

FVSO Friends of Vinh Son Montagnard Orphanage

September Newsletter 2022 - Volume 19 Issue 9

Contact & Donation Information

FVSO: P.O. Box 9322, Auburn, CA 95604

Email: FriendsofVSO@gmail.com

Web: www.FriendsofVSO.org

In This Issue

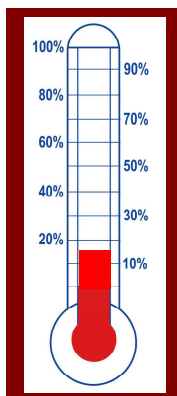
- Fundraiser Update
- Donations at Work
- Back-To-School Normal
- Sao Mai Ready for School

Fundraiser Target (July-Dec)
\$150,000

Donations To Date
\$ 20,874

% Achieved
13.9 %

Balance Needed
\$ 129,126



Fundraiser Update

With about 33% of the period gone, we have reached only 14% of our target. Typically, donations peak in the latter part of the year.

**PLEASE SHARE THE
VINH SON STORY WITH
FRIENDS & FAMILY**



Ever wonder what the "V" means?
Find the answer on page 4

Letter of Gratitude from Vinh Son 6

I am Sister Y Thuynh, Sister in Charge of Vinh Son 6 orphanage in Kontum. First, I would like to thank the FVSO Board and all the donors who have helped and supported funds for our Vinh Son 6. The children's house has been repaired, no more leaking during the rainy season. Also, the old gate has been replaced and now protects our VS-6 orphanage. All projects are done now. The children can stay and sleep in a safe house.

Once again thank you very much for your love and your help to improve the orphans' lives.



The children at Vinh Son 6 celebrate their new house (left), while the impressive front gate (right) will provide added security



Back to School, September 2022

Martha and John have, once again, given to us a snapshot of the Vinh Son children and their love for school.



This is the moment (left) of preschool kids of Vinh Son 1 going to school. Looking at the innocent smiles of the kids mingled with their happiness while studying at school with their classmates. It has only been a short time, but the children have gradually adapted to the new environment, and they feel happy and eager to go to school.

BELOW: It's off to school, any way you can



In order to prepare the first day of the new school year, the children of the six Vinh Son orphanages prepared enough school things (new textbooks and notebooks). They live near their school so they were assigned to clean their classes, and they gathered their groups of musical performance, their drum teams of military march songs and they organized the program of musical performance to prepare their mind for their new school year. Many children have prepared their minds for some previous days and they went to bed early the night before the first day, they got up early in the morning to do exercises, attended Mass, and have a good breakfast. They still got to school on time that day.

FVSO supports education by providing primary tuition, school materials, & scholarships

There were more than 695 children of 6 Vinh Son orphanages who went back to school on September 5th, by tractor, or bike and motorbike or other means of transport. They were very eager to attend the ceremony of the school year after being suffered from Coronavirus for a long time. They remembered last year when most of the schools had to organize the school year because of Coronavirus. But, luckily, thanks to vaccination, the situation of Covid 19 is better. All the students in Vietnam can go back to school to celebrate the ceremony of the opening day.

One student had this to say about being back-to-normal: "Now, the pandemic is controlled well by the government and we have already had three shots of vaccine so we are not scared of Coronavirus and we are not worried to be infected or died as before. We thank God for protecting us during the past time. We will be enthusiastic in our school studies and grateful children for all FVSO donors who loved and helped us to improve our lives."



Sao Mai Students are also ready for school to begin

Going back to school is more fun than staying at home. Looking forward to summer vacation, and then looking forward to going to school, to learn more interesting things, to expand knowledge, to meet teachers, to make friends.

So the three months of summer have really ended, to prepare for the new school year 2022-2023. Memories of summer days are hard to fade. It was a fun and happy time for Sao Mai children on long trips, visiting disadvantaged families, playing together, working together, creating together and more than love. The love and solidarity among the children is growing day by day.

They are happy to receive new clothes, bags, books and school supplies. We prepare for the new school year: They have beautiful books and notebooks, carefully label them, and write their names.

Everyone has new commitments: "I will be more obedient, and try harder to not disappoint everyone's wishes." We hope that this new school year, the children will achieve the results you are looking for.

We are very grateful to Mr. Patrick's Charity Association (FVSO) who have always brought joy to the children as well as give wings to their dreams to fly higher.

Answer: "Hello With Love"



Newsletter Staff

Mike Little	Editor
Martha Phan	Associate Editor
John Ho	Translator
Sister Anna	Sao Mai
Ngo thi My	Contributor

Email: FriendsofVSO@gmail.com

Comments are welcome!



Legacy Fund Update

The goal is \$2million by March 2027

Legacy Fund Balance

\$885, 798



AmazonSmile is a simple, automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization, at no cost to you. Shop at smile.amazon.com, and find the same convenient experience with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. Just type in Vinh Son Montagnard Orphanage to make your choice.

Orphanage Facts

About 700 Montagnard children live in 7 orphanage facilities in the Kontum/Pleiku areas of Vietnam.

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

Orphanages are run by the Sisters of Miraculous Medal (Vinh Son) and St. Paul Chartres (Sao Mai).

Officers & Board Members

Patrick Leary
Nga Wynne
Gene Mapa
Bart Ruud
Clyde Lewandowski
Michael Little
Pat McKee
Dave Chaix
Hank Gonzales

President
Secretary
Treasurer
Senior VP
1st VP
2nd VP
3rd VP
Board Member
Board Member

Donation Information

Checks should be payable to FVSO or Friends of Vinh Son.

FVSO is a humanitarian, non-profit organization approved by IRS code 501©(3). Donations are tax deductible.

Donations are accepted year round and are also available on-line.