

Where Have We Been?

- weekly swimming lessons with our vision-impaired students: one-star, two-star and three-star medals
- "on the ground" project visits, appraisals and reconnaissance to six Provinces: accompanied our donors to 'their' projects and welcomed others to LVAP's office
- associated with other INGOs through Core Committees and Gender, Disability, Capacity Development and Children's Rights Working Groups
- officially opened three new "Friendly Libraries"
- empowered our local partners with long-term and creative innovations: contributed support for Corporations through their Corporate Social Responsibility activities with LVAP's students
- distributed **183** new bicycles/helmets and **134** Scholarships to students in remote, rural schools
- Ground-Breaking in Phu Yen Province (and site visits) at a new kindergarten
- 'meet up' and get together with parents of LVAP Team Members
- through Thanh Bui –(LVAP's ambassador) and Soul Academy, LVAP has posed a Music Development Plan for poor Primary School students on a far-away island
- 'walked' with our volunteers
- life-enriching excursions for students from our special and rural schools

Stop Press!

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SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS!

At 3 years of age, V* met with a tragic accident that left him blind. From the age of 5, V* studied English with LVAP teachers.

Last month he received a full Scholarship through RMIT University in HCMC in order to complete his Bachelor Degree. Congratulations V*!

MR. CHATTERBOX

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When T* began school two years ago, he could not speak. After intensive Early Intervention endeavors and access to the Play-Based Activities Room, he has now found his voice. On a recent trip to Can Gio Special School, it was breathtaking to observe him confidently chatting to teachers and friends.

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SWIMMING CHAMPION

HD* is a young boy who has low vision: he attends swimming lessons every week – despite the fact that he also has a physical disability which affects his legs. He proudly brags that with the help of LVAP's volunteers, he has learnt to swim this year; he is delighted they have also become his friends and specified loving thanks to all supervisors and volunteers for their time given to teach him to swim. On the last day of swimming lessons – HD* swam 20 laps of the pool! He has risen from the one-star medal to a two-star medal and is ecstatic that he now has the top medal – three-star!

COMPUTER SENSATION

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A Grade 5 student (from 'A' An Tuc' Primary School– An Giang) loves computer classes so much that recently when she was asked by her mother to stay home from school and look after her baby sister, she begged her mother to let her take her sister to school because she did not want to miss out on having her computer lesson. That day, both the student and the younger sibling attended the computer lesson. The other classmates found this funny that a young child was attending school, but it just shows the incredible passion and interest this child has for learning I.T.

* Names hidden

Did You Know?

- LVAP has fortunately had the brilliant teaching services of our AVI volunteer - Kate for the past School Year – teaching English to the vision-impaired students and supervising swimming lessons – along with Peter - her husband. Progresses of the students have been remarkable with improvements in conversational skills, learning difficult grammar conventions and reading English Braille books.
- After evaluations and appraisals, at the end of the School Year, LVAP will withdraw from **12** projects that have become self-sustainable, continue support for **21** ongoing projects and we will begin **TWELVE** new projects.
- LVAP has given exceptional educational assistance to over **28,000** Vietnamese children – and their families.
- The current Team is made up of **nine** members (Trish, Ha My, Tam, Trang, Steph, Kate, Peter, Tin and Ms. Mai).
- LVAP operates **only** in Vietnam.
- LVAP's focus is on **education** - we work with kindergartens and schools (not orphanages).



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How Can You Help?

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