VSO

Friends of
Vinh Son Montagnard Orphanage

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Final 2005 Fundraising Results & Thanks!

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At the VSO annual meeting January 2, 2006, Pat Keegan, Treasurer, reported **$13,622** as the final results for 2005. All administrative expenses for this year were absorbed by the VSO board members. This means all funds go to the children at Vinh Son. We are extremely appreciative to all our donors who made this fantastic achievement.

Thank You!

The money will be used in the following manner:

- Basic Daily Needs (food, medicine, school supplies)
- The start-up of the Sewing Machine Project– a unique opportunity to provide and teach life skills
- Communication improvements, through computer upgrades and maintenance

Disbursements of funds began June 30, 2005. The first one was for $1,200 to meet basic daily needs. At our January 2 VSO Annual Meeting, we gave Sister Marie Dominique a check for $3,200 to wire to the orphanage..

The second disbursement will occur when Dave Chaix and Pat Keegan visit the orphanage in February to implement the Sewing Machine project and the computer upgrades to improve direct communication to the orphanage.

As we have stated previously, travel to Vietnam is not paid by VSO. VSO members pay for their own travel.

If you have access to free children's medicines such as aspirin, etc., for Dave & Pat to take to the orphanage, send them to the address above. If you have questions, write or email us at the above addresses. (Dave & Pat below on their last trip in 2005)

Goals & Plans for 2006

At the January 2, 2006 Annual Meeting, the Board agreed that $25,000 will be the goal for 2006. We recognize that this may be a stretch, but we believe that it is attainable.

The Board discussed and agreed to consider a web page to promote fund raising, friend raising, and inform web surfers about the needs at the orphanage.

A dentist from the St. Paul, MN area has offered his services to the orphanage for late 2006 or 2007. Dave and Pat will evaluate on their trip if the appropriate facilities are available to accommodate this generous offer. They will also be evaluating other needs while at the orphanage.

Board Officers

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VinhSon Facts

- Population - more than 450 Montagnard children in two facilities
- Administered by the Sisters of the Miraculous Medal
- Location - Kontum, Vietnam in the Central Highlands
- About $12 feeds, shelters, and educates one child for a month