

# The Degenhardt Foundation

Issue 1

Improving life for children and families worldwide

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## Message from Dawn

Welcome to our first newsletter.

The DF is only 18 months old – and a busy time we have had. Our first goal was to continue as many of the projects Joy and I had developed over the years. As I check over the list I am amazed how many of the projects have been completed or are on-going. And how many new projects have begun or are in the planning phase.

The **completed projects** are:

- The Emily Project (Mobility Training for the Blind) in Ben Tre Province (1100 people) and in Danang Province (1400 people). All sight impaired people were offered training and received their white cane. This was a huge undertaking.
- Renovation, redecoration and furnishing of the baby center at the Thu Duc Youth Village in Ho Chi Minh City. We also provided an overnight field trip and other day trips for the children's summer fun.
- In Danang the development of a computer center at the Street Children's Center – painting and decorating, providing tables, chairs and 12 computers with peripherals along with the software and training. A second computer center was developed at the Center for the Blind with training.
- A third computer center was developed in Hoi An at the Degenhardt Library.
- In Nha Trang disaster relief was provided and the renovation of the orphanage – it looks new again with new cribs – also the play ground equipment was painted.
- In Danang, Quang Nam, Ho Chi Minh City, Ben Tre, and Nha Trang Tet Holiday parties and gifts of red envelopes with

money in them were distributed to the children and the staff. This was the first year we distributed the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes to the blind centers – specially prepared boxes for the blind prepared in Australia.

- Distribution of the 500 Sunflower Duffle Bags filled with necessities to youth aging out of Orphanages and Street Children's Centers.



Dawn and Joy on Ha Long Bay

The **on-going projects** are:

- In Hoi An - The Library and Computer Program, the Summer Camp and the Boat Project on Cam Kim Island.
- In Ben Tre - the School Sponsorship Program, decorating and renovating the orphanage and the bicycle project.
- In Nha Trang - providing a monthly amount to improve nutrition and provide medical care, sponsorship programs, and bicycle projects.
- In Cam Ranh – sponsorship programs.

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Sunflower duffle bags provided by Brittany's Hope

## Message from Joy

Dear Families and Friends,

First I want to thank you all for continuing your support with the Degenhardt Foundation which enables me to do what I like to do best – humanitarian aid. Your trust and belief in our continuing projects and your interest, encouragement and support for future projects is what keeps us all going.

My life is very full these days. Being the Vietnam Director and developing the DF has been a challenge and extremely rewarding. Although my primary focus in the past has been the adoption program, I have made the humanitarian aid projects my personal focus as well. As I try to balance the adoption programs, the aid projects and being a single mother of three girls – I have discovered a new meaning to the word “balance.”

Completing or maintaining the old projects, recognizing the need and developing the new projects, and dreaming of future projects has been a full time job. But, my rewards are great when an elderly blind person ‘gets it’ and her face lights up when she realizes she can get around by herself with her new white cane; when a young student ‘gets it’ and is able to speak English and learn how to use the computer; when a destitute poor family receives cows and chickens through the family to family program and a year later they are quite prosperous and are sharing with their neighbors; donating over 100 school scholarships and bicycles to outstanding students who have a disadvantage; when adoptive families return with their children to visit their orphanage/birth family and we all share tears and emotions – knowing and seeing how this has changed so many lives for the better; being granted the first medical visa for a very special boy named Hieu who had severe club feet literally being backwards and bringing him to the U.S. for much needed corrective surgery when at times we thought it

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## Success

by Don Funk

How does one measure success?

In America we are constantly trying to measure how we perform, analyze the issues, and try to improve on our results. We are a driven society here, sometimes giving up what is important to us, just to measure and achieve success. It is only natural that we would want to measure the success of our recent trip to Viet Nam.

In June, five of us travelled to Da Nang to set up three computer centers with over 30 computers; teach computer aided drafting to 5 instructors; paint a fence at the vocational school in Hoi An; paint the walls, windows, and doors at the Family House 1-5 in Da Nang; and teach English to many children at night after many hours of work. In all, we worked for 9 days in the different places, sometimes breaking up into two groups in the hopes of getting all the tasks we wanted to get done, completed.



Star Pupil

Our first day we all spent some time setting up the computer center at both the Center for the Blind, and the Da Nang Vocation school. We were able to purchase computers, desks and peripherals such as routers, keyboards and head phones for the children. Later we went to the graduation ceremony for the blind for those that had mastered using the cane. We were also entertained by a concert with many traditional instruments.

After finishing up at the computer centers, I met Mr. Phong everyday of the first week at the Center for the

Blind and taught PTC Computer Aided Drafting to several of the instructors from the Da Nang vocational school and

the Center for the Blind. Since the instructors did not know English, and I didn't know Vietnamese, he was invaluable in helping translate the instruction of the technical software. In the 5 days, all the students became very proficient in the software so that they could in turn teach their students.

At the same time, Deanna, Linda and Robyn worked at the Family House 1-5. They painted, and painted and painted and not once did I hear any complaints from them! They loved it as they really got to bond with the children. The

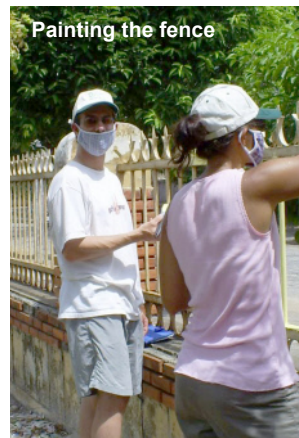
children were even graciously helping them paint. There were even children that didn't live at the center that stopped in to see their friends and helped paint. They soon knew many of the kids by name. The three of them learned Vietnamese, the kids learned English.

At night, we would all meet up and hold formal English classes at the Family House. It was such a physical teaching time ... Linda hopping across the room to show them what 'hopping' meant ... Deanna bribing them with candy to make sure they asked for items politely ... Robyn being the backup for both of them and helping to keep the kids in control ... Terry



Don at the back of the class

We intermixed the days setting up the computer center, and painting the fence around the compound in Hoi An. At night we split up, some of us teaching English at the Family House



Painting the fence

and I sitting in the back of the class with the boys making sure mischief was always at hand!

During the second week, we worked out of both Hoi An and Da Nang.

in Da Nang, while others of us participating in the social events with local children in the vocational school in Hoi An. During the day, we would also take short jaunts into the old district in Hoi An and shop or visit the market place.

With all the work we did in the two weeks, we also found time to be tourists. We all feel very comfortable traveling in Vietnam, so running around after 7 p.m. was no problem.

Several times we hiked Marble Mountain after it closed and explored the caves. We received rides home on motor scooters from shop owners we bought souvenirs from. We travelled though the dark alleys in Da Nang and visited local markets. Many times we hiked back from the Coffee eatery by Furama Resort all the way back to our hotel at My Khe on the beach in the dark which I estimate to be about 1.5 miles. We traveled to Hue on the weekend and also to the My Son ruins.

But it all comes back to how we can measure our time in Vietnam.

How effective were we? We had definitely accomplished everything we came over to do and more. We had raised almost \$12,000 for the computers and peripherals. We had done several full days of painting. We had taught CAD to instructors that could in turn teach their students. We had immersed ourselves in their culture. But none of this really tells us how well we did ... they are only numbers, tasks and events.

I think the only way we can measure our success is how well we felt while there and afterwards. We really had fun with the kids, I mean really had fun. The



The team

last day really tells more of how we did. That day we didn't do anything at all but just sit with the children and play and talk. The children served us lunch, and then afterwards the staff even asked if we wanted to use some of their bunks to take an afternoon rest. That night we sat with the kids and watched the corniest TV show ever, and enjoyed it. We felt truly accepted within the home. In the end, there was only one way we could measure our success. Success could only be measured through the heart and soul and if that is the case we truly succeeded.

## Vietnam Impressions

by Ian Temple Roberts

Motherland Tour: July 13/14  
Saigon/HCMC to Hanoi July 28/29  
2007.

Twenty six of us including Dawn and Joy: 12 adults, 14 kids, from Joy's baby Bella 2 1/2, through 5,7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14 up to Emily and Kristy, 17.

We carried 2 rocking chairs in boxes, 1 trumpet, 2 saxophones, 1 flute, 5 clarinets, 1 keyboard & stand, 5 guitars bubble & shrink wrapped, 1 half violin, 1 half viola, 1 1/4 violin, 1 1/8 violin ... the four strings we took on board, the rest was freighted just within our limits ... Dawn and Joy and guide Cuong brought bags of candy, pencils, paper, food & other gifts wherever we went.

We received miles of smiles. Vietnamese are more easily, genuinely smiling than any others I ever met. We circled the Pacific into Saigon/HCMC and then: visited orphanages, met good people, saw great sights, jumped into happy experiences. We opened help for abandoned newborns, listened to the Band for the Blind play for us, did soccer games and took laughing photos, watched computer and English classes play guitar, ate prodigious lunchtime spreads with great numbers of kids and caring orphanage and city

officials. We celebrated gifts of a new cow & calf, new bikes, and hopes with a farming family among rice fields up along route 1 ... have more images than we can count.

We survived deep south downpours at Tay Ninh and Ben Tre in the Meong Delta; swam in the China Sea at Nha Trang, bought marble at Marble Mountain (surprise), flying in via Cam Ranh Bay; bought silk in Hoi An old town market, flying in via Danang; ate twice by China Beach in brand new restaurants very attentively serving all manner of sea food, holding up a 4-foot lobster.

Vietnam Airlines have trained smartly uniformed staff, fly crisply clean new Airbus & at least one Boeing 777; Hanoi airport is a fine modern building (once a Russian base!), operating tempting concessions, local rice fields up to the perimeter fence being overtaken now by high rise apartments, offices, overpasses, 8 lane

highways, huge billboards for Pentax, NEC.

This is the latest Asian dragon for sure ... everyone is moving, working, looking to sell ... and still there are armies of scooters, mopeds ... traffic signals in town are a recent invention and not always obeyed ... riders are still chatting between bikes, watching everyone else's intentions and weaving is the name of the survival game on the street ... it is true: pedestrians step off & keep moving forward towards a visible end point the other side ... bikers wriggle around you, seeming very civilized, even smiling at you; better than road rage in glass & metal prison cells ... cars are small, speeds are low, mostly under 20 mph, gas is guzzled only by



Ian with his helpers

so many moped scooters and a few lumbering Toyota & Ford SUVs (can't move fast, certainly not in old Hanoi).

From our Hanoi downtown 'superior backpackers' hotel inside the old quarter, ripe for plucking bargains at every step, we rode out in another

comfortable new bus driven by another helpful man, and under the eye of Cuong our guide and former VC, easily commenting now on current affairs and who knows all you need to know and sets up any activity you might think of and some you might not ... e.g. we all enjoyed the advertised 'foot massage' ... add body, same price!

East, past coal mines and power stations, lies World Heritage Ha Long Bay ... overnight time on green waters below craggy karst cliffs and bunchy green shrubs ... 4 star cabins & food, 3 decks.

At least 4 star grilled shrimp ... tiny kids paddling tiny woven, tarred boats came out of first morning light. These scamps, Cuong's friends, paddled us, local color to other tourists ... magical exchanges in sign and fractured English ... their floating village kids with our kids ...

I love trains; we caught the overnight Victoria Express, elegant berths and dining, north as far as it goes. Still with Cuong, we climbed to

3,000 feet, into mists and high rice terraces, to Sapa; walked very muddy trails between villages, hand held by H'Mong villagers with a sale of their needle and silver work to come ... alpine scenery, wood and thatch homes, fast running creeks, small suspension bridges, stone fences, yellow painted schools, for 50 or 100



Sosan in the chair she donated.

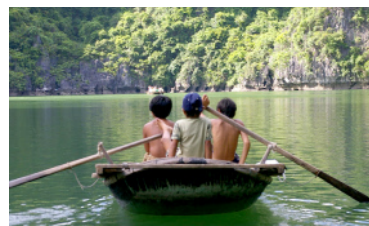
kids Baby pigs, ducks all in a row, cows, buffalo, everywhere these clever rice terraces so artistic, so lovely, so practical. The next day walking the Red Dao (say 'Zao') village before descending to the train and a quick look at China in the rain across the Red River.

One last and momentous reunion for Katie in Hoa Binh mountains 2 hours west of Hanoi. We all watched, holding our breaths, as her birth mother, her birth sister and father and

an aunt came together. It became more than I could photograph. Quiet tears all round. Yet joyful tears, relief to hear why tears, happy to walk together tears. Katie and sister giving gifts to others ... this is the heart of Dawn and Joy Degenhardt and their Foundation.

Piles of 1200 printed photos surround me. Joy's Hanoi shop did a first class job which I hauled on an ever lengthening arm, in and out of airplane cabins. At least I now have a basis for sorting and presenting the same on the web pages we and Dawn have. Our heads and hearts are daily filled with images and stories.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts: you really knew how to put this tour together, all of you, guides, drivers, restaurant and hotel staff too! Life cannot remain the same - be seeing you!



Kevin and friends

### ***In the Press***

The new Degenhardt Foundation was featured in the November 2006 issue of Bangor Metro. Titled "The Colors of LOVE," this extensive interview with Dawn was accompanied by many color photos of her family and special occasions with Joy in Vietnam.

The 2006 USAID Annual Report of "Volunteers for Prosperity" spotlighted the opening of the Degenhardt Library in Hoi An (the first free library in that city) with DF volunteers Karen Chun and Susan Smith on site.

Traditional boat building on Cam Kim Island (across the waters from Hoi An) was another DF project highlighted. An article entitled "Vietnam boat project serves multiple goals" appeared in the Jan./Feb. 2007 issue of Wooden Boat, explaining how underprivileged youth receive training in ancient skills while the finished product is given to local fisherfolk in need.

Several articles have also appeared during 2006 and 2007 in Vietnamese newspapers focusing on various DF projects, usually accompanied by a photo of Joy.

### ***Support us on the Internet***

**Shop online:** Visit [www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com), sign up and name The Degenhardt Foundation as your charity of choice. Every time you shop through their online mall, a percentage of your purchase goes into our account. Choose from more than 680 stores including Best Buy, Target, GAP, Home Depot, Land's End, EBay, Edwin Watts Golf, FTD, Expedia, Petco, Starbucks.

For more information, visit [iGive.com](http://iGive.com) or our site for a direct link.

**Search Engine:** Yahoo powered [GoodSearch.com](http://GoodSearch.com) will donate a few cents every time you search the web using their service and name the DF as your charity. Couldn't be easier!

## **My Amazing Summer Vacation** that had known him since he was a baby really made me want to go to South Korea to meet my family and see my orphanage.

by Kristy Politte

The Vietnam trip really opened up my eyes to a whole different world. I had heard about Vietnam before and had seen pictures but I could not believe that I was actually there. It was really cool to see other families from all over the United States that have adopted children, all from Vietnam.

As we traveled from place to place, it was interesting to see the look on my little brother's face. It was also interesting to see so many people that look like my brother and me. We are used to being in an environment where we are the minority, and here, we are the majority and our parents are the minority.

One of the most fascinating things that we did was a visit to my little brother's orphanage in Tay Ninh. We first saw the old site of the orphanage, and then the newly relocated site. At the old site, we got to see the room that Kevin (my little brother) was in when my mom went over to get him. It was very emotional. It was even more

emotional when we went to the new site because we got to meet the woman who is in charge of the orphanage and who took care of Kevin. It was fun to see all of the other kids at the orphanage and to see orphanage life, but it made me feel a little sad that we couldn't take them all back to the United States with us. We met this older girl that was at the orphanage when my little brother was a baby. She used to watch over him. It was sad because she was still there and Kevin had been adopted. Being at the orphanage and seeing my little brother meet people



meeting the people that lived on the bay and seeing their way of life. I still can't believe that they live in floating houses on the water. I liked being taken around the bay in my own boat that was rowed by children around my own age. They were very friendly and they had wonderful personalities. I really had fun jumping off of the junk and going swimming in the bay. I think that was definitely a highlight of my trip.

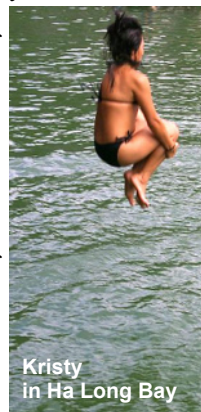
The shopping in Vietnam is amazing! Going to the big market in Ho Chi Minh City was extremely cool. I had a lot of fun bargaining for the things that I wanted. I found it

amazing how the items that were for sale that are fake designer look so real. I also found it amazing to see the food that was for sale. I saw intestines, hearts, brains, and all of the other body parts you can think of. It grossed me out a little bit, but all in all it was pretty cool to see.



Kevin with his orphanage friend and his mom Kathy

I really enjoyed being able to see and do everything that we did. I can't believe the amount of stuff that we were able to do in only two weeks. I feel like I got to see everything that I could have seen and then some. The food that we ate was always delicious and very extravagant. We had eight course lunches pretty much every day. I don't think I have ever eaten that much food in that amount of time. My favorite food of all was the pho. I eat it all the time at home; in fact I've



Kristy in Ha Long Bay

eaten it pretty much every day since I've been home. The pho in Vietnam was exceptionally good. It seemed to have a much lighter taste than the pho here in the states. I had a lot of fun on the trip and I would love to do it again.

After seeing everything that goes on in Vietnam, and after seeing some of the

poverty, it really makes me want to help out in another way. It made me feel good just to spend time with the children in the orphanages and to make them laugh. After being in Vietnam, I can see how truly blessed I am to have been adopted and to have the life that I have now.

### **The DF is on SmugMug**

We will soon be ready to invite you to share photos and help us raise money through the online sale of photos and merchandise.

There isn't much there yet, but visit our SmugMug page periodically for updates. And spread the word!

[www.tdf.smugmug.com](http://www.tdf.smugmug.com)

## Announcing Samaritan's Purse Tet Holiday Shoe Box Tour January 11 - 25, 2008

Please join us on the first mission trip of the year - everyone's favorite trip - distributing the Samaritans's Purse

Christmas Shoe Boxes, Red Envelopes with money in them and other gifts to children and youth living in orphanages, children's centers and homes for handicapped children. We are planning once again to distribute the special shoe boxes for the blind provided by Australia. Information and itinerary will be available on our

web site. Also, feel free to email [dawn@degenhardtoundation.org](mailto:dawn@degenhardtoundation.org) or call 207-532-4107 (office) or 207-532-9800 (home).

Following is a report from Peggy and David Soule who joined us on the 2007 Shoe Box Mission Trip.

### ***Our journey into the lives of children in the orphanages and handicapped centers***

by Dave and Peggy Soule

Beautiful children, loving families, caring staff, wonderful people – all were part of the January 2007 Mission Trip for the Degenhardt Foundation.

We were touched by the incredible work being done throughout the country by people who truly cared about the children with disabilities.

As part of our trip we had the privilege of working with Samaritan's Purse and distributing the shoe boxes, prepared by church groups in Australia, filled with unique gifts for the children. For the first time boxes were packed specifically for the blind and hearing impaired. It is impossible to describe the joy and pleasure the children received when a stuffed animal was cuddled to their face or they discovered how to play the various flutes or harmonicas in their special boxes. One reward was watching the families of some of the children



Peggy with students

take delight in seeing their children receive such special attention.

It was also our pleasure to give the Sunflower duffel bags provided by Brittany's Hope (filled with some clothes and personal items) to the youths leaving the orphanages because they were too old

to remain. The young adults were happy to have something to call their own as they went out into the world. A small gift but filled with love and good wishes.

It was difficult to see many of the children with shunted hydrocephalus, knowing they could be treated in the US.

They were loved and cared for but we knew their lives could have been normal had they been shunted soon after birth.



Excited children



Dawn with mothers and children

We were overwhelmed with the beauty of Vietnam, the friendliness of the people, the streets teeming with motorbikes and bicycles, and the best seafood we have ever eaten. Our small group of volunteers was a great group led by Dawn and her daughter Joy and Joy's two-year-old daughter Belle. Belle was good at giving out sweets to the children at the orphanages as long as she got a few pieces for herself at the end.



Dave and Peggy on Ha Long Bay

We enjoyed Ha Long Bay and only wished we had more time to take in the beauty of the country. Wherever we were we learned from everyone around us. We swam in the China Sea, bought unique clothes, found bargains galore and made new friends with both Americans and Vietnamese.



The mission team

**Message from Dawn, continued**

• Dr. Steve Henley, who developed our dental program, recently donated 8 portable dental chairs with 8 portable lights. In August and September, more than 40 dentists from England, Wales, and South America came in groups of 4 to 12 and worked for two weeks in Ben Tre, Ho Chi Minh City, Danang and Hoi An.

The **new projects** which have received funding are:



New sonogram

• The purchase of a new sonogram machine (the old one after ten years gave out), building of a room in the new section to house abandoned and handicapped babies and providing counseling and medical care for indigent women.

• The development of a new Play Space at the Thu Duc Youth Village in Ho Chi Minh City.

• The Chopstick Project at the Center for the Blind and the Band for the Blind in Ben Tre.

• The first child (from Soc Tranh) with a serious medical problem has received his medical visa and is now in Pa. for repair of his double club feet.

• Continuous support and proposed projects are planned for Bac Ninh, Ha Tinh, Ha Long, and Sa Pa, all in the north. A proposed project for bringing in a team of heart specialists to teach new surgery methods for the Danang Area is also in the planning phase.

There have been several planned tours each year – this year began with the Shoe Box Distribution for Tet (our fifth year with this project). For the first time with our partner foundation, Brittany’s Hope, a college work tour



Elizabethtown College Students

was developed. 25 students and 5 staff from Elizabethtown College spent two weeks touring and working. They received college credit. They provided aid and assistance in Saigon, Ben Tre, Nha Trang, Danang and Hoi An. Most plan to return to help the children in the future.

The third Motherland tour this July was another amazing adventure. Several families have traveled on their own or with friends with plans being made by our Ho Chi Minh City staff. I would encourage all who are reading this to join us for one of these tours – read about them in these pages and on our website.

We could have done nothing without the aid of our wonderful dedicated volunteer office and technical staff – Marilyn Roper, Robyn Smith, Wanda Powers, Cindy Boody, Lou Abbotoni and Ed Degenhardt.

Of course, we could not have accomplished any projects or provided aid without our partners, – Brittany’s Hope Foundation, Rivers of Hope, Ananda Foundation, The Anna and James Sie Foundation, Ronald McDonald House Charities, The



Elizabethtown student provides care

Miller Trust, Kenduskeag Foundation, Homes of Love, and our many faithful sponsors, donors and

volunteers. We can’t begin to thank you all enough.

Please visit our web site as there are so many other interesting projects and plans being presented – like adoption family camp out, shop on line, photo gallery, etc.

Peace and blessings, **Dawn**

**Message from Joy, continued**

would not happen; arranging and traveling with 25 college students and their professors and seeing their excitement and commitment to the children they were helping – watching their reactions and hearing them express how it has changed their lives; seeing over 5,000 thousand children benefit from the mobile dental program – being the first time for most of them to see a dentist and understand dental hygiene; hearing what a difference the new sonogram machine is making for the thousands of women at the Hai Chau Hospital; hearing that the 5-year old we placed for adoption many years ago has a full scholarship to a prestigious college; putting in new playgrounds at the orphanages that are safe for the children and seeing the excitement they have every day after school to just have a chance to run and play; are just a few examples of the activities of just the past few months. That is what keeps me working those long days and sometimes half the nights. Just when I think that it is too difficult and I need a normal job – something wonderful happens and I know I must continue doing what I do.

Now I have a dream that I would like to fulfill during my time in Vietnam: to build a brand new orphanage and support it completely from the village I came from which is in Cam Ranh Bay, just 40 minutes south of Nha Trang. My hope and prayer is that you will continue to support us in the future as you have in the past, that you will join us on a mission trip, volunteer to come and work or rock/feed babies in one of the centers, or join us on the next Motherland Tour. But, lastly to help me to fulfill my “dream.”

Hope to see you soon. **Joy**

**HELP!  
THREE NEW PROJECTS**

Although we are very involved with many projects and eager to complete them, there are always new requests from our Centers that are urgent or are projects that we would like to develop. In the past few months several have been developed and completed. Here are three new ones. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

1. A solar hot water heating system is needed for the Ben Tre Orphanage. There are many older children and two large baby rooms. One with twenty babies already there and the other which was just completed. The staff training is in process so that abandoned babies can be brought in also with a capacity of 20. Imagine caring for over 80 children with no hot water! We have provided solar heating systems for several Centers in the past – the cost is approximately \$2,500. Is there an angel who might sponsor the whole project or are there 25 angels who would donate \$100 each? Any donation designated will be put in a special fund until there is enough to complete the project.

2. At Mam Non II orphanage in Ho Chi Minh City there are special rooms

for handicapped children. Most adoptive families are not taken into these rooms as it is a very sad place. There are babies and young children with hydrocephalus, blind and deaf, cerebral palsy, Agent Orange and other birth defects. These are children who are not usually going to be adopted – although we did place a blind baby from this center that is doing very well. The director is requesting that we provide special adaptive equipment and staff training in the use of this equipment to help the children with occupational and physical therapy. Brittany’s Hope sponsored a similar project this summer when the Elizabethtown College students went to Go Vap Orphanage and presented a similar program. In a very short time with very simple equipment they could see how quickly the staff was trained and the children progressed. The first year we are requesting \$10,000. Perhaps your group could do a fund raiser? Once the essentials are there and the staff is trained the plan is to encourage trained volunteers to go over and work in the Center for one or two weeks at a time. The occupational and physical Therapy students that were there this summer plan to go back and we know

there are many OT, PT and others who are interested in volunteering. Our plan is to work with a college program – like the dental program – where the students could do a rotation at one of the Centers and receive college credit.

3. A music teacher and materials are greatly needed for the new Ben Tre “Band for the Blind.” Now that we have over 20 instruments delivered to the Center and at least 15 more to be sent or delivered (I have six in my car and am picking up three more today) along with music, oils, strings, corks, etc. we are in need of a band/music instructor to begin this project. The students are teaching themselves but they really need a band director to develop to their potential. We also need the funds for additional music, supplies, travel expenses, etc. Our goal is \$7,000 for the first year.



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**Opportunities To Make It Happen**      **The Degenhardt Foundation**

**Please mark the program(s) you wish to support.**

- \$8/month Ben Tre School Scholarship
- \$20/month General Scholarship
- \$60 Bicycle with lock
- \$250-\$500 Family to Family
- \$300/year High School Scholarship
- \$700/year College Scholarship

- Area of Greatest Need
- Nutrition/Milk Projects
- Tet Holiday Gifts
- Danang Hospital Projects
- Teacher for Blind Band
- Ben Tre Water Project

**Orphanage Support**

- Thu Duc Youth Village
- Mam Non 2 Handicapped Project
- Nha Trang Orphanage
- New in North: Bac Ninh Ha Tinh


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