

Betula Asian Aid Foundation

Newsletter September 2022

Dear Friends of Betula,

Hope you are doing well. September is the month things go back to normal after the summer holidays. Our main focus over the past few months was to collect all children needing our support to make it back into school. On this and other cases we supported over the past few months you can read below.



Milk for Nalim

We have seen this in previous cases, a baby with a severe cleft lip but too young or weak to get an operation. This goes for Nalim too. The just 3 months old baby girl needs the operation but doctors find her too weak. We support Nalim with milk for the next couple of months to get stronger. When she is strong enough we will accompany her to the hospital in Da Nang for her operation.



School support

The new school year has started. Especially after 2 difficult years dominated by covid, families often find themselves making the difficult decision if they can send their child to school. For many years we support children going to school. In Gia Lai about 10 children got schoolbooks and uniforms and initial school fees have been paid. In Quang Nam we supported 20 children infected with or affected by HIV to be able to go to school. In Da Lat several kids from 3 very poor families received our help. In Hue where we started our school support program we currently help around 60 children to stay in or go back to school.

A total of almost 100 children throughout Vietnam can go to school because of your support. The support amounts to about 75 to 100 dollar per child.

Thank you!



Please meet with Hung

Hung was born and raised in a poor family with 2 brothers. Hung is the oldest son. He is a deaf. Because of your support Hung is a half-boarding student at our partner in Hue the Tam Binh centre. Hung has been studying here since January 2020. Hung loves to study. Coming to Tam Binh he learned self-care skills. Currently, Hung can take care of himself very well. In school Hung has been learning Vietnamese and math mainly. He also learned sign language so he can communicate with people at the centre. Every day at school is a happy day for Hung.



Thanks accident

Thanh is 31 years old. He and his wife both live with a light mental disability. The young couple just had their first baby boy. The family is very poor. On his way to work on his special 3 wheel motorbike he was involved in a serious accident. Thanks condition is very bad. Amongst others his neck and leg are broken. Thanh has a health insurance but they don't cover all expenses for treatments that need to be done urgently in order to keep him alive. In this case we didn't doubt for a moment and supported him, so the necessary emergency operations could take place. We hope Thanh will recover soon.



Training in Da Nang

Our project partner in Da Nang VNHIP organized with our support a training for over 15 children living with or being affected by HIV. These children live with a very different emotional life. The training helped the children how to deal with anger and frustration, anxieties and depression. All issues many children living with HIV cope with on a daily basis. The children had a great time and learned a lot.



A small book for books

2023 is approaching quickly. It will be 20 years ago that I started my “humanitarian activities” in Vietnam. On this occasion I wrote a small book in which I explain among others how I ended up in Vietnam, how it all started and how Betula works. For now it will just be available in Dutch. The book will be sold through the website of Betula. The revenues of the book sale will be used to buy (school)books for disadvantaged children. A book for books!



In short

- **Thuan a 15 year old boy** from a poor farmer family needed an urgent appendix operation. The family lacked the money. We were happy to support
- **In Bangkok we helped a poor taxi drivers family.** The poor grandfather got sick and couldn't walk. He had neither a decent bed to lay in nor could he move around without a wheelchair. We helped providing both for him.
- **Home renovation.** Thao is a 36 year old widow. Her husband died several years ago. She lives in a very small home with her 2 sons. The house was breaking apart and needed urgent renovation. We helped to make it happen.



I wish you all good health and stay safe!

Kees

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