

Betula Asian Aid Foundation

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Dear friend of Betula,

I hope you and yours are safe and sound. I think we can say without a doubt that 2020 has been a very difficult year for all of us. For Betula it was a challenging year, as the need for support due to Covid19 and the unprecedented floods in Central Vietnam was bigger than ever before. The travel restrictions and lockdowns though made it very hard for us to do our work. We trust that 2021 will bring us better times.

Please read below about some of our activities during the last months of 2020.



Tropical storms wrack havoc throughout Central Vietnam

Hue

Because of the severe tropical storms that hit, Hue families lost their homes, livestock and crops. Unprecedented rainfall caused floods and landslides damaging homes, destroying furniture and appliances. Many roofs were damaged by strong wind gusts. Several days in a row people had to stay at neighboring houses and schools.



The food people received had to be rationed as no one knew when the next storm would hit. With the help of our local network, we were able to bring food packages to dozens of families in need and helped several families put back roofs over their heads.

Quang Nam

In Quang Nam in cooperation with our local partner VNHIP and the Quang Nam Center for Disease Control we supported dozens of households directly by providing food such as rice, cooking oil, eggs, canned fish, noodles and milk. Most of the household we helped have children living with HIV or affected by HIV. We hope it helped them overcome the difficulties of the moment



Quang Tri

One of the hardest hit provinces was Quang Tri, a very poor province to the north of Hue. The province is known for the “Demilitarized Zone”, separating North and South Vietnam during the war with America. To support the people of Quang Tri BAAF contacted the country director of Medipeace, a friend who used to work for VNHIP. Medipeace also focuses on healthcare related support especially where people living with disabilities are concerned. Together we made a plan to provide relief packages for 250 families that have at least one family member living with a disability



Roots in Bac Giang

We are still active in Bac Giang where we started in 2004. Loan who I met in a center for disabled children in 2004 is disabled and living with her mother in the countryside. We helped her in the past to build her own shop so she could be independent. We still provide Loan with the medicine she needs to stay strong and healthy. Another family living in Bac Giang’s rural area, who we supported in the past with eye surgery and house renovation, requested our help. A family member needed a bone transplant operation. A motorbike had been sold, money had been borrowed but it was not enough. Thanks to a generous donation, that we received especially for this cause, we were able to help. The operation went well and we wish for a speedy recovery



A new initiative

We connected with a group of young people living in Ho Chi Minh City. They wish to provide food for people living in the streets. As this is also a longtime dream of BAAF, we found a way to cooperate. Once or twice a week the group cooks food during the day, that they deliver later that day to those in need.

We support to buy food for about 100 people and provided a fridge to keep the food safe and fresh. The activity will not only be limited to people living in the streets, but food will also be delivered to children living in orphanages. We are very happy with this initiative and thankful for the kindness of our new partners





Bo De Nhi kindergarten

One of our partners in Da Lat, the pagoda Nguyen Khong, has built and is managing a new school for orphan and disadvantage children. We donated 3 boilers to provide hot water for the children.



In short

Wheelchair for uncle Lam in Gia Lai

After he had a stroke last year, getting around for uncle Lam has been a problem. He had no money to buy a wheelchair. We were happy to provide one for him.

Our girls from Da Nang

We are happy to announce that we can support our 2 girls from Da Nang for another year providing the medicine they need to be able to live a normal life despite their heart conditions.



Wish cards

Children living with disabilities such as Hanh from the Tam Binh centre in Hue have made Christmas cards to say thank you for your support and wishing all of you a

Merry Christmas and a very happy 2021!



My thoughts are with those who suffer from Covid 19 because they are sick or affected in any other way. I wish you all good health and stay safe!

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