

## FVSO Annual Fund Drive Part 1: The Children's Challenge



This year, American children from the East to West coasts have shown us how to truly care. They are a source of inspiration to the FVSO Board, and we bow to their imaginative 'lemonade stand' ideas. They have proven to us that everyone can make a difference and no idea, effort or donation is too small to bring assistance to the orphans at Vinh Son. Their fundraising efforts have included everything from offering light administrative services for \$.03 per job to selling peacock feathers. In short, these kids have made money the old fashioned way, they earned it.

In addition to their contributions, their stories have inspired an anonymous donor to make a very generous pledge for this year's fundraiser. Our benefactor has promised to match all children's donations, through the end of the year, up to \$2,000. As such we are launching Part One of our annual fundraiser by announcing the **2008 Children's Challenge**. *(Part Two to be announced soon)*

Our call to action is for you to tell your children about our children. Inspire them; challenge them to learn more about their world community, and together we can make a difference. In addition to learning the value of philanthropy and providing invaluable assistance to Vinh Son, it is also quite possible that the youth of America will gain more from the experience than the orphans they help. Please encourage our best citizens to join Lindsey, Lauren, Lukas and Helen to become a part of "**Children Helping Children.**"



Lindsay & Lauren



Lukas



Helen

### Summary of 2008, Year to Date

As a result of your generous donations, FVSO continues to make substantial differences within the 500+ person Vinh Son community. The following are highlights of the year's accomplishments, to date:

1. Basic needs continue to be met
  - Food, medication, kitchen supplies, mosquito netting, and a variety of needs identified during our March site visit
2. Funded budgets for basic and vocational education
  - Compensated instructors for Vietnamese, English and math classes
  - Continued both the sewing and computer skill curriculums at Vinh Son 1 & 2
3. Coordinated and financed the ***East Meets West*** dental visits that will treat all the children in October in partnership with ***Friends of the Central Highlands***
  - Children with immediate dental needs received treatment in Kontum
    - ✓ Dental programs funded with ***Friends of the Central Highlands***
4. To enhance the overall health of the children, FVSO provided the following:
  - Improved daily nutrition and increased protein from meat, fish, and vegetable sources to combat anemia
  - Provided medication for parasite removal
5. Replaced roofing at Vinh Son 1 that was damaged by storms
6. Supplied funds necessary to support farming operations at all 4 orphanages



### **Where You and Your Children Can Help**

1. Continue to provide:
  - Basic needs (food, shelter, medicine, clothing, education)
  - Dental care for each child
2. Continue to improve diet by adding meat, fish, and vegetables to the nutrition plan
  - Recommended by Dr. David Berdy
3. Install water purification systems at Vinh Son 1, 2, 3, & 4 to reduce parasitic infections
4. Develop and improve the physical plants at all 4 sites through the construction of:
  - Boys dormitories
  - Dining rooms
  - Kitchens
  - Sheds for tractor and tools
5. Acquire capital assets for long-term operational benefits and educational capabilities
  - Tractors to improve farming efficiency
  - Additional computers and sewing machines to further vocational training

**Please help us bring the orphans of Vinh Son every opportunity to learn and thrive. FVSO's Fund Raising Goal is \$65,000 this year; however, in order to meet that goal and achieve our above stated objectives, we must raise \$30,000 by December 31<sup>st</sup>, and there's no way to do this without your generous donations or the imaginative support of your children. Thank you in advance for helping us help them!**

#### **Please mail contributions to FVSO:**

P.O. Box 9322 Auburn, California 95604-9322 USA or through our web site by: [clicking here](#)

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