



## PVI aid work in 2018



### ***Vietnam Project***

#### ***New Kindergarten – Thanh Binh village, near Phong Nha – Quang Bin Province, Central Vietnam***

We commenced our ambitious project last year. It involved the construction of a new elevated two level kindergarten in Thanh Binh village. The people in the small rural village are mostly poor farm workers. The previous kindergarten was used by 80 children. It was an old building in a poor state of repair. The ground level classrooms are regularly flooded during wet seasons from the adjacent Son River. The new building provides larger improved facilities and with elevated classrooms, internal toilets and storage areas.

#### **New kindergarten completed**

PVI engaged local contractors to construct the building shell during 2017. Our team of 28 volunteers together with fitted out the building in March this year to present a new facility (adjacent) to the delight and pride of the local community. The building design was developed with local community.

PVI volunteers met their own travel and accommodation costs as well as making a contribution to direct costs for materials & local contractors.





### ***Cambodia Project***

#### ***Water supply & renovations for Ream schools – South East Cambodia***

Our project involved a number of renovation and repair tasks at schools in Ream. Our main work over the previous 4 years has been the supply of water for toilets, installing filter system for drinking water and other renovations for the schools in Ream.

This year we continued the program with renovation and repair work at the schools. Work completed included maintenance of the water bore, ladder on overhead water storage tank stand to enable cleaning of solar panels, installation of guard rail on the overhead water tank stand, renovation and painting of girls' and boys' toilet blocks, repairs to the structure of a classroom block, construction of an all-weather path to girls' toilet block, re-roofing of a classroom block, repairs to roofing of another classroom block, repairs to student desks, replacing louvres in window shutters and installation of water supply to toilets at a small village school near Ream.

### ***Total value of Vietnam & Cambodia Projects***

The total value of PVI on-ground projects in Vietnam & Cambodia includes direct costs (materials & supplies, and payment to local skilled contractors when they are engaged), travel costs of PVI volunteers and in-kind value of PVI labour.

PVI volunteers meet their own travel costs and contribute approximately 20% of the direct costs. The balance of the direct costs is met by generous benefactors & other fund raising activities.

The direct cost for our 2018 projects was \$46,000 for the materials and supplies, and payments to local contractors. The total cost of the kindergarten at Phong Nha also included costs incurred in 2017 as the project extended over 2 years. Our teams provided 2,400 hours of labour and met their own costs of \$80,000. The total value of our work was \$215,000.

### ***John Robertson & Tony van Boxmeer Scholarships***

The scholarships were awarded in 2017. The 2 selected young women are undertaking a 2 year training course to become Dental Therapists at Cambodia World Family which provides free dentistry to more than 10,000 vulnerable Cambodian children each year.

It was opportune to meet the 2 young women in Phnom Penh in February and see their progress. They are delightful young women who are happily doing well in their training. The dentists directing the training are pleased with their progress, their keenness to learn and their aptitude. The young women have, at this early stage, been offered full time jobs once their training is completed.

The scholarships provide an effective vocational pathway to good jobs which provide obvious benefits to the young women and their families as well as providing positive role models for other young people in the community.



***Donations to Sihanouk Hospital Center of HOPE, Phnom Penh***

This is the third year we've donated equipment to the hospital in Phnom Penh. The hospital is managed by *HOPE worldwide* and treats 80,000 mostly poor patients per year at little or no charge for the poor. The hospital also provides training and education for Cambodian health professionals.

This year PVI donated an adult mannequin for teaching CRP procedures and 5 wheelchairs – these items were paid for by PVI and purchased locally. Also we provided 2,400 recycled eye glasses which were provided by Redcliffe Lions Club. The Club collects the glasses, repairs as required and determines the optical prescriptions for the glasses. They are provided to PVI for distribution to needy people through our in-country networks.

This year's donations were received with appreciation and will be effectively used to the benefit of the hospital's patients.



***Donation to KNGO's new library***

We donated \$2,500 to KNGO to assist with the construction of a library at their school at Bospo village.

KNGO was fortunate to receive a generous donation from Komatsu for the construction of the library. However, the donation did not cover the full cost and PVI's donation met the budget shortfall for the project.

The school of 400 students does not currently have a dedicated library. The new library will be well used by students and provide an improved teaching opportunity for the teachers at the school.





### ***Sanitary packs for girls in Ream, Cambodia***

PVI member Ros Organ initiated a trial program of supplying reusable sanitary packs for girls in Ream, Cambodia. The program was inspired by the international “Days for Girls” program to improve menstrual care and education for girls.

With advice from Maroochydore “Days for Girls” team, a number of packs were made and taken to Cambodia. These provided patterns for making of many more packs in Cambodia for distribution to the girls in Ream through our local partner, AllKids.

The program may be expanded in future if the trial is positive.

### ***Our major generous supporters for 2018 work***

Our direct costs for building projects plus scholarships involved an expenditure of more than \$53,000 in 2018.

This is only possible through the generous support of many. We wish to especially thank our major generous supporters:

- **The June Canavan Foundation**
- **Chem-Supply employees**
- **Nathan & Rose Kemp and BHP**
- **Small Improvements Software GmbH, Berlin.**



### ***Dental Training Program for Phong Nha children***

A Dental Training Program was initiated in March 2018 after observing the great need for improved dental hygiene for children in Phong Nha. In 2017 when we commenced the construction of a new kindergarten in Phong Nha, we observed there was a high occurrence of missing front baby teeth and tooth decay among the young children. PVI member, Ann Maree Donoghue coordinated the program for 2018. The program involved providing instruction on the need for and how to brush teeth and the distribution of dental packs to the children. The program will be continued and expanded in 2019.

We thank KiWorks for generously donating 300 kids tooth brushes to include in the dental packs. KiWorks, a Japanese company provides dental services and support free to people in poor communities in Vietnam and other developing countries. The company is committed to providing toothbrushes again in 2019.