

Betula Asian Aid Foundation

Newsletter November 2021

Dear friends of Betula,

Hope you and yours are safe and sound. While we wrap up another challenging year we like to share with you some of the cases we supported over the past few months. All this we are able to do thanks to your continuing support. Thank you.



Back to school

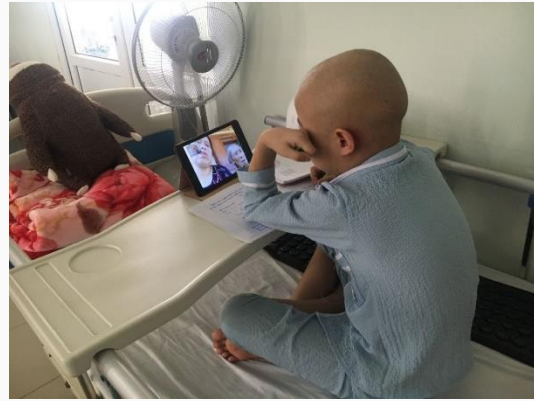
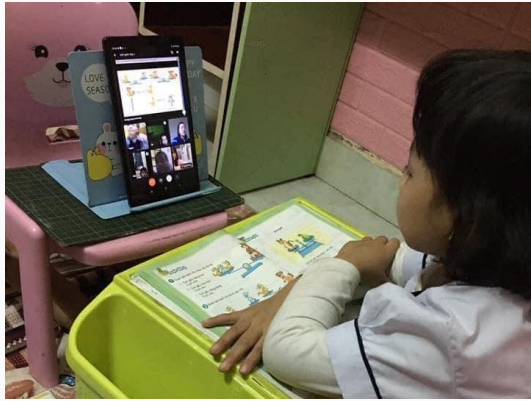
Last September the new school year started. Due to Covid 19 though the opening has been postponed for several months. Mainly due to the support of the WP Schmitz Foundation we are able to support almost 100 children of which over 60 in Hue and almost 20 in Quang Nam. The supported children in Quang Nam are either HIV positive, live with HIV positive parents or are orphaned having lost their parents to the disease. With around 100 euro per child annually we support buying uniforms, books and cover additional costs.



Dialysis treatment

We wrote some time ago about a girl rescued after being trafficked and in need of kidney dialysis treatment. Thanks to a generous donation we can help her to get dialysis 2 times a week for 1 year. Due to the strict lockdown over the past few months the frequency of her treatment was reduced. At the moment, she can go back to do 2 times per week. In general, her health has been improving over the last 5 months. We wish her good health.





Tablets

Due to Covid 19 Vietnam has been in lockdown for several months. This means that schools are not open and children are studying from home. For this a tablet is a necessity. Not all children though have the luxury to own such a device. They have to go to their classmates' homes to share the screen. For many children in rural areas this sharing is no option due to the big distance. In cooperation with Medipeace we helped 10 poor children, of which some disabled, in Quang Tri province to get a tablet. For 2 children who have a form of blood cancer and spend lots of time in the hospital for treatment the tablet is especially meaningful. They can study from their bed and stay in touch with their family.





Baby H yeu

H yeu, a 2 year old ethnic minority baby from Gia Lai province has a large tumour between her eyes. We helped some similar cases in the past. The support process started some months ago by bringing the baby to the nearest hospital for examination and MRI. After the examination we learned that she needs an operation urgently. We have a referral hospital in Hanoi to do this but due to the Covid 19 travel restrictions we have not been able to bring H Yeu yet. With restrictions starting to get less we hope to be able to bring her soon. We keep you posted and hope all be fine for the baby girl.





Support for 40 orphans

In Da Lat we support the Nguyen Khong pagoda where about 30 nuns live and take care of and teach around 40 orphan children. Here too the resources, mainly donations, have decreased due to covid. We therefore made an extra donation that helps to provide the children for several months with soap, food and other daily necessities.



Stay active

Our partner, the Tam Binh centre in Hue, that takes care of over 20 disabled children liked to see the children to get more active. For this they created a weekly sports activity program and several monthly and annual sporting events with other centres in Hue. For this purpose, we provided the necessary basic equipment. We gave them among other baskets, soccer goals, basket- and soccer balls to get those muscles working.



In short

- Nga's motorbike accident

On his way back from work Nga had a motorbike accident. The father of 2 was in a coma for a long time and the hospital bills kept coming in. We supported to help pay for medicine and treatment.

- Physiotherapy for Phong

Phong had a stroke. He was in need of physiotherapy to help improve his condition. He was without income and his wife had no work due to Covid. The family is already in debt to pay for the hospital. We helped to pay for his physiotherapy and hope his condition improves soon.

- Dental care elderly in Vientiane

In cooperation with a local hospital in Vientiane, Laos we supported a dental care project for a small group of elderly.



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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