

KEEPING YOU POSTED

MID-YEAR 2009

A rousing start has been made to 2009 which sees the lives of the kids in the care of LVAP bounding with numerous advances! Recent End-of-Year-School Ceremonies have given us a convincing 'measurement' of the progresses and growth in their academic, social and cultural activities.

This year, more than ever we have attempted to work with our Vietnamese partners and school associates in planning 'long term' goals which facilitate and chart the very possible outcomes of our mutual efforts for the children, along with future objectives for sustainability.

The Loreto Team is highly indebted to our donors for your ongoing affiliation to our vision: "lifting learners into the future". At a vulnerable time in our world, we honor your continuous choice to support the kids of Vietnam.

I wish to thank two volunteers who completed their term in March: Ms. Anita Watt and Ms. Tram Nguyen. We miss them both so much! And I am grateful for the commitment of the remaining LVAP Team: Ha My and Nghia. Enjoy reading our MidYear 2009 Review! The information is enlightening and impressive!

TRISH FRANKLIN: PROGRAM COORDINATOR



LORETO VIETNAM - AUSTRALIA PROGRAM (LVAP)

SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND:



- English Classes continue with great style and the students enjoy learning with tremendous diligence;
- swimming and water play has been an additional time of relaxation on a Saturday afternoon and a chance for increased self-confidence through another medium;
- a set of 10 traditional drums has enhanced the music curriculum of the school: thanks to Melbourne donor families for this beautiful gift.

OUTLOOKS:

- development of English software – embellishing a fuller use of the new Computer Room;
- huge increase of English Braille library, books;
- laptops (donated) for Year 12 Class;
- Scholarships for new School Year.



SUNRISE SPECIAL SCHOOL: (first campus)

- wages for art, music, sport and carpet bowls teachers, and this Term - yoga;
- as well as all classes enjoying music sessions, one autistic boy is currently showing intensely advanced skills in playing the keyboard. Several children with cerebral palsy are also undertaking this subject;
- sport uniforms for all students;
- cover over the swimming pool.

- funding for school van: for commuting between two campuses and children can more easily participate in outside competitions and excursions (thus developing positive public awareness of disability).

OUTLOOKS:

- occupational therapy expertise training for teachers;
- expansion of the Early Intervention Centre (apropos of older students moving to the second campus);
- purchasing new library books;
- Scholarships for new School Year.



SUNRISE SPECIAL SCHOOL VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE: (second campus)



- ground-breaking ceremony;
- construction aimed to be completed in October 2009.

OUTLOOKS:

- equipping of the entire Centre thanks to previous year's funding from LORETOFEST;
- joint consultation to develop a Vocational Training Curriculum;
- inclusion of component for hearing-impaired.



RURAL EDUCATION:

- bicycles and Scholarships.
- OUTLOOKS:**
- uniforms, school supplies and Scholarships for new School Year.



PROJECTS AT CAN GIO:

Shelter: (for orphans and disadvantaged children):



- "Clean Up Day" – brightening up the environment;
- clothes, games, assistance to attend school, additional nutrition.

OUTLOOKS:

- planning interactive sport/fun days/ and creative innovations with LVAP's volunteer collaboration group.

Special School:

- new equipment/educational resources has boosted the children's learning within a play-based activities area;
- additional nutrition has enhanced the health/development of all students.



VOLUNTEERS:

In the first six months of 2009, LVAP has joyfully partnered with many spirited, young volunteers who have joined an overwhelming number of activities within all our projects. This has heightened our connections with the children and has offered a wider sphere of significant involvement. We say 'Thank You' and please 'Stay on Board'!

LVAP

NEW PROJECTS:

- **15th May Special School:** through the goodness of a generous donor, LVAP will associate with school partners to build up this seriously run down and very depleted environment.



hopeful donations, LVAP foresees the possibility to rebuild and refurbish this very poor school environment.

- **District 9:** (only 30 kms from the city): recently, the LVAP Team visited the poorest school we have ever encountered: dirt floors, styrofoam ceilings, desks held up with bricks. Through the funds of LORETOFEST and other

'lifting learners into the future'

LORETOFEST: (annual fundraiser)

Our generous and big-hearted LoretoFest Committee is already into hard-working mode, preparing innumerable and countless activities for this exciting day (Saturday - 28th November 2009). Our gratitude and thanks to the wonderful Committee and other volunteers, is expressed with affection and deep sincerity.



DONATION DETAILS

Donations in Vietnam:

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