

SALM67 Ministries

Proclaiming & Displaying The Gospel Throughout Vietnam

Praise Report 2021 Recap

*Yet I will exult in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.
The Lord God is my strength, And He has made my feet like hinds' feet,
And makes me walk on my high places. Habakkuk 3:18-19*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We are so very thankful for you and your love, prayers, and partnership for this gospel ministry to the nation of Vietnam. For most, this pandemic has not only been different but difficult. Many families have lost loved ones, health, careers, opportunities and a normalcy of life that seemingly will never be regained. As you can imagine, these last couple of years have not been ideal for mission work. We have heard about missionaries and mission organizations who have had financial support cut way back or disappear completely over these past couple of years. This translates into having to dramatically curtail their mission activities or even cease all together during this time. This is heart wrenching for we know that mission work is the heart of the Lord.

It is especially during dark and difficult times that people need the hope found only in the gospel; it should be going out with a sense of urgency and zeal and not curtailed due to financial constraints. However, the Lord's work, done the Lord's way can never be stopped and the work of SALM67 Ministries has actually expanded during this time. We have been so blessed with God-appointed financial partners who understand the dire need of getting this gospel to the ends of the earth. You have been so faithful in your giving and generosity and I am telling you the Lord has honored it. The last two years during this pandemic, we have seen over 400 people come to know Jesus Christ as Lord from the work of this ministry. The Lord has used our team of pastors to plant seven new churches throughout the nation. We have seen over 200 new believers go through the waters of Baptism. For most of 2021, the churches were not able to meet in person on a regular basis due to lockdown protocols but God continued to do an amazing work through His Church and with your prayers and donations.



We can't thank you enough for your God-appointed partnership in this work. We are moving forward as a ministry with great fervor as we see a renewed sense of urgency in our pastors and churches to bring the gospel to the lost throughout Vietnam. We are moving forward to be found faithful to all the Lord has entrusted unto us in this generation and toward the things He has called us to. Together we are truly doing it! We love you and

pray God continues to move you forward toward the things of Him while blessing you real good.

Love, Dr. Shaun and Liên Miles

2021 Highlights

Two new churches were planted in Central Vietnam

Two pastors were added to our list receiving on-going monthly support from this ministry.

Over 201 people surrendered their life to Christ

Over 60 new believers were baptized.

Over 1400 families experienced the love of Christ through much needed food relief while hearing the gospel message

At Christmas events across our 39 churches, over 700 food bags were handed out to church members and neighbors with 56 souls won for Christ.



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The extreme state of lockdown in Vietnam wreaked havoc on this nation. Families were forced to abandon good-paying jobs without other means of support. We have not been able to conduct any training this year, pass out scholarships or help the churches with VBS. Despite the lockdowns, our pastors worked extraordinarily hard to meet the people's needs. The Lord has again shown great favor as the local government officials gave them the freedom to move around and help the hurting with the love of Christ.

Handing Out Food Bags Across the Nation



Our main campus has had a steady flow of food bags to hand out in the community every month since this has all began. In September, we were able to help another 60 families with rice and food bags. It has been such a testimony to meet the needs of the hurting with food and the hope of Heaven during these tough days.

So many in the tribal communities of the Central Highlands have endured so much hardship during this season. In September, we were able to help 135 needy families in this region. They not only received a 25lb bag of rice and other food supplies, they heard the Gospel and were prayed over by our pastors. So many have been helped but more importantly, so many heard about the saving power of Jesus Christ, and have given their life to the Lord as a result. In all, during this time of lockdown, we handed out nearly 500 food bags resulting in close to 100 professions of faith. To God be the Glory!



Finally Able to Meet in Person

October 31 was a very special Sunday in many churches across Vietnam as most were finally able to meet in person. One of our churches had been waiting to do baby dedications and over 23 babies were brought that day to be prayed over and dedicated unto the Lord. The future looks bright in Vietnam for Jesus!

Ministering While in Quarantine

Pastor Hai is one of the five pastors making up our SALM67 Ministries In-Country Team. These pastors are responsible for staying in contact with our 77 pastors and leaders throughout the nation, distributing funds, collecting monthly reports from the Ministry-supported pastors, facilitating training services and conducting SALM67 business within the country, such as purchasing motorbikes and property or overseeing the construction of church facilities. Pastor Hai is also Liên's dad and he is a huge part of our work throughout the nation.



Despite being vaccinated, as most of our pastors and leaders are, Pastor Hai contracted COVID-19 at the end of November. He was experiencing moderate symptoms when the government sent officials to escort him away to a quarantine center for 14 days. The quarantine center is described as being a tough and uncomfortable place to be, however Pastor Hai saw it as an opportunity. He brought a bag full of Gospel tracks and handed them out to many while sharing the hope of Jesus. He was truly used by God to pray over those who were really sick while sharing the love and hope found only in the Great Physician. After his 14 days ended, many were sad to see him go and we know that the word of the Lord that he has shared will last forever.



He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."
Acts 1:7-8

Generosity at Christmas - 700 Food Bags Across 39 Churches Lead Over 56 to the Lord!

Thanks to your generous giving at Christmas, we met our goal of giving every one of our 39 churches enough food bags for their members and the needy in their communities. An incredible 700 food bags were handed out along with prayer and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. More than 56 people gave their life to the Lord during these events. In addition, our pastors and leaders received a financial gift for Christmas. What an amazing work of God through the hearts of His faithful servants HALLELUJAH!!



Central Vietnam - We held events in 21 of our churches in the highlands of Central Vietnam distributing 250 food bags and leading 39 people to accept Christ as Lord and Savior. **Pastor My** and **Pastor Lam** worked extremely hard with all the other tribal pastors in their area to ensure that this Christmas ministry would bless as many as possible (pictured above and left).



Mekong Delta - the four churches in this area are the responsibility of **Pastor Quyen** and **Pastor Hieu**. Pastor Quyen is the young man who assumed the duties of pastor when his father passed away and Pastor Hieu is a very humble servant of the Lord who took on the role of mentor to his best friend's son to ensure that the church here would endure. Pastor Quyen handed out over seventy food bags between his main church and the house

churches that he oversees. Pastor Hieu helped with all the outreaches in the Mekong in addition to distributing fifteen food bags to the families in his church (pictured right).



Churches in the South - **Pastor Quan**, also known as the Fisherman Pastor, has watched as the Lord has opened the door for his ministry over the years and stays meek and humble in his approach toward the things of God. He blessed ten of the families in his church with food bags and the love of Christ Jesus. **Pastor An** and his wife (pictured left) are an older couple who have served the Lord faithfully throughout the years and were able to bless 27 families from within their congregation with food bags for Christmas. **Pastor Cang** is one of the most devoted servants we have ever encountered. His heart is to pass along the training he received to those in his area - a dream he began to realize just when the pandemic started and is now temporarily on hold. This Christmas he blessed 25 families in his church with food bags while encouraging them that God has not forgotten about them in the midst of this season of trial. **Pastor Ninh** distributed 15 food bags to families in his

church while praying over them and blessing them in the name of the Lord. **Pastor Hieu** in Tay Ninh saw a huge harvest from his Christmas events - over the two-week span of handing out the food bags, a total of 17 people came to know the Lord through the 50 food bags that he handed out. Our main campus in the south is in Ba To. In addition to the main church, they oversee a house church on the nearby coast. God has truly blessed this church with great leadership and vision. They handed out food bags to 65 families between the two churches (pictured above right). We're very thankful for **Pastor Couc**, **Pastor Hai**,



Pastor Luc, and **Pastor Tinh** for they are the in-country backbone of SALM67 Ministries. They coordinate the work and distribute what is needed to all of our churches - a huge job! Hallelujah!!



Tribal Churches in Kom Tum - **Pastor A Suc** and his team of pastors and leaders minister to seven different congregations in the region of Kon Tum. They have worked so hard in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and working together to be a blessing to the tribal people in this very poor area. What a blessing to be able to hand out 165 food bags to families in need across these seven churches. God has totally and abundantly blessed the work of their hand in so many ways, and we are most thankful for it (pictured left).

Update on The Vision for Da Nang

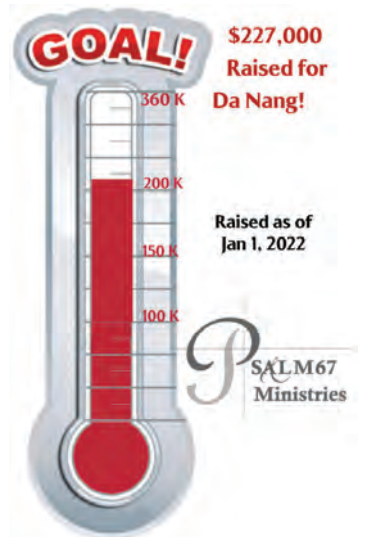
Listen to what the Lord says: "Stand up, plead my case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say. Micah 6:1

The Vision for Da Nang has flourished in spite of a global pandemic. We have experienced a move of God in raising funds to establish the Da Nang church plant and Bible Training Center, having raised over \$227K without having been able to visit churches or implement a capital campaign. Then a true miracle happened. Our home church, The Springs Church, leased their current property to the Church of Eleven 22, and upon signing the deal, they each made a pledge to contribute \$50K toward realizing The Vision for Da Nang - adding \$100k to our total funds raised!



The country is finally coming off lockdown and once the TET holiday has passed, we will send Pastor Hai up to Da Nang. When he was there in the fall of 2020, he located a few options in terms of land suitable for the construction of the facility that would accommodate the church, Bible College and living space we require. He will revisit those and if no longer available or out of range financially, he will seek out new options enabling this project to finally get off the ground.

Amazing to see how our Lord has worked -- from the time He gave us this vision in early 2019 to how this project has been funded during these trying times -- we know our God is faithful to provision all of His plans and we will remain His faithful servants in carrying them out - Hallelujah!



Miles Family Update - The Miles family has been "strategically stranded" in the states since they returned for Christmas in December 2019. They anticipated returning to Vietnam in March 2020 and then the world shut down due to Covid-19 and Vietnam has been closed to foreigners every since. Dr. Shaun has been directing the activities of SALM67 Ministries and staying in touch with the National Team via the internet. Dr. Shaun has also been shepherding the congregation of the 17 Campus of The Springs Church until the two campuses are able to be housed in their new space, sometime in mid-2022. This work has provided invaluable experience that Dr. Shaun will put to good use when the The Springs Church Da Nang is established.

In May of 2021, the family moved to Jacksonville to be closer to their home church and the administrative base of this ministry. Shaun Fisher started Kindergarten in September. Liên is busy helping Dr. Shaun with ministry as needed while managing the household with two active boys - Shaun Fisher, 5 and Daniel Hai, 2. Everyone is healthy and the boys are thriving - and we thank God for all His blessings.



Please continue to pray for all the pastors and leaders in Vietnam - for their health and the health of their families; for their ministries; and for their communities. Please know that they lift you all up in their prayers as we do in ours.