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Important Events in 2012:

- PTO/Permit to Operate in Vietnam renewed by PACCOM/COMINGO for another year - **January**.
- Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) established with Hue Union of Friendship Organizations, Hue City - **February**.
- Medical team served at Hoa Quy Clinic and Hoa Hai Clinic near Marble Mountain in Da Nang - **March**.
- Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) feature Vets With A Mission in *The VVA Veteran* magazine (45,000+ distribution) - **April**.
- VWAM co-sponsors keynote speaker Kim Phuc ("The Girl In The Picture") and Board Chairman Bob Peragallo speaks on reconciliation at meeting of INGO's in Chicago, IL - **May**.
- Medical team served at Quang Dien Sia Clinic and Lang Co Loc Tien Clinic, Thua Thien Hue Province - **June**.
- VWAM sponsors training of Wheelchair Assemblers in partnership with INGO "Giving It Back To Kids" in Da Nang - **July**.
- Executive Director participates in National Annual Meeting of the Christian Dental & Medical Association in Asheville, NC - **August**.
- VWAM applies for new "Certificate of Registration" which will replace the PTO. The COR comes with a 3-year work permit, permission for an office in Da Nang, and authorization to ship the MMU - **September**.
- Visit to Mountain View Church in Marietta, GA; Board Chairman Bob Peragallo speaks on reconciliation at meeting of INGO's in Bangkok, Thailand - **October**.
- Board of Directors and Advisors Annual Meeting at Seacoast Church in Mount Pleasant, SC; In-Country Vietnam Coordinator Nguyen Van Chinh, participates in meeting - **November**.
- The "Christmas Matching Gift Challenge" raised \$26,785 qualifying for a \$10,000 matching gift. The \$36,785 was designated for programs and projects, and to support the 2012-2013 operational budget - **December**.

"...Called to the Ministry of Reconciliation,"
II Corinthians 5:18

2012 Annual Report

With your help and dedicated team members, Vets With A Mission was able to:

- Send three medical teams, two to Thua Thien Hue Province and one to Da Nang, treating **3,307 patients**, provided **\$19,949 of medicine**, and sponsored **19 procedures** including **14 heart operations** for children/young adults that cost **\$34,926**.
- Provide **751 pairs of eyeglasses, 59 wheelchairs, 2 self-propelled carts, 16 walkers, 25 canes, 16 pairs of crutches, food stipends and** other assistance valued at **\$5,646**.
- Give **3,500 people** toothbrush/paste hygiene packet's with children,

adult, or pre-natal vitamins worth **\$10,845**.

- Have **68 volunteers (29 Vietnam vets)** serve on three medical teams & one ministry team.
- Sponsor **4 Cataract surgeries** (one eye or two) costing **\$1,275**.
- Provide **11 hospitalizations and/or minor surgeries** for patients with other health issues costing **\$4,880**.
- The **financial impact**, to the local economy of two VWAM medical teams, is estimated at more than **102,500,000 VND (\$50,000 USD)**.
- Give emergency care, by the **Lang Co Loc Tien** medi-

cal team, to **three motorbike accident victims**. Two were transported by VWAM's vans to the district hospital, and the third to Hue Central Hospital. Two of the patients recovered; one did not. Also, the **life of one construction site accident victim**, who was not breathing when brought to the clinic, was **saved by a VWAM nurse who administered CPR**. Patient was again transported by VWAM to the district hospital.

- End FY 2011-2012 with **\$25,107**. Funds applied to 2012-13 projects/programs; purchased first office desk; replaced old office equipment (printer, fax, copier & scanner).

Vision for 2013

"Where there is no vision
the people will perish..."
Proverbs 29:18 NKJV

The first of three medical teams will depart for **Cambodia** in late February. The second team will leave for Vietnam's **Thua Thien Hue Province (Aluoi, Hong Ha/FOMC, Hue)** in late May. The final team of the year will arrive in **Da Nang** in mid June.

The Cambodia team, one of the largest ever, will offer health-care screenings in Siem Reap, home of Angkor Wat. They are projected to see 3,000 patients in 7 days.

The second team, which is the first Vietnam mission, will have a **Downs Syndrome Mini-team** component

It will address a critical need in central Vietnam. That is the education of parents who have DS children, and their health screenings and medical treatment. VWAM is joined in this effort by US and Vietnam partners. More details will emerge about this program in 2013.

The final medical team will offer primary health exams in Da Nang.

The new **Certificate of Registration" (COR)** should be granted the Department of Foreign Affairs, and recognized VWAM as an INGO granting permission to offer

programs and projects through 2016! This means the office in Da Nang can open its doors for business.

The **MMU** will be used by **SOMEDCO** (Social & Medical Committee of the Evangelical Church – South) when not being utilized by **VWAM**. This is a medical outreach by Vietnamese Christian health professionals, already approved by the government.

And VWAM will partner with **PACCOM**, the People's Aid & Coordinating Committee, to sponsor the distribution of wheelchairs through another INGO **Free Wheelchair Mission**.

“A heartfelt Thank You in appreciation of those who were able to make “Special Gifts” during 2012”

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Passing The Torch—Eventually by Chuck Ward, Executive Director



The “Mobile Medical Unit” should arrive in Vietnam by mid 2013. This unique health and disaster relief outreach will be a ministry of Church With A Mission (CWAM) and, the Social and Medical Committee of the Evangelical Church of Vietnam-South (SOMEDCO). The MMU will be a first of its kind in the country. Photo was taken at the unit’s dedication during VWAM’s annual Board of Director’s meeting in SC.

Dear Friends,

President Kennedy stated, in part, during his inaugural address, “...the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans born in this century, tempered by war, disciplined by a hard and bitter peace, proud of our ancient heritage...” When I read that it called to mind watching his address on a Friday morning fifty-one years ago, looking at B&W television in an eighth-grade classroom, at St. Cyril School.

My generation was part of the “new generation,” the baby-boomers, birthed by parents who were “tempered by war, disciplined by a hard and bitter

peace,” and “proud of our ancient heritage.” Today there is another set of parents, and another group of baby-boomers, who can relate to those words but they’re not Americans. They are Vietnamese.

The young government officials that we’re beginning to interact with, and the university students we hire as interpreters, are children of former RVN/VC/NVA. These parents could easily identify with President Kennedy’s remarks because, like us, they’ve been there and done that. We have a common bond. Yes, eventually “The torch will be passed to a new generation,” but it won’t be Americans.

You will begin to see VWAM, through it’s programs and projects, “Passing the torch” so to speak, to a new generation. Over the next several years we’ll identify leadership, train those leaders, and empower them to carry-on the work we’ve been called to do for nearly twenty-five years and still counting.

We’re staying the course for the foreseeable future. VWAM will continue its ministry and its humanitarian medical missions. However, many of you reading this are of my generation, and we must prepare for that day when we’re no longer physically able to continue. We have a debt to those who made the ultimate sacrifice, to those left

behind and missing, to the Vietnamese on both sides of the war, and most of all, to Him who called us to share His love through this ministry and humanitarian organization.

Today there is great angst among the citizenry in our country because some think our best days are behind us. But as far as VWAM’s future is concerned, I can tell you that the Board and I couldn’t be more excited about what’s ahead!

Vets With A Mission is planning, preparing, and praying so that when that inevitable day arrives and “The torch has been passed to a new generation,” it will ensure that the work and sacrifice, and the support you have given us will be meaningful, sustainable, and on-going.

I am keenly aware, as I’ve gotten older, that how you finish life is very important. It’s amazing how much that thought is on my mind, and it’s just as important to the Board, that VWAM finish well whenever that time comes.

You will play a significant role in how we “Pass the torch to a new generation.”

I’m asking you to stand with us as we continue fulfilling our calling, and prepare for the future.

All For Him and Them,

Chuck