



# Pastor Feedback

*--Lucas O'Neill, Christian Fellowship Church, Itasca, IL*

It was overwhelmingly positive. I could not believe the quality of the hotel and the ease of travel made possible by you and others helping Harmony do this kind of ministry. We never had a bad bite to eat and we were made very comfortable.

Ministry went really well. The conference was a pleasure and the pastors there welcomed us like royalty -- we were very impressed by their show of hospitality. I wondered how our hospitality would measure up if we had a Vietnamese pastor visit one of our conferences here in the States. I received feedback multiple times on how helpful the content was that I was giving them.

I also had the opportunity to share the gospel with four young adult locals across three conversations in a park across from the Elios Hotel. That was fun.

Overall it was a great trip, amazing experience and if my church can fund it, I would be open to going again.

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*--Darrin Mariott, SonRise Westside Church, Venice, CA*

The trip went very well. I enjoyed teaching the class and as before, was humbled by their reception and kindness toward me and Frank.

And I was able to get out and enjoy the city.

God willing, I am looking forward to teaching another class.

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*--Roger Tanner, Calvary Chapel Light of the World, Bosque Farms, NM*

Going to Hanoi was the great adventure my wife Sandy and I thought it would be. We saw the book of Acts come alive. The people in the home church I preached in on Sunday and the students in the Bible class were all warm, friendly, and welcoming. They were all hungry to learn more about Jesus Christ; to hear the Word of God and go out and serve Him. Pastor Trunh and his wife Trinh are wonderful hosts and the hotel accommodations were very nice. We also had a chance to meet Pastor YaCop who oversees 40 churches in the North. He's on fire to spread the gospel. And, we spent an afternoon with Khai who leads the J-Club at the Agricultural University where they share Christ on campus and hold Bible Studies for the students. They also house 10 orphans. Amazing! In our free time, we walked about 10 minutes down to a park by a lake and had lots of people (mostly kids) stopping us to ask if they could practice their English. So, that opened the door to share Christ with them. It was awesome to see what God is doing in that country. I'd recommend any Pastor who has a heart for missions, to go over and serve. You'll be blessed beyond belief.

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*--Mitch Saad, New Life Lutheran Church, Sterling, IL*

It was another fantastic trip! Great people, great hotel, great city for this type of work, great God!

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### ***--Thomas Lowery, Calvary Chapel Bartlesville, OK***

My 11-year old son and I recently returned from the Harmony Outreach teaching trip in Saigon. We couldn't have been more blessed. Jesus was present the entire time, the Spirit was moving in prayer and in the study. The students poured themselves into the studies and really blessed us with their personal stories and testimonies. The accommodations and logistics were top rate, the food was excellent, and the opportunities for witnessing were delightfully endless. This will be an annual trip for Calvary Chapel Bartlesville.

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### ***--Rodney Moore, Concord, CA***

Several items for my point of view:

- The Vietnamese Pastors were so excited to learn God's Word at a deeper level, and the translators were extremely capable.
- The Logistics worked perfectly from the pick-up at the airports to the daily transportation to the teaching sites; the speakers were well taken care of—from beginning to end.
- The accommodations were terrific (clean & amenities) as well as centrally located in both Saigon and Hanoi.
- It was a pleasant surprise of the warm welcome that Vietnamese have for Americans; they were all smiles and enjoyed practicing their English
- I felt safe the entire time, and the trip was a terrific blessing. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting the "J Club" at Hanoi's Agriculture University and loved their heart for orphans.
- My favorite city was Hanoi with the neighborhood lakes, the John McCain memorial, Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and the historical Long Bien Bridge; there was so much to see there (and eat/drink including "egg coffee"). The people were warm, welcoming and open.

I was grateful for the opportunity.

Rodney

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### ***--Mark Neely, Calvary Chapel, Tulsa, OK***

The trip was amazing and the people were more than delightful. Our travel was seamless both ways, albeit fairly long! The accommodations were more comfortable than we had anticipated. I would definitely stay at the Elios again and/or recommend it to others.

The classes went well. There were about 50 students that represented about 40 different churches from the region. The interpreter, Ai, was top notch. We bonded almost immediately, and he did an outstanding job of communicating effectively to the people.

Thank you for the great opportunity to serve. I will definitely pray about going back in the future!

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### ***--Steve Briner, First Evangelical Church, Vancouver, WA***

I had a fantastic time teaching the book of James in Saigon this year. Harmony organized the hotel, flight and visa details very well (even taxi rides!). The trip could not have gone smoother. The church welcomed us on Sunday with open arms. It was a joy to worship together. The students in the class came hungry to learn, some traveling over 300 miles to be a part of it. The food provided for lunch was amazing! I felt like I was part of the family. The city itself was a blast to explore. Every pastor should have an experience like this at least once.

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***--Tim Beavis, The Orchard, McHenry, IL***

It was a great week and I hope very encouraging to everyone in the class. Enjoyed learning about the work of ministry there in Vietnam and Pastor Song was a great host. Would love to go again next year.

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***--Bret Avlakeotes, Spring Hills Community Church, Santa Rosa, CA***

Thank you for putting the details together for my trip to Vietnam. The logistics went very smoothly. It was an amazing time. Loved my time there. The people are precious. Thank you!!!!

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***--Brent Fees, Calvary Chapel Des Moines, IA***

First of all, I would like to share just how well done this trip is for the teaching pastors. From the beginning, the communication with Harmony was great! Travel plans were completed for us in good time as well as attaining a Visa through Red Tape Solution. The only thing we had to concern ourselves with was the material we would be teaching.

Once we landed in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), we were personally greeted at the shuttle area and a taxi was waiting to take us to the hotel. The Elios Hotel was well above our expectations. Very friendly staff, and the hotel was clean and accommodating. In addition to the breakfast buffet at the hotel, the new "food court" plaza across the street offered many options.

We spent time walking the streets around the hotel, including the Ben Thanh Market where we had fun haggling with the local vendors. We also chose an inexpensive "City Tour" where we learned a lot about the history and culture of the Vietnamese people and traditions. Although we were very conscious of our surroundings and didn't stay out really late, we never felt unsafe.

Our hostess, our translator and the pastors we spent time were such a blessing. We were constantly challenged by the testimonies of the early church in Vietnam, the perseverance that has been displayed and the incredible things that God is doing still today. I would describe this trip as a step back in time to the book of Acts.

The classes were so much fun. The students were so excited to have us, and they were like sponges, were very attentive and took pages of notes. They especially loved the Q&A time at the end of our sessions. Their questions involved our subject matter but also included practical things they are experiencing in their house churches.

Maybe the biggest answer to prayer for us was the translator. She was very smooth working between the teacher and the students.

Overall, our experience was terrific. I recommend anyone considering this trip to "go all in!" It was such a stretch in faith but God met us every step of the way.

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***--Bob Huff, DaNang Int'l. Christian Fellowship, DaNang, Vietnam***

We had a great week. As you can imagine with teaching four days—something like 12 hours—on the Holy Spirit, we were able to get pretty in depth. Gerald taught on the gospels, and it was amazing at times how the Holy Spirit intertwined the messages.

The people were great. Great hunger for the Word. We had body ministry and prayer for the Holy Spirit on the last afternoon and had some amazing ministry—people redeemed, healed, freed and filled. Gerald and I enjoyed it very much. Thank you for the opportunity to meet and speak into the lives of these leaders.

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***--Tim Kilpatrick, Calvary Chapel Bartlesville, OK***

Teaching in Hanoi was the most fulfilling week of my life. The schedule the Lord put together had me sharing the gospel of Christ Jesus and preaching for 27 hours over eight days. It was exhausting, but a blessing beyond words. The believers I encountered had a zeal and love for Christ I rarely encounter here in the States. The hotel was perfect. They provided free pick-up and drop-off at the airport and it was located ~50 yards from a grocery store, 1 block from the lake/street market, and was nestled nicely between two of the best coffee shops in Hanoi: Cafe Giang & Trung Nguyen. All-in-all it was a wonderful time of spiritual service and cultural discovery.

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***--Tom Worthington, Mission Outreach, Crown Point, IN***

About 25-30 Pastors and leaders came as we taught them the Self Confrontation Course over 4 days through translators; I noticed them taking a lot of notes and marking their Bibles a lot!

They took great care of me, real good food for lunch, and nice naps after lunch! On the last day we asked for testimonies, and many of them told us that the Course was very practical and useful for their ministry. Several commented that in their “cells” [many of them oversee a group of 10-20 people] they are often asked about difficulties and too often they do not know how to respond; with this Course, they now have Biblical solutions that are very pertinent in their communities. To God be the Glory!

We pray that this will continue to spread into the underground churches throughout Vietnam. Hotel was very nice, good breakfast. Area was safe, busy and lots going on for tourist types. Thank you for the opportunity!  
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***--Larry Snyder, Cross Creek Bible Church, Aloha, OR***

Things went very well! Mike Akins and I got along well - I think I've found a friend for life. Pastor Song and Trinh took exceptionally good care of us, as usual. On that note, everyone associated with UGOC was wonderful. The Elios Hotel is great (I hope they stay around for a long time). Travel was uneventful, which is what I prayed for. My teaching of Romans was smoother and better organized than the first time. Overall, as you can probably tell, I think the trip went well. I look forward to going again, Lord willing!

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