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A HELPING HAND FOR NEEDY PEOPLE IN VIETNAM

Dear Friends,

This year marks SAP-VN's 10th Anniversary. In our reflection, we are grateful to have your love, support, trust, and donations. We are also proud of the dedication and contribution of our volunteers. The vision and hope of the founding members were tested and realized over 10 years of hard work. We believe that this milestone will rekindle the fire within each of us. It will also strengthen our commitment to SAP-VN's charitable mission. Let's look at our brief history.

Being concerned with the disadvantages that many people were facing in Vietnam, in May 1992, a group of young Vietnamese founded Social Assistance Program for Vietnam (SAP-VN). The organization was endorsed by the Secretary of State of California in September 1992. In December, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) granted SAP-VN its expempt status under section 501(c)3. SAP-VN is managed virtually by volunteers. We commit to SAP-VN because we believe that our effort brings hope and joy to those we help.

SAP-VN: 1992 to 2002

2,594 children received orthopedic surgery
1.089 children received cleft palte surgery
216 children received wheelchairs
24 classrooms were built for kinder children
17 containers of medical supplies were shipped
250 new houses were built for flood victims
100 disabled students receive daily free meals
246,500 lbs of medical supplies were shipped
\$284,179 worth of in-kind donations
\$1,210,338 in cash donations

The group started with a humble budget of \$1,755.70 donated by friends and supporters. We began to survey the needs and explore ways to implement our assistance program. After doing several pilot projects, we decided to focus our objectives on the handicapped children. In 1993, we started the Orthopedic Surgery and Cleft-Lip/Palate Corrective Surgery projects. Through continuous

improvement and adjustment, these projects have become our main projects. Over the years, the number of cleft-lip/palate children has decreased as many local healthcare agencies and oversea medical groups provide free surgery throughout Vietnam. On the other hand, the number of orthopedic children keeps increasing due to diseases, accidents or by birth.

Besides the corrective surgery projects, SAP-VN provides free meals for about 100 handicapped children who live and study at Da Thien Special Education School in Nha Be (a suburb of Sai Gon). We donate wheelchairs to children whom corrective surgery can not improve their physical conditions. We help build classrooms for kinder children in remote villages. We collect and ship medical supplies to hospitals. We also raise funds for flood and storm victims and sponsor two free clinics in Hue.

As we commemorate our 10th Anniversary, we would like to renew our commitment to SAP-VN. We hope to welcome many more dedicated volunteers to carry on our mission. We pledge to improve our projects to better serve those in needs. We wish to receive your trust and support. SAP-VN has been a bridge between our donors and recipients. SAP-VN will remain a solid bridge built by love and humanity. Together we have made and will make a difference in many lives.

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- a Social Assistance Program For Vietnam (SAP-VN) lagmot toåchöt tögthien nööc thanh lap van nam 1992 theo gui cheá501(c)3.
- a SAP-VN chuatrööng tröi giuip ñoing ban keim may main vantreaem moi coi, nghen khoivankhuyet tat ôæviet Nam.
- ^a SAP-VN nööc quain trì var nieiu hanh bôi caic tình nguyein viein laim vieic bat vui lôi var khoing höôing löôna.
- ^a Tat caecaic chöông trình trôi giuip cue SAP-VN ñeiu nöôic thöic hiein tröic tieip bôic caic thanh viein veitöø Hoa kyøvaøcoing taic viein cuia Hoi ôe Vieit Nam.
- ^a Ngain quyĩ hoạit nöng cua SAP-VN do sối nồng goip tại chainh cua mainh thöông quain vannhöing cuốic gaiy quyĩ
- a SAP-VN mong ñöör söi tierp tay cura quí vì hare taim ñei coù ngain quyô hoait ñoing, ñei giôit thieiu vei SAP-VN, vangiuip phoi biern bain tin ñein thain höiu nhieit taim ôrcair nôi khair.
- a Bain tin Green Cross ñööic göi miein phí ñein tait cauthain höiu coù liein laic hoaic ñoing goip. Muoin nhain Green Cross, xin vui loing göi tein vauñùa chæveàSAP-VN. Chi phieiu uneg hoàxin ghi tein SAP-VN

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KYÎNIEM 10 NAM HOAT ÑONG CUÂ HOI SAP-VN

Möði naim ñaiqua keitöngany hoi törthiein SAP-VN ñöðic thanh laip. Törnhöing böðic chaip chöing ñain tiein vartrari qua nhöing ñiein chanh, ñein nay caic chöðng trình trởi giuip cuia SAP-VN ñai töðng ñoi vöing varg varcoù quy cui Xin haiy cung nhìn lai chaing ñöðing 10 naim hoait ñoing törthiein.

2594 treûñað nöðir phaðu thuað chanh hình tay chain.
1089 treûñað nöðir phaðu thuað vað moð vað hann eith.
216 chieit xe lain vað xe lait nað nöðir trao taing.
24 lôip hoir nað nöðir xaðy döng ôú 9 tanh.

17 containers chồna ñang y teá ngôic gôn nem 30 beinh viein van tröông nai học.

246,500 lbs hoae 112 tain hang y teáñañ nöor gôi

250 cam nhaotom, vanch lau ñao ñöör xany döng cho nam nham luo luit.

100 treûkhuyet tat nöôc nuot an hang nam ôûtröông Ña Thien.

10 ngöðir giar fou Hueá nöðic giuip hang thaing.

4,023 sinh viein, hoic sinh ngheno ñöôic giuip tiein, saich vôi) quain aio.

120 ngan löðit beinh nhain ñað nöðic khaim miein phí.

8,564 gia ñình ñañ nö ôic coù trôi.

1,210,338 ñoàla ñööc quyùain nhain ñoing goip cho caic chöông trình trôi giuip.

284,179 ñoâla giaùtrò cura carc quantaing veày teá

520 ngay thời Bay nöớc caic tình nguyein viein coáng hieán.

Hang ngan giôglao ñoing do tình nguyein viein ñoing goip.

Gain 100,000 tôgbain tin Green Cross ñagñööic gaip. xeip, dain nhain ñia chævaggòi ñi.

Thanh quaicuia 10 naim mieit mai laim vieic tuy khieim nhööng nhöng chöia nöing nhieiu tình caim varyùnghia. Caic chöông trình trôi giuip neiu rait thieit thöic varnaip oing nhu caiu cuia ngöbi nhain. Quai thait neiu khoing coi nhòing taim loing nhain air, sain saing chia seil trong tinh thain bait vui lôi thì nhòing keit quai neiu trein cuing chaing lar hiein thòic.

Höôing veà töông lai, SAP-VN öôic mong sei coù the à tiep tuic caic chöông trình trôi giuip nhain ñaio nhaim mang laii nieim vui ñe án caic chaiu khuye at tait, caic gia ñình ngheo luic gaip cainh hoain nain, khoù khain. SAP-VN hy voing sei tiep tuic nhain ñöôic söi tin töôing van noing goip tair chainh cuia quyù vò ain nhain van mainh thöôing quain.

Xin chain thanh biet on nhöing taim long vang ñai van ñang goip tair chainh cho caic hoait ñoing cuia SAP-VN. Xin ngôi ca nhöing taim long nhain air cuia caic tình nguyein viein ñai van ñang xauthain aim thaim larm vieic ñeiduy trì caic hoait ñoing touthiein cuia SAP-VN. Xin gôi loir caim on ñein caic ñoi taic ôi Vieit Nam ñai van ñang cung vôi SAP-VN thôic hiein caic choong trình trời giuip.

CHÖÔNG TRÌNH XAM DÖNG TRÖÔNG MAN GIAND

Naim 2002, hoi SAP-VN nhain ñöôic moit soádói ain xin tai trôi xaty döing lôip hoic maiu giaio cho treù em trong ñoātuoi töơ3 - 5. Chuing toi xin trích ñaing caic dời ain nay. Kính mong nhain ñöôic sời baio trôi cuia quyù vò ain nhain ñeácaic chaiu ôi noing thoin coù ñieiu kiein ñi hoic.

Bein Tre: Döi ain xaiy 1 tröông goim 2 phong maiu giaib, 1 phong nhantrei, 1 phong giaib viein, nhan beip van nhanvei sinh. Kinh phí xin tai trôi: \$10,000.

Phuì Yeàn: Döi ain xaày 2 phong hoic maiu giaib tail hai thoàn trong xaō An Lónh, huyeàn Tuy An. Kinh phí xin tail trôi: \$4,000. (Xin xem ainh ôù trang 3 vao 4)

Bình Ñình: Dối ain xaiy moit tröông maiu giaio tai thoin Phui Ninh, xai Alh Nghía, huyein Hoair Alh. Tröông goim 1 phong họic, nhai vei sinh, ñiein, nöớic. Kinh phí xin tại trôi: \$5,000.

An Giang var Ñoàng Thaip: Döi ain xaây ñieim giöitreùtail caíp xai Nôi nary dung ñeâgiöitreùtrong mura lui luit var dung larm nôi daiy treùtrong mura khoà Ñieim giöitreù ñöòic xaây cat baing nhar tiein cheá var ôù nôi cao raib nöòic luit khoàng ngaip tôi. Döi ain xaây ñieim giöitreù hy voing sei giuip larm giaim ñi soá löòing treù bò cheat ñuoi haing naim varo mura lui luit.

THÖ MÔ

Naim 2002 ñainh daiu 10 naim hoait ñoing cuia Hoi Töi Thiein SAP-VN nhaim muic ñích giuip ñoing baio keim may main vai treikhuyeit tait ôi Vieit Nam. Töikhi môi thainh laip cho ñein nay, hoi SAP-VN ñaitieip nhain bieit bao taim chain tình cuia quyìvò ain nhain, mainh thöôing quain vaitình nguyein viein.

Neákyùnieim chaing ñöông 10 naim choia chan nhieit tình vao nhain ai, ñeátri ain quyùvò ain nhain, mainh thöông quain vao anh chò em tình nguyein viein, ñeánhìn lai chaing ñöông ñao qua vaohaim noing lai nhieit tình cho caic hoait ñoing töông lai, chuing toi train troing kính môi quyìvò ain nhain, mainh thöông quain vaotình nguyein viein ñein tham döi buoi

TONG KEÁT 10 NAM HOAÏT ÑONG CUÂ SAP-VN

vano luic 4 giôn chieàu, ngany Thôn Baity, 20/7/2002 tai vain phong Hoi SAP-VN soi 12606 Hoover St, Garden Grove, CA 92841. ÑT: (714) 901-1997

Chöông trình cuia buoi hoip mat goim coilbaid caid toing ket hoait ñoing, tröng bay vastrình chiefu hình ainh hoait ñoing, ruit thaim xoisoávastieit trasthain mait.

Söihiein diein cuia quyìwi lamieim vinh döivaosöikhích leilôin lao ñoi vôi chuing toi.

Hoi Ñoing Quain Trì SAP-VN

INVITATION

2002 marks SAP-VN's 10th Anniversary as a charity to help the disadvantaged people and disabled children in Vietnam. From the tentative steps in the beginning until now, SAP-VN has received tremendous suport from our donors, friends, and volunteers.

To celebrate ten years of bountiful love and enthusiasm, to look back at our work in the past ten years and renew our enthusiasm for the future, and to honor our donors, friends and volunteers, we cordially invite our donors, friends, and volunteers to

SAP-VN: TEN YEARS OF LOVE AND COMMITMENT

Date: Sat, July 20, 2002
Time: 4 PM
Place: SAP-VN Office
12606 Hoover St,
Garden Grove, CA 92841

Phone: (714) 901-1997
Program includes: Ten Year Report, Slide Presentation,

Raffle Drawing, Buffet Dinner.

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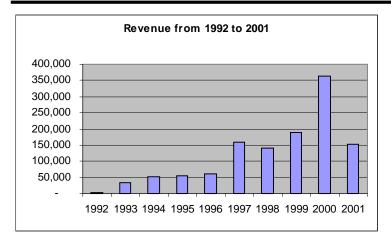
2,500 veù ñaô ñöôic bain. Hiein nay con 7,500 veù cain ñöôic phain phoi. Xin haiy qiuip SAP-VN bain veù soá

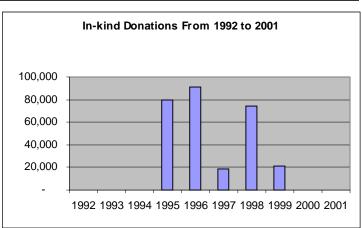
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Naêm 2002, SAP-VN ñaō nhaān ñööic \$2,301.02 tögcaic cô quan United Way.

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10 NAM VÕI SAP-VN

Ngay 30 thaing 5 naim 2002 laosinh nhait 10 tuoi cuia hoi töothiein Social Assistance Program for Viet Nam (SAP-VN). Toi ñein SAP-VN khoaing 2 thaing sau ngay SAP-VN ñööic thainh laip. Sau khi tieip chuyein vôi caic anh chò saing laip viein vao noic kyō bain noi quy vao nöòng höòing hoait noing cuia SAP-VN, toi caim thaiy hoi SAP-VN lao nói toi coi thei tham gia laiu dai nöòic. Toi noi vôi moit ngöòi bain thain, anh Train Minh Chainh, lao "Mình seòtham gia hoi naiy." Lyùdo naio thuic ñaiy toi tham gia SAP-VN gain nuing 10 naim gua?

Naim 1968, toá bò thöông vao sau ñoù phaú naim ñieùu trò ôù nhao thöông, tög Hoải An, Ñag Naing ñeán beinh viein Nhi Ñoing Quoác Teátail Chối Raiy, Viein Quoic Gia Phuic Hoi Saigon v.v Trong thôi gian tö 1968 ñein ñaiu naim 1975, toi ñai gaip nhieiu ngôoir laim vieic thiein. Hoi ñeán roi ñi! Chuing toi, nhôing ñóia trei tait nguyein, rait sung söòing nhain nöòic soi thaim vieing cuia hoi, vai luoin luoin mong nôi nhöing nôit thaim hoi cuia nhöing ngôôi naiy loing nhain ai naiy. Chuing toá phain ñoing xa gia ñình, khoing thain nhain vao lai khuyet tait khoảng ñi xa nöớc neàn nhông ngôôi coù nhông khuoản mat hieàn tôi navy rat quan troing ñoi vôi chuing toi. Hoi lai ñem cho chuing toi rat nhieù noà chôi. Vì lay treû con nein chung toi rat thích noà chôi, vay chuing toil cuing rat thích noil chuyein vôil hoi. Nhông nhông ngôôil thaim chuing toil phain noing khoing phair ngöoir Vieit Nam mar lar nhöng ngôôi da traing, da nen noi baing nhông thôi tieing gì chuing toá khoảng hieáu. Chung toá noi chuyeán vôi hoi bang ngoàn ngôi tay chain. Chuing toi thieiu nhôing khuoin mait, maru da, vargioing noi cuia nhöng ngöði Viet. Phai chang, ngöði Viet cuna chung tot khong cou long nhain? Hay hoi ñai quein chuing toi?

Roi thaing Tö naim 1975, toi qua nöòic Myi xa ñi nhöing noi khoi vat chat, xa nhöng ngôôi bain cung cainh ngoĩ Toi nöôic phat thuat chanh hình, chanh xöông soáng cho ngay ngaín laii, khoảng con ngoi sieù veïo nöña, var lanm giaîm ñi söi nhieñm trung trienn mienn. Toi lail nöôic ní hoic, bat naiu baing lôip 5. Toi lain lain guein ní nhôing noi laim than cuía thôi xa xöa. Tuy khoảng xöa maáy, nhöng toá haiu nhö queản ñi nhöing ngöði bain cui naim trein nhöing gheá boá nhai/binh tail beinh viein Nhi Noing Homa Khainh, Nan Naing, chôn ngô ởi nem côm haing böta, vannhöing giôn thaim nuoi. Nhöing cai "quein" navy giuip toi khoing con dan vait moi ñeim, vangiuip toi hoic mau lei hôn. Roi cuing qua ñi, toá hoic xong caic hoic trình Ñai Hoic, van ra tröông, van ñi lann taio söi ñeithanh moit nhaonghiein coù beinh thain kinh di truyein. Sau nhoing giôøtrong phoing thí nghieim, toi lai ñöôic rainh rang suy nghó vaønhôù laii nhốing thôi xõa, nhồing ngôôi bain khuyet tat khoảng may maín nhỏ toá. Nhỏing suy tổ bốit rốit ñai thuic ñai y toá veà thaim Vieit Nam, thaim gia ñình vaothaim lai quaikhöicuia toi.

Tai Viet Nam, lain ñaiu tiein toi vei toi nhain thaiy mot ñieiu rat lai. Toi ñi tôu Nam ra Trung baing xe hôi, tai nhôing thanh phoi doic ñoông toi ñeiu xuoing thaim. Chieic xe lain cuia toi ñein ñaiu lau bau con mình nhìn toi lai lung. Sau nhieiu lain nhö thei toi hoi thì môi biet raing họi nhìn khoing phai vì toi sang troing mau vì toi ngoi xe lain. Ngôi mình ít thaiy ngôi khuyet tat dung xe lain ngoai ñôông. Mot ñait nöôic bì chiein tranh gain mot thei kyumau khoing coù ngôi khuyet tat dung xe lain ngoai ñôông thì kei cuing lai. Thì ra, nhôing ngôi khoing ñi ñöôic phain ñoing ngoi trong nhau nhìn ra! Tai ngay laing toi, toi gaip nhôing trei em khuyet tat hai chain, khoing coù phôông tiein di chuyein, phai nhôi mei chôù ñein troông vau bou let ñi hoic. Toi lai thaiy nhôing ngôòi cuing cainh ngoi nhô toi, nhông khoi hôn toi nhieiu laim. Toi ñai mua maiy chieic xe lain, xe laic ñeitaing cho caic em



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naty. Xong roá lai nghó ñeán hang traim, hang ngan treitem bì khuyet tat khaic. Nhôing em bì sốt moá, hôi haim eách, nhồing em bì chain khoeto, chain vong kieng, nhồing em bì tai nain, bì polio v.v. Toá caim thaiy mình bat lõic. Toá thaim nhui, "Sõic moá ngôði khoing theá giuip nöðic nhietu em!"

Trôilai Myệ toá may main gaip SAP-VN. Tai ñaiy, toá gaip ñöôic nhöing ngöôi coù daip daing hiein tör cung maru da, cung tieing noi vôi toá. Var coù nhöing taim long nhain ñaio mar toá ñai töng gaip trong nhöing ngöôi khaic maru da, chuing toic tai Viet Nam khi xöa. Tai SAP-VN, tui taip nhöing con chaiu dain Viet var bain ber thuoic caic dain toic khaic cung chung mot chí höòing giuip ñôi caic treuem bì khuyet tat var caic nain nhain nhöing train thiein tai coù mot ñoir soing tot lainh hôn. Nhöing ngöôi naiy mang nhieiu yù thôic hei, theo nhieiu toin giaio khaic nhau, var nuù loia tuoi, nhöng SAP-VN lai khoing ñeo mot nhain hieiu toin giaio naio, mot ñoain thei naio, hay mot chính phui naio. SAP-VN lar cuia tat caù nhòing ngöôi Viet Nam var nhòing ngöôi bain yeu thöông nhòing treuem keim may main. Vì theátoi tham gia SAP-VN!

Tail SAP-VN, toá chống kiến nöôc nhồng tam long vang cuất dân Việt mình! Coù nhồng baic lớin tuoá moá tháng danh dum tiên nem nem SAP-VN nei baib trời phair thuật hoặc mua xe lạin, xe lạic cho caic em bì khuyệt tạt tại Việt Nam. Baic N.H. An vai tháng lại gheù nen vain phong cho chung toá \$70 nei baib trời 1 trei hội ham eich, neir nam nhỏ theá toá naim 1996. Hai naim tröôic coù moá cui bai khoảng 70 tuoá, nhỏi ngôi chair noi nóa bai tròi San Diego, nem hôn 1,000 dollars nóa cho SAP-VN nei mua xe lạin cho caic em bì khuyệt tạt khoảng phảir thuật nöớc. Bai con dain kyi "Caic chu nồi ng nei tein tui trong bain tin." Vai hang ngan ngôời Việt khaic ởi khaip nổi trein theá giời thôông xuyên gối tiem vai thời khuyện khích nein SAP-VN, nhôi SAP-VN lạm thay hỏi nhồng việt mai vì thời gian eo heip hay đưa họi nein khoảng theá tham gia tröic tiếp nöỏic.

Laım vieic tình nguyein vôi SAP-VN, toi coù dùp ñi ñein nhieiu nôi trein ñat nöòic mình. Coù nhöing nôi bai con mình sinh soing coù veû thình vöông, nhông cung coù nhông nôi ngheno khoù Theo noam y teá löu noing SAP-VN, toá nai nein thaim nhôing ngôi Vieit quai ngheid, ít khi tieip nhain ñööic nein y khoa tiein tiein. Toi cuing ñaiñi thaim nhöing em ñööic SAP-VN baib trôi haing naim. Caic em gaip toi khoing biet nghí gì, nhöng toá thì rat sung söôing. Cha coù ñieàu, vì thôi gian eo heip toá khoảng the atrog chuye in vôi tat caû caic em. Nhông luic may main ñööic trouchuyein vôi moit vai em, thì noùlaunhöing giaily phuit quyùgiaù noi vôi toá. Coù nhieù em noi vôi toá raing: "Nhôr chaiu ñööic phaiu thuait nein môi khoảng con bì nhông bain choic ngheid nôia. Hoaic, "Sau khi phaiu thuait, van gaip ñöôic nhieùu bain cung hoan cainh, chaiu khoing con thaáy "dò" lag mot ngöðir khuyet tat nöfa."

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FLASH FROM THE PAST...

Following are email messages exchanged between volunteers, friends and supporters in the past few years. Hope that the messages will give you some ideas of what we have been doing.

MOBILE CARE PROJECT

*Medical care is the most simple thing we can do for them. It gives them a sense of love and caring from the outside. It brings them some contacts with civilization beyond the mangroves and the swamps...

*My experiences have taught me that the best I can hope for working in VN is some quick fixes and a lot of good-will.

*Remember this is a field trip and not a vacation to Hawaii. Also this is where we will be able to do the most good.

*It seems like SAP-VN has found some dedicated people in Kirk and Lam. If Lam can go to VN with us, it should be a blast.

*It's been a long day and I am fresh out of fund-raising ideas as well. I think it is very reasonable to ask that amount from SAP-VN, otherwise:

- 1) I've been moonlighting.
- 2) Instead of wedding gift, everybody can put the money toward the trip and I'd be just as happy.
- 3) We can ask some of our dear friends, who aren't going, to contribute \$50, not because we need it, but because they too can do their part.

*How is packing for the trip going? How much meds do you already have? I can raid my office again when I get there.

*What 20 "kem nho" is So Bong talking about? Does she want small pliers, scissors, and clamps? We can definitely pack her some because I have those surgical instrument saved away on top of the bathroom. We will pack her some next week

*After collecting from the remaining sponsors, then please let us know how much you still need to meet your proposed \$1000 goal. Hien and I will come up with the rest to make sure you have your budget met. We will contribute regardless.

*I got another van for you – it's from Ye^n Thu', con cu?a di' Da.Khe^ (ba.n no^'i kho^' cu?a chi TramAnh.) She was at our open house last Sat. & she is my good friend, always want to do something for SAP so I took the chance and she is happy accepting the offer to tow the medicine boxes for us....so we will have 2 mini vans then.:)

*Anh Thanh, we do remember all the effort from everyone at SAP-VN and we will keep that in mind.

*I took a 20 hour flight to a country, took an 8 hour bus ride to the province, took a 3 hour boat ride to the boonies, worked for three days, took an 8 hour bus ride back, rushed around getting gifts for people in the office, and took a 20 hour flight back. We saw several hundred patients, the majority of whom didn't really need medical help but came for the vitamins. Only 2 patients stood out in my mind and helped me justified my ordeal. The lady we diagnosed with diabetes, and the lady whose 3 sons died in the storm (who I was not able to do anything for) The trip may have been many things, but restful it was not.

*We do know better. When we see people lining up for hours in the heat just for 30 pills of vitamins and a couple of antibiotics, that's all we really need to justify what we do.

*Anyway, the trip was successful for me. I met many wheelchair users like me who are quite successful against layers and layers of physical and mental barriers. The common thing about these persons are that they are quite dreamers—even more than me!:) But then the most successful thing about the trip is to be able to spend time with you all. I was quite moved by your decision to stay in Hue one extra night just FOR ME:).. But then ba'nh cuo^'n explained it all!

*MK's words on not abandoning each other are truely touching. She is one of a kind.

*The trip made me really wonder what the hell I'm lingering in the business world for, when my heart is really in the non-profit world. On the beach in NhaTrang, I realized that this is the kind of work that makes me happy, not how Compaq overtakes IBM or how Sun may upstage EMC in the storage space.

FLOOD RELIEF 1999 IN CENTRAL VIETNAM

*Everywhere we went, we heard heart-wrenching stories of personal sufferings as well as acts of human courage and pleas for more help. The one bright point in this gloomy affair was the cooperation we saw among the various local and overseas groups doing flood relief work.

*We personally experienced some of the flooding ourselves as the area was once again hit by a heavy rainstorm. The roads we traveled to get out to the remote villages were completely flooded over once we had passed. In fact, all flights were cancelled from Hue airport and the train stopped running. Hai Van pass became blocked and the team was left stranded one night in Hue. That 3rd night of December, the streets in Hue completely got submerged under water and we witnessed the river water coming into the first floor of our hotel. Needless to say, some of our team members did not get much sleep that night.

*How's your family in VN. I just read the recent news. It seems like things are pretty bad. It's pretty depressing hearing all these sad news.

*A.Thanh, have we heard any new news from chi. Chau. Hope she and the SAP-VN team are OK.

*Shall we send in the 2nd delegation to rescue the first delegation? I'd volunteer to go :-) All kidding aside, I pray that you guys are OK. Take extreme caution. I heard that deo Hai Van has land slide again. Get the mi goi as well since that may last longer than banh mi. Stay calm, and take a lot of pictures when you can. Put your life vest on.

*Hi Chau and the team, I pray that you are okay. I also pray for our people in the flooded areas. May o'ng Tro+'i have mercy on the suffering in Central VN. May the people who sell/cut down trees realize how their action fatally and disastrously affects these flood victims. Take care.

*In the case of emergency, you don't have to go to Church. I can give you that blessing. But I am so sure I can give absolution blessing on the email. But today at church, as the Deacon read the Gospel of Matthew about John the Baptist cries out in the desert, I thought of you, Hoi, Evans, Mai Khanh, Thinh and peole in the flood. Keep up your spirit. We're all waiting to see or hear from y'all. Take care and my prayer is with y'all.

*I really worried about you guys. I just prayed that "di dem co ngay gap ma" thing has not occured this time. Glad to hear that you got out. Things are really bad then and I feel bad for not wanting to help.

Oh well, my best parts are there (i.e., you folks)...

*On behalf of Lua Viet, we would like to send our deepest gratitude to you and to the "A Team". You and the Team have shown us your courage and commitment to help those in need. Thank you for taking that risk on our behalf and we thank God that you have returned home safely. We will continue to pray for others who are still in Vietnam.

*Throughout the Relief Mission, the daily emails received by you and others gave us a better understanding of the situation in the flood region. You kept us informed, and in someway, you allowed us to partake in that Relief Mission. Your commitment and zeal gave many of us more energy to raise our voices and our hands to ask other to help the flood victims. Just F.Y.I, at this point in time we raised more than \$16,000 for the Flood Relief Fund.

FLOOD RELIEF 2000 IN THE MEKONG DELTA

*You and MK seem determined to go. Does that mean that God already gave his instructions for \$20K?

*He gave some to me too. I plan to give probably about \$3K in stocks for the relief effort. Too bad the market just crashed otherwise it can be larger! Anyhow, let me know



the SAPVN stock account # and DTC# etc.

*Lua Viet is working hard to collect money for the Mekong Delta Flood Relief Fund and I know money is the best way to transport help to Vietnam. Can you give us an advice on this request? I don't want to turn people away for their generosity to help other. Thanks.

*I have not forgotten about my pledge. I am talking to my family ... will let you know the outcome. Please give me the deadline. Hang in there, my beloved warrior of peace.

*and Duong and Chi, MK started packing meds for our trip, does anyone want to volunteer to carry some? I promise nothing more than 20lbs? Really.

*Does anyone have connection to get us any donation of immodium? Does anyone have not so bright life vests (we need 2?) that we can borrow for this trip?

*I contacted MCNEIL The maker of Imodium. If I send my request in now it may take 2-3 weeks to get the donations. I'll also need SAP-VN's official info. I'll be sending some donation to you when I can locate the address. If you guys are leaving soon, maybe you can use that money for Imodium supply.

*I wish I could go with you guys but you already know that I cannot help much in the swimming department :-). I wish you the best of luck. Please take care of yourself and be careful. Whatever it is that you cannot complete, I should be able to do it when I get there.

*Maybe you want to buy a good life vest.

*Have a safe and meaningful trip. Anh Ly already informed some of the parents that Chau & Mai Khanh will depart to VN tonite. Due to the request of many employees, Boeing has decided to extend the matching program for another week. Boeing Matching Flood Relief Fund already received our checks thru 3 anh chi phu huynh last week. All the checks designated SAP VN as the recipient of our donation

(The total amount is \$4640 w/o matching, w/matching is \$9280.) Take care and see you in one week.

*I was getting a little worried not hearing from you. I will contact your family. Hope your flight to Hue will be safe.

FLOOD RELIEF 2001 IN THE MEKONG DELTA

*We are finally done with our brutal Dong Thap's relief assignment—6 days on road, boat and high speed canoe. But we are done and thank God that we made the effort—every minute was worth it. Our group of 8 people took care of 1000 students and checked out 225 houses across the province.

MEDICAL SUPPLY PROJECT

*It took a long time to make the connection to the medical school and it was mostly due to anh Duong's forever optimistic view toward the people. So I guess I will follow these optimistic masochists (and we know who they are) and continue to look for boxes behind Stater Brothers; to get myself all covered with dust trying to sort the medical supply boxes until I really have to settle down.

*It's been awhile! I am so sorry I have been out of touch. My chemotherapy is going along, and I use the good days when I have energy to get things done! I think I am doing pretty well, and am feeling very optimistic. I have some medical supplies here - the usual general needs, that I would like to ship to you. Please let me know if you can accept. I move slowly, but I do move, and I don't want to quit!

*I hope all is going well for you and SAP, and I do think of you often. I have to retire in September - my husband is retiring in November, and we are moving to Florida. I will still keep my hand in with my sponsorship program, but I will not be able to do medical supplies any more. I have been doing it for over 12 years, and it's time to rest. Anyhow - let me know if you can take supplies.

*Thanks for the quick reply. I'll get the supplies ready to ship. It won't be a whole lot, but all very valuable. I'll let you know when they go out and when you can expect them. I'm so proud of all you are doing - and have done. You have made huge strides since your early beginnings! As I told you a long time ago - the rewards in this job are huge - mostly personally. To be able to help even one person to good health is phenomenal. I am shipping 14 boxes out to you - leaving tomorrow (Friday) - so you will get them next Thursday or Friday.

*Welcome back Anh Duong. Glad to hear that the hospitals like our equipment. It makes my day, and put perspective to what we should be doing. I will ask Vicky to track down some more orthopedic stuff.

*SAP-VN's final major medical supplies shipment, "The Last Hurrah", was sent off without fanfare on Monday 10/09/00.

*Thank you everyone, especially the medical supply crew (Kirk, Lam, Vicky, David, My-Nga, Cassie), the old guards (chi Oanh, Mai-Khanh, Thai-Van), and the guardians (anh Thanh, anh Duong, chi Tram-Anh, chi Loan, Hung), for making this project so successful and memorable (for all the right and wrong reasons).

THE CONCLUSION

*I can be at SAPVN this Sat at noon if both Cassie & chi Tram Anh will be there to coordinate the raffle sale. I suggest we combine the raffle event with the anniversary celebration. Let's make it big so we can attract some new volunteers & re-energize old ones.

*The old ones' bones are fragile...let's hope for new ones. :)

*Just to remind you that you can't improve the world but you can try.

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