



A Motor-Bike

I want to thank Dr. Long, Dr. Lewis, IAGM, and those who gave so we can have what we have needed for some time now - a motorbike. This is the motorbike we chose after prayerfully considering our options. Although we did not have enough money at first, the Lord provided the remaining amount for us, as He has always done. We are so grateful for God's goodness and love shown toward us. We just give glory to God for making a way for us to be able to minister more efficiently.



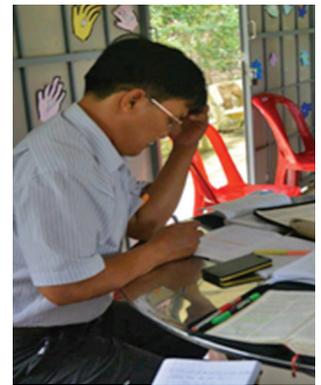
Vietnamese Language Classes

Although I have spent quite a bit of time in Vietnam over the past seven years, I have struggled to pick up the language. Few people understand what I am saying because I am unable to hit the right tones required for each word. I knew I needed to formally learn the language and found a school that would accept me in Saigon. We did not have the funds to proceed, but we just prayed and put a request out on Facebook and as usual, the people of God came through. I would like to take a moment to thank you personally and publically. God really used this time, not only to help me learn how to hear the tones, but learn how special it is to be able to speak a language other than one's own. I was able to study for three entire weeks and I learned so much. My language study continues with the assistance of Lien and my ultimate goal is to be able to speak and preach in Vietnamese fluently.



Mission Teams at The Bible Institute

The main reason we are in Vietnam is to offer Bible training for national pastors and leaders and currently, we have 23 enrolled students. In July and August, we covered the Old Testament - something these pastors and leaders have avoided preaching and teaching for fear of not fully understanding what is being said and their inability to communicate it accurately to others. As we studied, each and every day, the Lord met with us. Several sessions closed with us simply weeping before the Lord because of His goodness. It was by far the greatest week of Bible study and teaching I have ever had the privilege of being involved in.



In September we hosted Dr. Mark Long from First Baptist Church of Marianna, FL. Dr. Mark Long had been my mentor throughout my years at The Baptist College of Florida and what he has taught me concerning how to read and discern Scripture has been invaluable. He came specifically to teach part of the New Testament and he went so deep in New Testament background material that those who were in the class declared, "We have never heard of such things, nor have we ever been taught in such a way." We have seen the results of Dr. Long's teaching and they have been incredible on every scale.

In November, we hosted a team for two weeks allowing us to travel and minister around Central Vietnam as well as Saigon. The team included Joel Johnson, a missionary out of Brazil, Dr. Bill Coleman from Bedrock Church in Roanoke, VA and Dr. Donald Gillette and his wife, missionaries serving in Nicaragua. Dr. Gillette was stationed in this area when he was in the Marines

Donald Gillette as a Marine



Dr. Donald Gillette, Missionary & Preacher



45 years ago and while difficult for him to be back in this area, when he preached the Word in a local church, there was a powerful movement of God, with people flooding the altars during the invitation. When we returned to the Bible Institute for our week of classes, Dr. Bill covered the material on Biblical Preaching which instructed and blessed all in attendance.





In December, the team from The Connection Church, near Atlanta, arrived with Pastor Lance Sumner accompanied by three women from the church. God used everyone in a mighty way. While Pastor Lance was teaching about the life and integrity of the Pastor, the women shared testimonies about how their pastor has impacted their life over the years. In Vietnam it is easy for the pastor to become prideful and out of touch because of their position, so when the pastors and leaders heard these testimonies about Pastor Lance it was humbling. Pastor Lance summed it up like this, "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care." These pastors and leaders are going to love their flocks like Jesus loved them, and they are going to be able to lead them as Jesus has directed them, because they now know and understand God's heart as seen in His Word.

Central Vietnam Outreach

We believe that the Lord is leading us to establish a Bible Institute in the Central Vietnam area now that the one in the South has been established. Central Vietnam is rural, very traditional, and the government is very strict in this area which has caused great concern whether we would ever be able to work here. We believe that the Lord will open the doors for us when He sees fit. Lien and I have been anxious to visit Central Vietnam in order to get better acquainted with how we might get established there, so when an opportunity came up to visit and minister to the extended family of one of our Church members, we jumped on it. On our way to visit the family, I learned some of their background. The mother has been a high official in the Communist party for a long time; the father and two brothers were killed during the war; the mother was arrested by the Americans and held prisoner for several months because of her communist ties; she has not seen an American since the war. As we approached her family home, plotted in the middle of the rice fields, I was really uneasy about how she was going to respond to me being in her house. When I sat down in front of the mother, she just stared at me. I became really uncomfortable as she asked who I was and where I was from. She just looked at me and looked back at her daughter and said, "He does not look American. He looks so gentle and sweet." The daughter replied, "That is because he is Jesus' friend." The mother said, "Can you have him pray for Jesus to heal my knee? It hurts so bad that I have not been able to walk." We were all a bit dumbfounded that she had responded this way but we prayed for her leg and then I led the family in a time of prayer and sharing of testimonies. We could truly feel the Holy Spirit blanket us as we started to share and everyone in the room listened to the testimonies and to the appeal to make Christ Jesus Lord of their lives. As we continued to share, the mother called us into the bedroom to lead her to the Lord because she wanted Jesus to save her. She said, "If He is going to forgive me and take me to Heaven when I die, I want Him to be my Lord." With the whole family watching and listening she prayed to be saved and make Jesus Lord of her life. What a powerful move of the Lord!



VBS in Central Vietnam

We were able to send \$400 to pastors in Central Vietnam to support their vacation Bible school efforts. They had VBS in 4 different locations with the funds and a total of 134 children were able to attend and hear the good news of Jesus Christ - some for the very first time. Many of the children had been ministered to by the same group of Pastors we helped with a love offering last Christmas. In all, 16 children prayed to receive Christ.

Christmas Party at a Local Orphanage

We made contact with a local orphanage and were able to partner with them to provide a Christmas party to about 75 children. Trusting the Lord to provide the means to help these kids, we made a special plea on Facebook and again, our faithful followers came through. With the \$1770 we raised, we were able to provide a great party with gifts and food for this facility. We sang Christmas songs and I shared the true meaning of Christmas through my personal testimony and the love of God that was born on Christmas morning over 2,000 years ago. God really blessed our time. Thank you all for your gifts, prayers and love. We are also planning on a long term relationship with them that will enable us to be a blessing to the kids and the hurting family members that have abandoned them. We trust that God will provide all that we will need to be a reflection of Him to these hurting kids.



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