

NOVEMBER 2021

Dear friends,

The pandemic has wreaked havoc in Vietnam as it has here, but it now seems to be slightly abating in Vietnam. The government of Vietnam has recently lifted much of the lockdown that has been in place since July. Restrictions remain, such as wearing masks and social distancing, but it now seems likely that Phan Van Do, our Project Coordinator in Vietnam, will soon be able to travel to Quang Ngai to resume work on our projects there.

Do has not been able to travel to Quang Ngai province since July, 2021. Had he done so, he would have been quarantined for up to three weeks and still the people, especially the rural people, would have refused to meet with him. They would fear that, coming from Saigon, he would be contagious. However, as a testimony to Do's community of support, many rural people have been calling him to see if he is doing all right.

While Do has been confined to his house in Saigon, he has not been idle. Even though the actual installation work of our Phase 2 projects has been on hold, Do has been in constant communication with our various partners to plan out the management of our projects so that when the time comes to release the funds for these projects, all preparatory work has been finished-filling out the paperwork and choosing our contractors and finalizing our agreements with them.

Although schools are still closed, when they reopen there will be more requests for **scholarships and bicycles**.

Bikes enable young students to attend school regularly

Bikes



Forage Grinding Machines



The Quang Ngai Province Women's Union is making forage grinding machines available to poor women.

The foraging machines provide an efficient way for farmers to use agricultural byproducts to create nutritional feed for their livestock.

Your support, always critical to the success of these projects, is even more important now as we play catch-up on the work that has been slowed or dormant during the pandemic and as we begin raising funds for next year's projects.

Your donation helps fund:

\$3,000 for one water well

\$500 for one water filtration system

\$120 for one forage grinding machine

\$100 for one bicycle

\$50 for one scholarship

Thank you for your generous support.

In peace.

Mike Boehm
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Mike Boehm and Phan Van Do





Above: Celebrating completion of the first eight-room primary school in My Lai, funded by MQI. March 16, 2001

MQI Teamwork

Mike Boehm & Phan Van Do

MQI has worked for nearly thirty years in Quang Ngai province to lift people out of poverty, provide their children with an education, and equip communities with clean water.



MQI has provided water wells for many mountainous villages



Above: Professor Joe Elder (l) a long-time supporter of MQI, celebrates with Mike Boehm and Prof. Hiroshi Fujimoto, who has extensively written in Japan about MQI projects. March 16, 2008, 40 year anniversary of the My Lai massacre.



Enabling mothers creates healthy families and communities.

MQI provides loans to poor women to raise cows



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