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BRINGING HOPE AND HELP TO CHINA, CAMBODIA, ETHIOPIA & VIETNAM



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Moving into NORTH Vietnam

by John Bentley

I have called the last 20 years of my life my "Adventures in the Desert"—referring to all the adventures I have had since leaving the American Dream model of life and following Jesus by faith wherever He leads—first to law school and then as a missionary in China. Now that my calling has shifted to being the leader of a missions organization headquartered in California, it is a regular prayer of mine that my very best adventures with the Lord are still in front of me—in my future. With that in mind, I am very happy to report that on August 22, I received an email which had me slipping and jiving back and forth in my office to the sound of James Brown's "I Feel Good." That email came in from Pastor Song in Vietnam saying,

"We are ready to invite your team go there. But I would like you to visit and meet some leaders there before you decide to train them."

Pastor Song's email references Vietnam's

underground church leadership inviting Harmony to take over the training of underground pastors in... (drum roll please)... **HANOI!** Are you kidding me

God?!? HANOI! For those of you who got C's in geography—Hanoi is the capital of former **North** Vietnam. That's a city that even the Marines didn't go to in the Vietnam War. Yet at the very heart of Vietnamese communism, God has called Harmony to start training underground pastors! Wow!

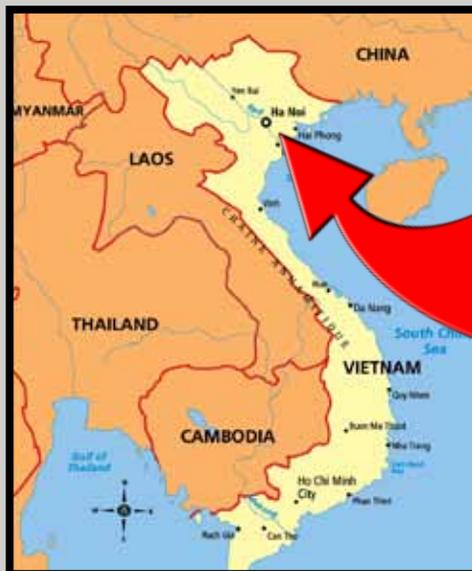
♪ I feel nice—like sugar and spice. So nice. So nice.... ♪

So in November, Harmony board member Doug MacRae and I are saddling up and heading to Hanoi for meetings with the underground church's leadership. The plan is to start our Hanoi-area pastor training in 2015, so we need to have all the planning

and logistics in place by the end of this year.

Jesus, I love you so much! It is such an adventure following you!

♪ So good, so good, 'cause I got you! ♪



Michael & Gia

Adopted!

Some may see us helping to transform the lives of Michael and Gia as an act of love toward them. But for us, first and foremost, we intend this to be an act of love to Jesus who said, **"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"** (Matthew 25:40)

by Linda Huckaba



MICHAEL

God's hand is always evident in the lives of the children who come to us at Harmony House—and in Michael's case that fingerprint was very

clear. Because of a governmental tightening of policy among orphanages, Michael was removed from a sister Christian NGO and dropped off at Harmony House on a day when Lily was not even there to receive him! That was high praise for us—and a blessing for little Michael. His strong and playful personality quickly earned him the nickname "Mayor!"

With us for almost 18 months, this delightful little guy was adopted by the Hedricks from Ohio in late July. They told us their adoption journey had many twists and turns and had lasted four years! God knew through it all who would become Michael's parents. The Hedricks wrote, *"We never dreamed our son would be living in such a wonderful home in China."*

GIA

Our goal is always to provide for the needs of the children who come into our care and get them into loving families as quickly as possible. Baby Gia set a record for us—being with us only about three months.

As is sometimes the case, we were not allowed to know her adoptive family. We were, however, provided a picture of them taken on her Gotcha Day. We rejoice that she is now in the arms of her Forever Family. We know she won't remember us as she was adopted at less than nine months old, but she made her mark on us as we loved every minute of our time with her. She will be especially remembered because of her sweet reaction when someone spoke to her. She not only had an ear-to-ear smile but she moved her whole body and shook her arms and legs in her attempts to communicate. 🇺🇸

2015 HARMONY TRIPS

 **ETHIOPIA** — FEBRUARY 8-20 (w/ optional Israel excursion)

 **CHINA** — MAY 4-15

 **CAMBODIA** — OCTOBER 5-16

Another 5 Orphans Arrive at Harmony

by Linda Huckaba

Their full stories are available on our website. What these sweet little ones have in common is that they need Forever Families. Please pray for them and, if you are interested in sponsoring or adopting one of them, contact us using the information on the back page.

Wow! Our last issue reported six new children at Harmony, and already we have FIVE more—all just as cute and precious as can be!

Dody is a little dolly from Inner Mongolia

who is about 18 months old. Hyperthyroidism has caused developmental delays that have so far prevented her from walking and have affected her speech. We anticipate that regular medication will soon overcome those delays.

Ivy already had cleft lip surgery before coming to us in August at about 18 months old. She is also having tests related to motor skills as she is yet unable to walk. Ivy was named for another Chinese orphan who was adopted to America but recently went home to be with Jesus. Her parents wanted their

misfortune turned into something beautiful and asked their friends to donate to Harmony Outreach in honor of sweet Ivy's life. (See Memorial Donations on page 4.)

Already a beauty at six months, **Kelli** had cleft lip surgery before she came to us. She is developing normally and is scheduled for palate surgery next year. She is a happy little smiler loved by everyone.

Six-year-old **Nelson** is the only boy in our new batch of children. He is a handsome little guy with eyes that look like moons when he smiles—and that's nearly all the time! Being born with *spina bifida* that left his right leg shorter than the left doesn't stop Nelson from walking, running and playing with the other children.

Little Miss **Paula** immediately captivates with her beautiful eyes and sparkling personality! Born in February, 2013, with a deformed right leg, she nevertheless climbs and plays well with the other children. Even though her words so far are few, she is a pro at communicating and has become a favorite with nannies and visitors alike. 🐾



Dody



Ivy



Kelli



Nelson



Paula

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Bahnar People Receive Gift of Clean Water

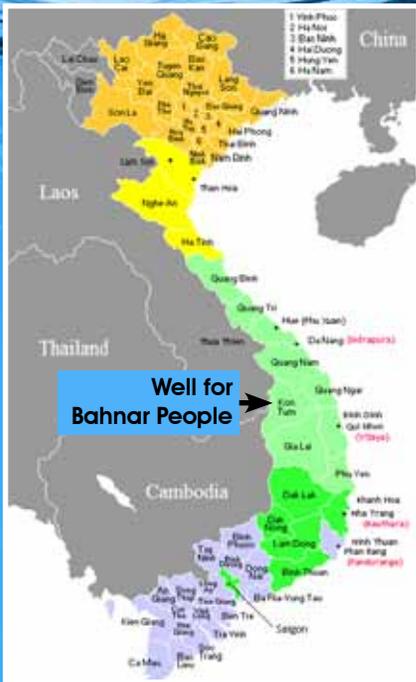
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Harmony's mission statement for all the countries we work in is twofold: *Spread the Knowledge of Jesus and Help the Vulnerable*. There is no country that exemplifies our motto more clearly than Vietnam where we are training underground pastors and providing a regular source of clean water to poor villages and tribal groups.

This month we are happy to report on our latest water well installed in Vietnam's Central Highlands in Dakrve, Kon Tum province, serving 15 families from the Bahnar minority group.

For those of us who have lived all our lives in North America, we cannot imagine what it is like to live without a source of clean and safe water. Simply stated, it is a complete game-changer. Fifteen families will now be sick less, they will live longer, and their lives will be so much easier and improved. 🙌

A big thanks to my friend pastor Brian and Calvary Chapel Murrieta for funding this well. When we get to heaven, we can split the commission because Jesus said, ***"If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."*** (Matthew 10:42)



Villagers celebrating their new water source.



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