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Re-building Vinh Son One brick at a time



Your contributions at work: The boy's dormitory at Vinh Son 3 was a work in progress prior to the typhoon. It's now completed and open for business.

The recovery process continues at the Vinh Son orphanages in Kontum. As if there wasn't already enough to keep FVSO busy, Ketsana has certainly added to the work load as well as the increased responsibility load. Fortunately for the children and their care givers, they have people like you to thank for "their daily bread." Emergency food and medicine was provided as soon as the waters subsided.

Besides providing for basic needs, the list of tasks at hand is a daunting one. While each of the 5 sites has different needs, we thought you might like to see what your donations have and will be doing to improve their living conditions:

- Field repair, replace lost crops, roof repairs
- Repair kitchen rice cooker and bake oven
- Restore damaged walls and water tower foundation
- Build storage room and new cooking area
- Replace pig breeding stock, fix the piggery
- Boy's dormitory projects, new water towers
- Provide blankets, mosquito nets, sleeping mats, clothes, shoes and tool kits for bicycles
- Purchase land and secondary crops (vegetables)

Rest assured that FVSO is prepared, with your support, to meet the challenges that lay ahead. With one voice, Vinh Son would like to say

Thank You!!

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Vinh Son Facts

- Population – more than 500 Montagnard children in five facilities
- Administered by the Sisters of the Miraculous Medal
- Location - Kontum, Vietnam
- About \$12 feeds, shelters, and educates one child for one month

These 2 challenges delivered \$34,200



\$ x 2

The \$10,800 Vinh Son Challenge

Every dollar you donate will be matched until we hit \$10,800 or reach the Challenge end date of December 31, 2009



\$ x 2

The \$6,300 Typhoon Challenge

Every dollar you donate will be matched until we hit \$6,300 or reach the Challenge end date of December 31, 2009

The final 2009 Challenge will target the ongoing recovery efforts



\$ x 2

The \$4,000 RECOVERY Challenge

Every dollar you donate will be matched until we hit \$4,000 or reach the Challenge end date of December 31, 2009

RECOVERY Challenge Benefactors

Auburn (California) Rotary; Ann & Mark Thelen; VN-SHEP (Vietnam Social Health Education, Inc., Linden, New Jersey); Connie & Clyde Lewandowski

The first two Matching Challenges were a huge success, bringing in a combined total of \$34,200! Now, also in response to the typhoon recovery effort, passionate contributors have responded with a third Challenge that will match the next **\$4,000** in donations.

Reacting to the immediate emergency requests, FVSO has spent over \$21,000 since the typhoon struck to ensure the well-being of the Vinh Son children. Be assured that FVSO will continue to monitor the situation closely, and respond as needed.

Despite sour economic conditions, our donors have placed their trust in FVSO, as evidenced by the 2009 year-to-date donations UP 20% over total 2008. And we still have over a month to go! We urge you to share the Vinh Son story with your friends, relatives and colleagues. 100% of every dollar given to FVSO will go directly to the orphanages...that's our promise.

Your generosity makes everything possible



Please make checks payable to FVSO or Friends of Vinh Son

100% of FVSO administrative costs are paid by the Board and Officers