

Betula Asian Aid Foundation

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Dear friends of Betula,

Hope you are doing well. As things are gradually going back to (a new) normal in South East Asia I am happy to share that I am writing this letter from Vietnam. After not being able to travel here for more than 2 years it's good to be back.

A big thank you to our volunteers in Vietnam who have kept our programs and activities running under difficult circumstances. To our partners a thank you for keeping the cooperation going and look forward to an even more fruitful cooperation in the future.



Desks Quang Tri

In cooperation with our partner Medipeace in Quang Tri in central Vietnam, we helped 5 disabled children to get special, adjustable tables and chairs to help improve their studying. The before and after pictures show what a difference this makes for these children. Thankful for a special donation that we received to make this possible.



Clean water Lai Chau

2021 brought us a new project partner. Aid et Action based in Hanoi. Our objectives to help disadvantaged children and in what way, matched perfectly. We were happy to start with some projects in Lau Chai a mountainous province in northern Vietnam. In the past we stressed the importance of clean water and washing facilities for the health of children. With Aid et Action we helped to build handwashing facilities at primary and preschools with over 2000 pupils in 2 communes, which are mainly of Mong and Dao minority. The kids where very happy with the beautiful facilities.



Lunar New Years activities in Lai Chau

Lunar New Year is a special event in Vietnam. To make this one of the happiest times for all, we supported local new years activities for minority children in Lai Chau. In the pictures you see the children making “banh trung”, banana leafs filled with sticky rice and beans or meat. A traditional new year dish.

Happy new year of the Tiger!



Micro credits in Hue

Proud to mention that our micro credits program in Hue is going very well. After the first 5 beneficiaries paid back their loans we found 5 other disabled women in need of support. With our help they are able to continue or expand their small shop activities in order to provide a better income for their families.



Baby H Yeu

We had the 2 year old baby H Yeu checked last year. A tumor on her face kept growing. An operation was possible and necessary. The operation needed to be done in Hanoi. Due to covid restrictions and lockdowns, travelling was not possible until last month. We are happy to inform that the operation went well. We spare you the details of this complicated operation but guarantee the doctor did an amazing job. We keep following baby H Yeu and wish her a quick recovery.



Mushrooms from Gia Lai

We like to share how well our mushroom project in Gia Lai is doing. As the project is growing we supported the lease of 2 drying machines. With this

machine the capacity of production can increase substantially. Moreover we helped to buy a chariot cart to make the transportation of the rice straw easier. With all this the families participating in the project grew from 7 to 12. Now we are setting up a training for additional families that may help increase the number of participants to a total of 20 families. This means an extra income for these families of over 100 euro per month, for an average family of 4, about two weeks of daily meals.



In short

- **Wheelchair Bac Giang** we supported hospital expenses for an elder woman. Her mobility got worse, moving around became a problem. We donated a wheelchair.
- **Therapy support** in the Mekong Delta area we supported hospital and therapy expenses for 3 patients after an accident or stroke.
- **Sewing machines Vientiane** donated in order to start a small vocational training to make traditional Lao clothing.



I wish you all good health and stay safe!

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