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“If you build it, they will come!”

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Construction of the new kitchen & dining room at Vinh Son 6 is nearly finished!



A safe and healthy living environment means everything to our children at the orphanages in Kontum, and nowhere was the need greater than at Vinh Son 6. Over the last few weeks, we've watched the new kitchen/dining room rise from a simple hole in the ground to the beautiful structure you see in the picture above. Soon, it will be filled with the happy sounds of grateful children, thanks to the support of strangers.

**Plentiful food – Safe water - New digs
It doesn't get much better than that!**

Annual Appeal Update

We're nearly halfway through our fundraising season, & have reached 50.6% of our \$30,000 goal.

Reminder: every dollar donated is "matched!"
(up to \$30,00 ending 12/31/11)

THANK YOU!



Delivering safe water to Vinh Son 6

A joint project of FVSO and Viet Dreams



A well was drilled, and two filtration systems installed (one for showers, etc. the other for drinking water). The children sang:

I believe in angels
 Something good in everything I see
 I believe in angels



Planning for 2012

Each year, we ask the leading caregiver at each site for her list of special projects for the coming year. These are activities above and beyond the funding for basic needs (food, school, medicine). Here are the requests we've received so far:

- VS-1: Repair and expand the main roof
- VS-2: Interior finish and stairs for the new dormitory
- VS-3: Install cooling corrugated iron for the houses. Purchase electric fans, blankets, mats & mosquito nets
- VS-4: Build a new bedroom
- VS-5: Build a roof over the laundry area
- VS-6: Purchase blankets, mats & mosquito nets



Sister Gabriel of VS-3 wants to keep her kids cool in summer

Vinh Son & Sao Mai Orphanage Facts

- Population – approximately 730 Montagnard children in seven orphanage facilities
- Administered by the Sisters of the Miraculous Medal & St. Paul Chartres
- Location – Kontum/Pleiku, Vietnam
- \$12 feeds, shelters, and educates one child for one month

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Donations are gratefully accepted year round

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