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ISOLATION

These children from Vinh Son 1 have tested positive for Covid 19, and must be isolated from the other orphans. The virus has come to Vinh Son! Even A Soi, the 9-month old baby boy, has been caught by Covid. Below, he is seen in the red shirt, and with no mask. He seems happy and everyone hopes he stays that way.



Timeline: Covid and Vinh Son-1 Collide

The following emails were sent to FVSO by Martha Phanh in Kontum, announcing that the Covid 19 virus had finally reached one of the orphanages, Vinh Son-1. Everyone had dreaded the eventuality of this happening, and prayed they were immune. They weren't. Martha's comments reflect the seriousness of the situation. One positive note is that kids over 12 and caregivers have all received vaccinations. But that still leaves the little ones vulnerable. The medical situation seems to change day-to-day.

Martha's Emails to FVSO Tell the Story

On Friday, January 7, 2022,

I would like to let you know now there are six boys and a Sister of VS1 who has been infected with Coronavirus and now they are isolated in the center of isolation of Kontum city and for Vinh son 4 and VS 6 are locked down up because there are some who have contacted very close to the Covid patients. Now all the three VSO are close their gates and all the remainder of the children are isolated in their rooms all day all night. We would like to ask you to pray for us to be safe from the Covid 19 pandemic.

Sent: Saturday, January 8, 2022,

Now the number of the children of Vinh Son 1 goes up to 11 positive cases: 10 boys and 1 Sister. All The boys with positive cases haven't been vaccinated yet because they are under the age of 12 years old. Most of them have the symptoms of fever, tiredness. Dear Patrick, 11 positive cases are isolated at Vinh son because if they go to isolated in the center of isolation of Kontum city it is very difficult for them.

On Saturday, January 8, 2022

The number of the children of Vinh Son 1 goes up to 3 positive cases in this morning: 2 boys and 1 girl. They are isolated at Vinh son. In the afternoon the doctors come to check again. I will continue to give all the information.

On Sunday, January 9, 2022

I would like to let you know. The total of Vinh son has been from 7 until 9, 2022 are 21 kids. This morning the doctors came to check all kids and the kids go up to 3 positive cases including A Soi also has been infected with the Coronavirus. You see A Soi (age 9 months) is active he is still happy. They have all isolated at Vinh son-1 orphanage.

Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022

Good news from VS-1.

I would like to let you that. The total of kids who have been affected by positive Coronavirus is 21 kids. Yesterday, the doctors has to be tested again and we already have the results of these kids. We have 19 kids negative now (this is good news) but we still have two boys who are positive with Coronavirus. Please pray for two of these kids.

Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022

Yesterday on January 20th, the doctors let us know the results of all the Covid infected children's tests: Thank God all of them have their **NEGATIVE** result with Coronavirus now.

There are six boys and one Sister who have their fourteen-day isolation in Field hospital for the Covid patients of Kontum city and now all of them are better and better. We thank you very much.



Top: The kids practice Xong Hoi twice a day. Vietnamese steam therapy (sauna), releases toxins and wastes.

Center: Testing all the kids at VS-1

Bottom: Baby A Soi gets help taking his medicine.



Martha helps complete the Dental Project, explains here



A special Thank-You to the non-profit organization “CHILDREN OF VINH SON” that contributes half the funding for the annual Dental Project. A great partner, CoVS helps generate smiles like those above from Y Boi and Y Hien.

The year 2021 is the one with a big pandemic that has caused many bad damages and many deaths for a short time. There are many provinces and cities that had social distance, isolation, and even lock down up and most of the work and activities were interrupted. Looking back on an ancient year full of challenges and difficulties due to the spread and raging of Delta variant Coronavirus which made all the plans for the project of dental check and treatment for all the children were delayed and stagnated.

But now thanks to the effect of "the effective weapon" with two shots of the vaccines nationwide from the cities to the countrysides in Vietnam and particularly in the six VSO for the kids from the age of 12 to 17 with two shots of vaccine Pfizer. In parallel with preventing strictly Covid 19 pandemic and developing the economy, stabilizing Vietnamese people's lives while having a large number of vaccines covered throughout the country so the Health Ministry has issued an official letter allowing gatherings of no more than 20 people who have two shots of vaccine and must be in compliance with the 5K Message of Covid 19 prevention of the government. And based on the temporary decree of the State to "adapt safely, flexibly, and effectively control the pandemic, THACH SANH dental clinic has arranged a time for dental treatment for the children of VSO.

On 6 days of the week, the children have to go to school so we have arranged the time of dental treatment for the children from 6 Pm to 9 Pm after school every day of the week and weekends are two days off so the children can go to see the dentist from 8 Am to 8 Pm. In order to prepare well for children's dental treatment during the period of Covid 19 pandemic at Thach Sanh dental clinic, the dentists and dental nurses have arranged enough equipment of safety for preventing Coronavirus as wearing Covid protecting clothes, masks, electronic body temperature measuring device, sterile alcoholic washing hand gel, health declaration, scan QR code, arranging the safe minimum distance among the patients with each other and with the dentists and dental nurses in accordance with regulations.

In the morning of January 2nd, 2022, the children having their toothache of Vinh Son 1 orphanage were very eager and happy to get on the minibus to be taken to Thach Sanh dental clinic from 8 Am to 8 Pm and there were 15 children for one time of dental treatment. Especially the number of the dental patients of Vinh Son 1 was 40 children for each dental treatment so the dental clinic had them go upstairs to avoid crowded gatherings. The team of dentists and dental nurses consists of 8 people and they took turns to check and treat the young dental patients. They were very friendly and helpful, made the children less fearful, without crying, and made them know to cooperate with the dentists during the course of their dental treatment.

Through ten days of dental check and treatment from January 2nd, 2022 to January 16th, 2022, there are 579 children who were checked and there are 480 children whose teeth were treated as cleaning their teeth and mouths, scraping tartar off their teeth, filling small cavities of their teeth, tooth extraction, dental implant, getting tartar from the teeth, misaligned teeth surgery, and tooth root canal treatment to protect and beautify teeth. Besides the dentists still guided and advised on how to clean teeth and mouth every day to have good health.

The Annual Dental Program overcame the Covid challenges

Sao Mai's Christmas "Prayer" from the Heart

A Christmas season that comes and goes not to end Christmas but to open up a new journey with new vitality and hope. Sao Mai Shelter and everyone, let's bring God together to everyone, especially the poor brothers and those in difficult circumstances by bringing a little warmth of love and concern, support, share, sympathize and respect their dignity. Thus, we are warming not only their bodies, their spirits and also their cold hearts, making their hearts beat with each loving beat.



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Legacy Fund Update

The goal is:

**\$2 million dollars
by March 2027**

Legacy Fund Balance

\$971,609



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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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