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Important Events in 2010:

- Major gift received to sponsor VWAM's Vietnam Project Office in Da Nang - **January**.
- Second major gift received to sponsor Vietnam Project Office - **February**.
- Another major gift received to sponsor Vietnam Project Office in Da Nang - **March**.
- Quang Vinh - Thuy Chau Medical Team, Thua Thien Hue Province - **April**.
- 100 wheelchairs given to VWAM for use on 2011 humanitarian medical teams - **May**.
- VWAM exhibit at the National Meeting of the Christian Medical and Dental Association, Asheville, NC - **June**.
- Man Thai - Loc Vinh Medical Team, Da Nang City & Thua Thien Hue Province - **July**.
- Property evaluated for future Vietnam Project Office location - **August**.
- Hong Ha-Hong Kim Medical Team, Thua Thien Hue Province - **September**.
- VWAM receives tentative approval for renewal of its PTO (Permit To Operate) - **October**.
- Golf tournament fundraiser at Deep Creek Golf Club and Annual Meeting of the Board of Director's & Advisor's in Punta Gorda, FL; In-Country Representative Nguyen Van Chinh and spouse Ha participate in the meeting; Web site redesigned and two new sites debut - **November**.
- The December 1-21 "Matching Challenge" raises \$20,176. When matched by the \$10,000 challenge gift, it results in \$30,176 in support for the 2011 budget - **December**.

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

2010 Annual Report

With your help, Vets With A Mission was able to do the following this past year:

- Three medical teams, one to Da Nang and two to Thua Thien Hue Province, treated **4,306 Vietnamese**, distributed **\$30,747 of medicine**, and sponsored **39 procedures** including **9 heart operations** for children/young adults that cost **\$39,340**.
- The teams provided **eyeglasses (957 pairs), hearing aids (4), wheelchairs (85), walkers (11), canes (12), crutches (6 pairs)**, food stipends and other assistance valued at **\$21,670**.
- **502 dental patients** were seen,

the majority **children**, and **4,306 patients** received a dental packet (toothbrush & toothpaste).

- **58 volunteers (29 Vietnam vets)** served on three medical and one ministry team.
- **Cataract surgeries** were sponsored for **54 patients** that cost **\$6,750**.
- **27 hospitalizations** were sponsored for patients with other health issues costing **\$10,800**.
- Renovated the **Da Nang Women's Center for Reproductive Health** at a cost of **\$24,000**.
- VWAM's Vietnam representative, **Nguyen Van Chinh** and his wife **Ha**, participated in a three week US

visit that included the annual board meeting, and a visit to Canada.

- During a personal visit to **PACCOM** (People's Aid Coordinating Committee) in August, VWAM submitted its documents for renewal of its Permit To Operate (PTO). VWAM is still waiting, as of the printing of this annual report, for the official renewal of its **PTO**.
- VWAM became of member of the international **NGO Resource Center & Network** based in Hanoi.
- After two consecutive years of budget surpluses, the 2009-2010 year ended with a **\$13,842** short-fall.

Vision for 2011

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

This past year turned out to have its share of challenges, but VWAM was able to make significant progress toward its 2010 goals. A look back at the "Vision Points" it wanted to attain in 2010 shows that the ministry was able to accomplish 5 of 6 objectives.

The **Center For Reproductive Health** in Da Nang City was dedicated on August 3.

Dr. Tim Stafford serves as VWAM's **Optical Team Coordinator** and Lions International provides free eyeglasses.

VWAM's **web site** received a **major upgrade** resulting in two

new web addresses. One is vwam.com for historical and Vietnam War related information, and the second site emphasizes the ministry's humanitarian programs and projects at vetswithamission.org

VWAM sent **three medical teams** to Vietnam and was able to support several other initiatives.

The one area VWAM did not make progress was in updating its **humanitarian medical team video/DVD**.

VWAM's "**Vision for 2011**" includes the video project which is an update to

VWAM's award winning humanitarian video.

Also, in the new year, medical teams will go to Vietnam and to Cambodia (a first for VWAM).

A special *all-women's medical team* will serve at the Center For Reproductive Health in July.

Finally, the Floyd Olsen Memorial Clinic in Hong Ha will be evaluated toward making facility and service improvements.

Vets With A Mission **thanks you** for making both 2010 and 2011 possible!

A special Thank You to the following who made “Major and Special Gifts” in calendar year 2010

All Nations Christian Fellowship, Vancouver, Canada; **Willis & Brenda Archer**, Rutherfordton, NC; **Clay & Jackie Atkins**, Bruneau, ID; **Darby & Mike Bernardo**, Newberry, SC; **Randy & Angela Berry**, Spartanburg, SC; **Bruce Balmer & Debbie Dusseljee**, Blythewood, SC; **Chuck Davis**, Janesville, WI; **Cal & Fran Dunham**, Anchorage, AK; **First Baptist Church**, Rutherfordton, NC; **Walt Griffin**, Lafayette, IN; **Dennis Hanson & Anne Witham**, Exeter, NH; **Roger & Shirley Helle**, Ringgold, GA; **David & Joan Jester**, Aberdeen, WA; **Roy Lombardo**, Grangeville, ID; **Tom & Holly Love**, Oakland, CA; **Terry & Teri McGill**, Omaha, NE; **Jan Marbut**, San Antonio, TX; **Linda & Bob Peragallo**, Maple Ridge, Canada; **Amy Nguyen - PHO 99 Restaurant**, Bellingham, WA; **Jim & Susan Proctor**, Reno, NV; **Mary Richardson**, Wilmington, NC; **Tim Schwulst**, Bloomington, IL; **Seacoast Christian Community Church**, Mt. Pleasant, SC; **Jim & Murdena Simmons**, Murray, KY; **Bill & Sharon Steele, Jr.**, Columbia, KY; **Kristi Tencarre**, Stony Plain, Canada; **Michael & Susan Tighe**, Stroudsburg, PA; **Chuck & Joette Ward**, Newberry, SC.

Vets With A Mission also expresses its sincere “Thanks” to all donors - **206 in 2010** - for their support.

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A Labor of Love in Vietnam by **Chuck Ward**, Executive Director



Rachel Foster from Houlton, ME, a July 2010 Loc Vinh Medical Team volunteer

Dear Friends,

I don't know about you, but this year I want to make a better effort seeking His “strength” and “waiting” on Him.

This past year I tried to do too much on my own and as I've gotten older, I've learned what “Exhaustion” is. In an effort to do more than is expected of me, I tried to move faster and cram more in a day. Seemingly never-ending responsibilities have for the first time left me emotionally and physically fatigued. So what has happened?

It's not that I'm getting older, I know what happened to me: “I didn't wait on the Lord!” I wore myself out trying to lead this ministry in my own way and time.

Thinking I had donors to please, board members to please, team members to please and so on, I forgot to “Please the Father” first. I didn't focus enough on Him for direction or ask for His strength. I didn't wait on Him for that “supernatural” energy or endurance. I forgot that by trying to go faster in my strength, what I needed to do was move slower in His strength to receive “divine power” to accomplish what He is calling me to do. You see, I wore myself out by impatiently trying to do the work of this organization in my way.

I'm asking you to join me in pausing and humbling ourselves in admitting that you and I, and VWAM, has no “strength” without Him. I believe there is no limit for what God is willing and able to do in a yielded ministry, in a yielded leader, yielded board members, yielded supporters and yielded team members. And please join me in “waiting” on Him this year as we seek His help in achieving what He wants us to do in Vietnam.

Our labor of love in Vietnam is one that proves faith and works go hand-in-hand. As Christians, they know we are the real deal because they can recognize our fruit, that is, the things we do for a former enemy. Vietnam vets, who fought for their country and their lives during war, now act as God's hands and feet in Vietnam. I used to think that serving

my country in Vietnam defined who I was. In fact, too many vets let their Vietnam experience of four decades ago define who they are today. But now serving God in Vietnam is more than just something I or we do; working for the Lord in Vietnam is what really defines who we are.

I believe I am called to be in Vietnam, and I believe that you who support us are called as well. That means our Father in Heaven, who has called us to work in His name, will also provide the resources and equip us whether it be with “Grace or Money.”

As a Believer, a Christian, we should be motivated to do good in His name in order to please Him. Therefore, we are called to act out our faith each day in Vietnam. God is working through you and me to reach those who may never own a Bible or see Christ's love in action other than through a VWAM medical team. He is using our life to tell His story, and the Lord uses each of us to demonstrate His grace and glory.

Faith, strength, and waiting on Him is what we need to do. And it is our works, the good deeds we do, that demonstrates God's love for the Vietnamese. It's Vets With A Mission's “Labor of love.”

All For Him and Them,

Chuck