Why are you a member of this team? What would you tell a potential supporter about FVSO? Your history might prompt others to reach out to the children of FVSO.

Legacy Fund Update

The goals are:

\$1.0m by Dec 2020

\$2.0m by Dec 2025

Total Contributions

\$602,890



Words of Wisdom

Nobody has ever measured, not even poets, how much the heart can hold.

-- Zelda Fitzgerald

You don't stop laughing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop laughing.

-- Michael Pritchard

Vinh Son & Sao Mai Orphanage Facts

- About 830 Montagnard children live in seven orphanage facilities in the Kontum/Pleiku area, Vietnam
- FVSO is a humanitarian, Non-Profit organization approved by IRS Code 501(c)3. Donations are tax deductible.
- Orphanages run by Sisters of the Miraculous Medal & St Paul Chartres

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\$12 per month provides each child one nutritious meal every day.

Donations are accepted year round