



PVI aid work in 2017



Vietnam Project

New Kindergarten – Thanh Binh village, near Phong Nha – Quang Bin Province, Central Vietnam

Our ambitious two year project involves the construction of a new elevated two level kindergarten in Thanh Binh village and renovation of schools in the area. The people in the small rural village are mostly poor farm workers. The existing kindergarten provides for 80 children. It is an old building in a poor state of repair. The ground level classrooms are regularly flooded during wet seasons from the adjacent Son River. The new building will provide larger improved facilities and with elevated classrooms, internal toilets and storage areas.

Stage 1 completed in 2017

We completed stage 1 which involved engaging local contractors to construct the shell of the new building. The building design was developed with local community.

PVI volunteers met their own travel and accommodation costs as well as making a contribution to direct costs for materials & local contractors. In addition the PVI team of undertook major restoration works of neighbouring school building during 2017.





Cambodia Project

Clean Drinking Water for Schools – Ream, South East Cambodia

Clean drinking water & access to hygienic toilets are pre-requisites for improving health and education outcomes for children in poor rural communities in Cambodia. The unfortunate reality is that the majority of Cambodian children in rural communities still don't enjoy ready access to hygienic toilets and clean drinking water with obvious consequences for their health. This situation has underpinned PVI's work in the Ream area for the last 4 years. The *"Water for Toilets for School Children program"* has provided access to hygienic toilets for 2,800 children in the 3 large schools in the area, representing 90% of the school children in the area. The toilet water systems PVI has installed continue to function effectively.

In 2017 the program was expanded to include *"Clean Drinking Water for School Children"* in the Ream area. We installed an advanced, reliable and low maintenance filter system to provide clean drinking water for the children at Smach Deng School – they are the first in rural Cambodia to enjoy clean drinking water & hygienic toilets. Extensive repairs & maintenance were also completed at the school.

Total value of Vietnam & Cambodia Projects

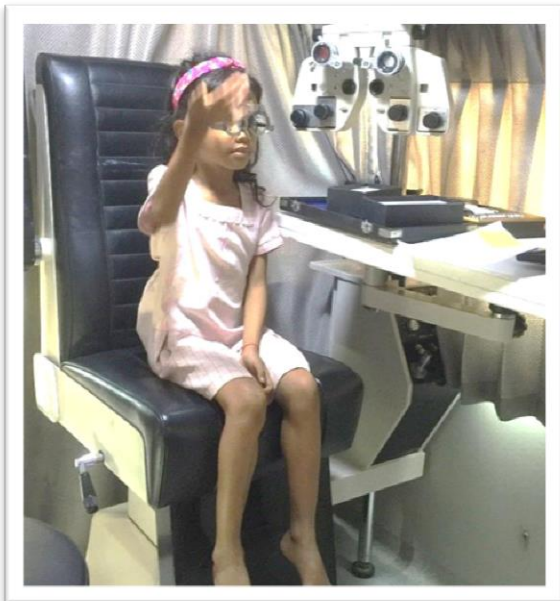
The total value of PVI on-ground projects in Vietnam & Cambodia includes direct costs (materials & supplies, and payment to local skilled contractors when they are engaged), travel costs of PVI volunteers and in-kind value of PVI labour.

PVI volunteers meet their own travel costs and contribute approximately 20% of the direct costs. The balance of the direct costs is met by generous benefactors & other fund raising activities.

The direct cost for our 2017 projects was \$41,000 for the materials and supplies, and payments to local contractors. Our teams provided 2,800 hours of labour and met their own costs of \$80,000. The total value of our work was \$225,000.

Distributing recycled eye glasses in Vietnam & Cambodia

We distributed recycled eye glasses to needy people again in 2017 as part of our ongoing annual program. The glasses are collected by Redcliffe Lions Club as part of Lions International worldwide 'Recycle 4 Sight' program. The glasses are provided through our local networks to appropriate parties who then ensure they are properly prescribed and allocated through our local network.



John Robertson & Tony van Boxmeer Scholarships

The scholarships were established to honour the memory of 2 esteemed past PVI members. The scholarships to the value of US\$1,100 each per year for 2 years were awarded in 2017 to outstanding young students who have completed schooling at Khmer New Generation Organisation's Centre in Battambang, North West Cambodia.

The students will undertake Dental Assistant training with Cambodia World Family in Phnom Pen.

There are good opportunities for fulfilling & sustainable employment on completion of the training.

Good jobs provide obvious benefits to the young scholarship holders and their families as well as providing positive role models for other young people in the community.



Wheel chairs to Cambodia

Being aware of the work by Sihanouk Hospital Center for Hope for many poor families in Phnom Penh, we wanted to assist in an appropriate way. With advice from hospital we purchased 15 wheelchairs locally at the low cost of US\$62 per chair and donated most of these to the hospital. The donation was greatly appreciated and the chairs are now being well used by patients as needed while they are at the hospital.



Our generous supporters

Our direct costs for building projects plus scholarships involved an expenditure of more than \$43,000 in 2017. This is only possible through the generous support of many. We wish to especially thank:

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