



Meet Minh Van Nguyen.

Minh is one of the residents at the *Home for Disabled and Abandoned Children* in Bac Ninh Province of Vietnam. Born in 1999 Minh suffers from cerebral palsy due to encephalitis. He is also paralyzed, mentally retarded, and deaf. He is one of the 16 children being supported by *The Forgotten People Foundation*.

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Dear Friends,

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The Forgotten People Foundation was created in the summer of 2005 by Professor Jerry Braza and Mr. Tuan Nguyen after visiting a government supported leper colony in Vietnam. At that time, they visited with some 600 lepers and their family members living without adequate health care, housing, and in squalid environmental conditions. They soon discovered that there are even larger groups of people, including children, the disabled, and the elderly who are even less fortunate than those living in the government supported leper colonies. These people, without decent food and shelter, inhabit isolated areas deep in the forest in many provinces of Vietnam. *The Home for Disabled and Abandoned Children (HADC)* is one such place in great need of funding and support. Minh, and sixteen other of his friends occupy a small facility served by sisters of the Catholic Diocese of Bac Nihn province who attempt to offer care with just the bare minimum of supplies.

Also involved with the FPF are students and faculty from Western Oregon University. Recently a team of faculty and students from the University together with Board member Dr. Xuong Nguyen-Huu and his wife Lan, on behalf of the FPF, presented the people at the HADC a check to begin construction on a larger and healthier new home for these young residents. Our goal is to help the sisters provide Minh and his friends a nurturing environment, improved nutrition, and quality healthcare

To continue our work for the ongoing health and rehabilitation needs of people like Minh, we need your help. On behalf of the Forgotten People, thank you for considering a gift of support to advance the work of our Foundation in filling these basic survival needs of these beautiful people.

With gratitude,

Jerry Braza, Ph.D.
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