

## *News from the Residence*

In Vietnam, June was chosen as the month of Action for Children and at The Residence this month has been very busy and interesting for the children and staff. The month began with a trip to the beach for all children and staff, with the enthusiasm support of David from surf lifesaving Da Nang. We played games, learnt about CPR, and swam in the surf.

Later in the month we were happy to welcome four volunteers from Ireland who helped with activities for the children over the school holiday period. There were craft activities at the Residence, and plenty of opportunities to practice English speaking skills.

CHIA has also recently received some funding to upgrade some of our sport and recreation equipment. We purchased a new football table in time for the visitors and the world cup. The children and volunteers spent many hours playing this together. We also took a bus ridden to the nearby city of Da Nang to visit a shopping centre. The boys enjoyed playing fun games and the girls browsed the shops and ate ice-cream. We had a special lunch at KFC.

We also received some help from a World Challenge group; they were of St Pius X High school students from Australia, who continued the vital upgrades needed to The Residence's grounds. They cooperated with our children to improve the bicycle parking area for easier use, and also to prevent flooding. Everyone worked very hard and the results are amazing.



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*Truoc and his family*



Truoc was born in an impoverished family. Together with his parents and three elder sisters, he lives in a brick house built many years ago and without a stable front door. Truoc's parents are farmers who have 900 m<sup>2</sup> of rice land. The last crop has been bad and they are getting older and more incapable of working in the field, so their future income is quite uncertain. The biggest burdens are Truoc's school fees and the university expenses for two of his sisters. Because the parents want to see their children to be successful in the future, they work as hard as possible, hire local laborers and raise some pigs and chickens to earn extra income.

Although Truoc and his sisters have to face difficult circumstances, they do their best to study hard. In reward, they always get very good performances which makes their parents very proud. Truoc's eldest sister has finished the banking academy and is now a bank employee. Her income is just enough for her life so she can't support her family.

Not having the money to attend extra classes, Truoc only goes to regular school and studies more in-depth back home by himself. He still finished grade 10 with good results, indeed he is always ranked in the top ten of his class. He loves to learn chemistry and wants to be a doctor when he grows up.

Help Truoc now and be part of CHIA's education program to make a difference in his life. With your contribution, you give him a chance to pursue his dream!

***Thank's path to success***

Thanh's parents divorced when he was 10 years old and now have other children with their new spouses. Unfortunately, it is all too common that the children of the old marriage are just left behind. Thanh therefore had to live with and care for his ailing eighty-four year old grandfather. CHIA supported Thanh in 2010 when he needed cardiac surgery. Because of having no one helping him out in his family, he usually went alone to the hospital in Da Nang city, which is 30km away from his hometown, to have cardiac reassessment. Thanh was very happy when he passed the exam to the University of his dreams but at the same time he was sad and worried when he thought about how to afford the 5 years of studying. Luckily he got a generous tertiary sponsorship from two Dutchmen, which allowed Thanh to pursue his dream of studying at Poly Technique University in Da Nang city.

We are very proud of him because of his good performance in the first year of University. We provided a laptop for Thanh as a present to encourage him for further good achievements. We hope it will facilitate his study life. GOOK LUCK!!



*Happy Thanh with his laptop*





## *We Need a Change to Move Forward*

Mrs. Mai's family is living in a very small and poor house in the province of Quang Nam. Her house is only a few square meters wide and has a bad roof. In the house is nothing worthwhile except two bamboo beds which the whole family has to share. The couple has four children, two sons and two daughters. They have been trying to work hard to cover all costs. But the mother got sick 3 years ago and cannot work anymore. The family has to live from the small employee's salary of the husband and the output of some small rice paddies.

Since the day the mother knew she had goiter, she almost debilitated completely and she is only able to stay at home with the children but due to her depression she often is unable to take care of her children. Their children are also often ill. The family has no money to provide good health care to them. Their first child, aged 14, is only attending 5th grade because he suffered the disease Japanese encephalitis and has mental problems since then. The second child is intelligent and studies well but he is suffering from asthma. He always is very thin and looks unhealthy. The two little sisters have nobody who takes care of them.

Since we know the family, CHIA has visited them on a regular basis and always gave advice to the family. Currently CHIA is supporting the mothers' treatment and provides nutrition and medication for the second child. We have the desire to help the family to decrease their difficulties. We are hoping to find more donors who are willing to help them.



*Happy Quan and his siblings received gifts from CHIA staff*





## Please Help Us

Quoc is from an ethnic minority and he suffers from imperforate anus. His father left before he was born, and his young mum who is a worker in an industrial zone met a lot of difficulties to care for him. Quoc was born prematurely, so he is malnourished and looks very tiny. Quoc was born with an imperforate anus – a condition where his anus is obstructed, or does not function normally. This causes significant complications and discomfort for the child. The only treatment option is surgery.

Though CHIA supported the family to receive 3 surgeries for his anus fixing, he still need one last and important one to make his anus become normal. Now, Quoc and his mom is relying on Quoc's grandparents who are farmer and very poor. That's why **CHIA needs** the support from donors who are interested in this family so we can help him to come back the hospital for surgery and get more nutrition for a better health.



## Happy News



*Anh, right, with her mother and her little brother*

Anh's family came to CHIA to ask for help because her family is unable to provide treatment for her glomerulonephritis, a kidney disease. After listening to the family, we were impressed by their ability to overcome a lot of unfortunate things happen to their life. Let's us share with you all.

Anh's mother, who is a small woman, suffers from many severe illnesses which cost of a lot of money for treatment. She has Thalassemia, valvular heart disease and uterus cancer. Unfortunately, her blood type is AB+ which is a rare type so it's very dangerous for her to undergo any surgery due to a critical lack of safe blood for transfusions. That's why she has to take a lot of expensive medication to sustain her life. Her husband who used to be a very strong healthy man is also sick. He was attacked by two men on the way back home from work. They beat him to steal the money and the motorbike causing brain damage. After a long time treatment, the father now has chronic seizures. Before Anh's father is the main income source it's a big loss for the family because his working ability has been affected by the attack. Anh also has one younger brother who is just only 1year old.

Fortunately, Anh was supported by an Irish group to go to Sai Gon for treatment. The pediatricians there can treat her sickness away in 3 injections. Treatment will begin in October. It was great news for the family, donors and CHIA. Congratulation to them!

## Make a donation

### From Australia

(tax-deductible receipts available to Australian donors for donations of \$2 and over)

#### Deposit into CHIA's bank account:

Bank: Bendigo Bank  
Branch: Corrimal, NSW, Australia  
Account name:

Children's Hope In Action  
BSB: 633000

Account number: 127543924  
BPay biller code: 342949  
Swift/IBAN code: BENDAU3B

#### Post a cheque / money order to:

Children's Hope In Action  
PO Box 7360  
East Brisbane, QLD 4169

### From the USA

In order for donations from US citizens to be tax-deductible we have partnered with Global Development Group USA.

Please stipulate that your donation is to go to

**"Project J156 - CHIA's Quang Nam Project Vietnam".**

#### Donate online:

[www.globaldevelopmentusa.org](http://www.globaldevelopmentusa.org)

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### From Anywhere in the World

You can donate to CHIA from anywhere in the World using details provided in the "From Australia" section.

While we will provide you with an official record of your donation, at this time we are unable to offer tax-deductible receipts outside of Australia and the USA.

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[www.ChildrensHopeInAction.org](http://www.ChildrensHopeInAction.org)



## Since the beginning CHIA has

Provided Health insurance for **363** children

*Supported* **117**

Orthopedic diagnostics,

**30** Orthopedic surgery

**19** Hearing assessments

Cancer treatment for **9** children

**285** Cardiac assessments

Heart surgery for **55** children

**34** Cleft lip and palate surgery, **16** Cleft-lip assessment

**8** Facial deformity surgery, **23** facial deformity assessments

**20** Colo-rectal surgery

**1064** Flu, **97** Hepatitis B, **49** Rubella and **24** chicken-pox vaccinations

Hepatitis B test for **53** children

**483** Baseline medical assessments

Helped **74** children access nutritional support

Provided **617** tins of milk

Completed community health education about " Infant Nutrition" for **1185** mothers

Managed a Residence of **30** children

Awarded **132** students for improvement

Kept **104** children attending school

Provided **38** bicycles for school students

Sponsored kindergarten for **14** toddlers

Helped **19** teenagers access vocational training

Provided glasses for **11** children

Tet gifts and celebrations for **876** children

Built **21** new houses, repaired **3** houses, **1** water and sanitation system for one primary school, and **1** piggery and **8** piglets as livelihood support

Provided **155** wheelchairs

Delivered **3,905** physical therapy sessions

Provided **54** other pieces of disability equipment

**150** Cpals training sessions (CHIA Practical and Life Skills)

**6** Aqua therapy sessions  
Organized a day trip for **77** children on the day for Person with disability

Mid autumn festival for **712** children

## *In the last three months, CHIA has*

Conducted **102** home visits

Medicine support for **5** children

**5** Baseline assessment

**2** Cardiac assessments

**197** Therapy sessions

Review **3** wheelchairs

Sponsored kindergarten for **3** children

Maintained **71** children in Education sponsorship program

Tertiary sponsorship for **9** children

Helped **4** teenagers access vocational training

Nutrition support for **10** children

Summer trip for **20** children