

VinhSon Orphanage (VSO) Annual Fund Drive September 13, 2006

Dear Friends of VSO,

This past July 26th, we completed our first year as a recognized non-profit organization serving the children at the VinhSon Montagnard Orphanages in Kontum, Vietnam. What a remarkable year it was! Together, we've made a huge difference in the lives of the 450 children and their care givers. Below is a partial list of accomplishments, made possible because of your generosity:

1. Collected over \$12,000 from July 26 to December 31, 2005
2. Delivered \$10,000 for basic needs (food, clothing, medicine), which equates to \$22.22 per child
3. Purchased 4 computers & workstations, along with 2 printers
4. Purchased 7 sewing machines, border machines, sewing equipment & supplies
5. Contributed a much needed chain saw
6. Rebuilt the bakeries at both Vinh Son 1 and 2
7. Partnered with Colour4Kids (Amsterdam) who contributed to the funding of the computers
8. Created a web site that tells the Vinh Son story, bringing attention to VSO goals and objectives
9. Improved the student study room with the purchase of new desks
10. Developed a goal of \$25,000 for 2006 and have raised \$12,135 as of August 28 prior to this annual appeal.



All donations have gone solely to the orphanages (Vinh Son 1 and 2). Web site construction, trips to Vietnam, and other administrative costs were paid by the VSO board members from personal funds

In our second year, VSO will continue to provide for the children's daily subsistence, while improving educational opportunities and living conditions in the coming year. Our focus will be to provide food (flour and powdered milk), improve housing (mosquito nets, blankets, pillows and mats), address rising school costs, and maintain farming capabilities (tractor repairs). The smallest donation has a direct and meaningful impact on these objectives. About \$12 feeds, clothes, educates, and shelters 1 child for 1 month. **We are extremely grateful for your generosity and hope that you will support the children again through this annual appeal for funding.**

If you have a computer, please visit our web site - www.FriendsofVSO.org. It's the best way to meet the children and witness the impact we all make in their lives. If you have high speed internet, we recommend viewing the slide show on the home page, and enjoy the many faces of Vinh Son.

Please don't hesitate to write or email VSO with questions or comments, as we will respond as quickly as possible. Your tax deductible check made out to VSO can be mailed to:

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We hope you enjoy the enclosed picture, taken at Vinh Son 1 in 2006. Let it act as a reminder as well as a call to action. On behalf of the Vinh Son family, may God Bless you.

VSO Board Members -

Dave Chaix, Dennis Coyne, Pat Keegan, Pat McKee, Sr. Marie Dominique, Mike Little, Mike Gregersen, Mel Potter, Hank Gonzales, Rich Lahey, Paul Davis



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