

## November Newsletter 2021 - Volume 18 Issue 11

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2021 Donation Target

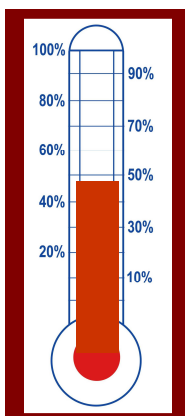
**\$150,000**

Donations To Date

**\$ 70,614**

Needed To Reach Target

**\$ 79,386**



### Fundraiser Update

With two months to go, we've reached 47% of our donation goal. Historically, our donors are very generous during the holiday months of November and December. We're counting on them once again, especially during these uncertain days of Covid-19. New infections have been detected in the Kontum area, leading once again to very strict social distant measures. The annual support from FVSO will hopefully be fully funded, one less thing for the children and Nuns to worry about.



The new "classroom" features small study groups like this one at Vinh Son 1. Sharing electronic devices and table space, studying has become a group effort. So far, there have been no Covid-19 infections at the orphanages, but that possibility is always on their minds.

All articles and photos by Martha and John

## Back-To-School and Covid-19 Collide, Again

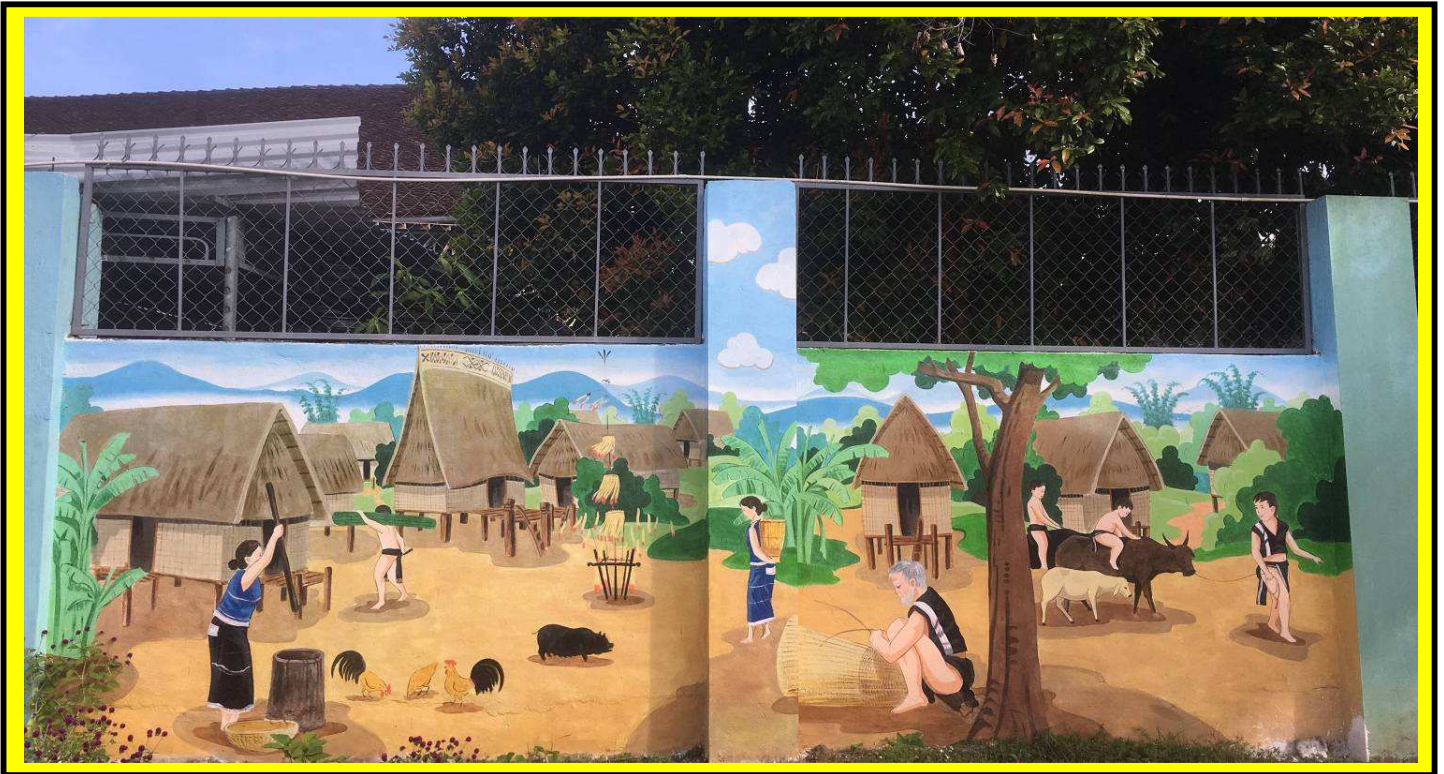
This fourth time of Covid-19 in Vietnam has left many bad consequences and much sorrow. Particularly in Kontum, according to statistics of the province's Education and Formation Service there are more than 179 positive cases of Corona virus and 15 positive cases in the community (Kontum) and the situation of Covid-19 in Kontum now is very complicated if they cannot trace these cases in the community. Now the Local Authority has ordered to cease all the crowded activities, changing the direct study at schools in the online one with computer, laptop, or smartphone at home all the students in Kontum province. At present, the children under 18 years of age have not been vaccinated for anti-Coronavirus. Hoping there will be enough vaccines so that the children can be vaccinated soon. We would like to ask FVSO to pray for all the children here to be safe from Covid-19 in God's hands.



## The Children and their Caregivers celebrate the new Hall at Vinh Son 3

Vinh Son 3 orphanage looks after 80 children with their age from five to twenty years old and all of them have their different family situations: they are not only poor materially, but also lack their family love. They are orphaned by both parents, orphaned by father or mother or abandoned and handicapped and the rest of children from poor families with their sick, disabled parents. All the poor ethnic minority children here need to be helped and supported by benefactors' generosity, and we Sisters try to receive the orphans to nurture and educate them in our belief and trust totally to God's hands. Your help and support is the source of happiness and of encouragement to help us to take care of the orphans in our orphanage. Thanks to your help and your support of funds, the children here have enough food and clothes for their life and they can go to school every day to get their knowledge for their life and their job later on.

Again, thank you very much for your help and for Miss Judy Ori's support of funds for our new hall in Vinh Son 3. We wish you are healthy, peaceful, and happy in your work. **Letter from Sister Gabriel Y CHE**



### **A Culture on Murals**

His father ( A Yik) was a famous Bahnar painter in the Kontum area, and now, his son (A Yem) carries on his artistic tradition. The murals Yem has created on the walls of VS-1 are beautiful depictions of Bahnar life as it was in the distant past. These murals (above), and many more Yem creations decorating VS-1, are admired every day by the children and visitors alike.



### **Thanks for the Pills!**

Every year (September), the 6 VSO always have their requirement of taking the worm tablet to protect their children's health. Moreover, they are lucky to get the funds from FVSO (\$220). The children can take the worm tablet after dinner before going to bed to make de-worming more effective. We thank FVSO very much for supporting this annual program. In the photo above, the children show off their appreciation for this important safety measure.



## Catching up with Y Thuan

The last we heard, our happy Bakery student was stuck on Phu Quoc Island because of Covid-19. A recent letter tells us more.

I have finished my internship report and my Internship in PHU QUOC has ended, now I have to return to Sai Gon to continue with a new job at new place. I have already submitted my application in a Bakery at Sai Gon. The bakeries made an appointment with me after I arrive in Sai Gon. This is great, I hope I will get a new job soon. I also still want to improve the knowledge and experience and skills that I have been trained in school and in the internship. We continue connect with school so that will make us better when we have some problems.

### The Smiling Baker

Today I use English language to write the letter for you I want try my English and I very want improve my English. If do you don't understand my story you can asking me. And you can correct my English. I really like English language I hope I can use the new language to talk with people in my life. This time is the great time I can learn English in the internet and in the book so that is great for me.

Once again, I just want to say thank you very much for you. I will pray for you and keep trying my school and my job.

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**Comments are welcome!**

## Legacy Fund Update

**The goal is:**  
**\$2 million dollars**  
**by March 2027**

**Legacy Fund Balance**  
**\$913,124**

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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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