

FVSO Friends of Vinh Son Montagnard Orphanage

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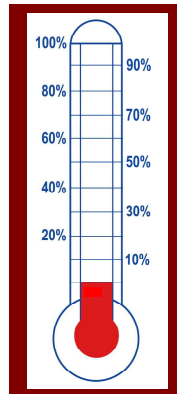
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Fundraiser Target (July-Dec)
\$150,000

Donations To Date
\$ tbd

% Achieved
% tbd

Balance Needed
\$ tbd



**It's That Time Of Year
The FVSO
FUNDRAISER 2022
July to December**



Thanks to your generosity, we have stayed on the financial course that we set at the beginning of the year. Because of serious inflation challenges in Vietnam, we increased Basic Needs funding by 10% in Kontum and Pleiku. We also committed \$86,000 in Capital spending (May Newsletter). Two of the projects are in agriculture (a rubber tree farm and a large chicken coup), while we also funded the repair/replacement of two girl's dormitories. Both are important big steps in helping the Sisters build a self-sufficient future. By mid-year, 2022, we are on solid footing and the children are on the path to having the resources they need.

In July, we are kicking off our 2022 annual Fundraiser. This year, we will once again set our goal at \$150,000 in donations between July 1 and December 31. In years past, we have exceeded our goal and we hope that repeats this year. Reaching our goal will guarantee the funding of all 2022 expenses, while exceeding our goal will help guide our longer term planning.

You are the special type of person that changes lives, lifts people up, and makes the world a better place. Thank you for your donation and your association with our cause.

Patrick Leary, President, FVSO

June 30th, 2022

Vinh Son-1 Projects are successfully completed

I am Sr Maria Goretti Y Phép, Sister in Charge of the Vinh Son-1 orphanage in Kontum. On behalf the Sisters and children, thank you for your support for funds that helped us grow the rubber trees and repair the house for young girls.

The funds that we have spent for these projects that were agreed upon from our meeting and approval:

- Purchase of 1,500 rubber trees: 140,300,000 VND
- Repair the house for young girls: 208,575,000 VND

Total expenditures: 348,875,000 VND (about \$ 15,015 usd)

Thanks to your love and support, the economic source of our Vinh Son-1 will develop more by growing rubber trees (ready for harvest in about 6 years), and the young girls who now have a clean, good, cozy house to stay in during this rainy season. We have nothing to pay back for your love, your help, and your support during the past years. We only know how to look after the orphans.



A Special Day For Kids

The International Children's Day of Vietnam is on June 1st, and as suggested by its name, the festival is for children. As children are the future of mankind, the event sends adults a reminder about taking better care and protection towards their beloved kids. Also, this day marks the start of summer vacation—the occasion when children truly enjoy as they are free from school and homework.

Vinh Son joined the joyful atmosphere of millions of teenagers and children all over Vietnam to welcome the International Children's Day 2022. Recently, each VSO organized its activities together for all its children on this day; playing many games, dancing, singing and giving gifts to the children. These good activities made all the children of 6 VSO very funny and cheery.

In general, Children's Day is the occasion of promoting the bond between parents and kids as well as the connection among children.



The gifts may have been small but greatly appreciated

Knock Knock

Abandoned baby boy at Vinh Son-2, left on God's doorstep

At 4 am when the VS-2 Sisters got up to pray and go to Mass, they heard the cry of a newborn baby at the gate of their congregation. The baby boy was wrapped in a towel without clothes or papers and left to lie cold on the street. The Sisters immediately carried him into the house, put on warm clothes, and gave him milk. After that, at 8 am, they took the baby to Thong Nhat People's Committee and police department to report the incident. Everyone decided the best place for the baby, however, was back at Vinh Son 2, where he could be cared for with love and devotion.

When receiving the baby in Vinh Son-2, he was very weak, maltreated, and had a fever, so the Sisters had to take him to Kontum General Hospital. He had to stay in the emergency room because of his bad pneumonia. Also, he had to breathe oxygen, which was very difficult because of his age. In turn, the girls of Vinh Son-2 had to stay in the hospital to look after him all day and all night.

Because he had no identity papers, it was difficult for him to be hospitalized; however, he was admitted thanks to the support from the People's Committee. Now, Vinh Son-2 has named him A THỐNG NHẤT with his adoptive mother's name is Sr Y Tuyết and they listed his date of birth as 6 June 2022, which was the date when he first came to the orphanage.



SAO MAI gets a new look

After hard days, worrying about building a new house for Sao Mai Orphanage, the community encountered many difficulties because of the Covid situation and the weather. Today, the new house has been completed! On the afternoon of May 31, 2022, Sao Mai community asked Father to celebrate the Mass of thanksgiving for the housewarming of Sao Mai Shelter. Due to the complicated situation of Covid, the Community held Mass silently.

The children now have a spacious, clean roof and a campus for them to enjoy; grateful for the kindness of so many hearts towards the orphans. From now on, the children can run, jump and play freely, and have more small gardens to grow crops. They have more fun and learn to take care of plants. It is a pleasure to join hands to make the home more beautiful.



Gardening requires a lot of effort, but the kids take pride in what they accomplish

Another summer vacation comes, the children have a rest, and the opportunity to practice working to become useful people, learn more subjects that they love such as sewing, embroidery.



A Sneak Preview (above)
Structural work has begun at VS-2
Projects include:

- Laundry area
- Arch roof
- Repair classroom
- New Gutter
- Iron panel door

\$12,000
worth of
improvements

Words of Wisdom

Fundraising is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer other people an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission.



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Legacy Fund Update

The goal is \$2 million by March 2027

Legacy Fund Balance

\$870,474



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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).

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