



CHEER
For Viet Nam

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the CHEER Board I would like to once again express our gratitude for your continued support of and valuable contribution to CHEER's many projects in Viet Nam. In this holiday season we hope you have found comfort with families and friends, neighbors and communities. For CHEER, 2004 was another year filled with challenges that gives us momentum and enthusiasm as we look ahead.

CHEER's accomplishments this past year have included:

For Students:

- Construction of the Dong Lam Kindergarten, for 80 students in Hue
- Renovation of Phu Mau Elementary School, for 200 students Hue
- Delivery of sixty Study Corners (a desk, chair and bookcase) to outstanding young pupils in Hue and A Luoi Valley
- Books for the Hong Kim Library in A Luoi Valley
- Scholarships to 100 elementary, secondary and college students in Hue and A Luoi Valley
- Establishment of a fund to train 300 students at the Tay Linh Vocational Center in Hue, Thanh Giong Vocational Center in Hue, and Thanh Xuan Peace Village in Hanoi

For Teachers:

- CHEER provided the fourth annual two-week workshop with five American teachers for 37 secondary and college English teachers in Hue, benefiting over 8,000 students

For Families:

- CHEER presented twenty new non-interest loans to low-income families in the A Luoi Valley, bringing the total number of beneficiary families to 100.

At Home

- CHEER held several successful fundraisers featuring crafts from Viet Nam
- CHEER co-hosted an event with the UCLA Film and Television Archive, the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, the Asian Language and Culture Department and the East Meets West Foundation, honoring Viet Nam's preeminent filmmaker, Dang Nhat Minh and his latest film, "The Season of Guavas."

Together we have accomplished so much with so little! But there is much more to do as we look ahead to the 30th anniversary of the end of the war. We want to expand our efforts in 2005 to include:

- Five hundred study corners
- Two hundred scholarships
- Ten libraries and 1,000 books for students in Hue
- Ongoing training for 100 language teachers at the University of Hue
- One hundred laptops for the language teachers
- Organizing of the first EFL (English as a Foreign Language) conference at Hue University's Learning Resource Center
- Presentation of non-interest loans to fifty families affected by dioxin/Agent Orange, in the A Luoi Valley.

To support these ambitious initiatives we must increase our fundraising by 300% to \$100,000. Your support over the years has helped improve the lives of many families and provided the opportunity for hundreds of students to achieve success. We hope you will continue to help bring hope and joy to thousands of children, families and teachers in Viet Nam. Join us to plant another seed of peace.

Peace and love,

Nam Hau