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Dear Friends,

As 2022 winds down, we want to thank all of you for your support in getting VVAW's first library open for the middle school in Pho Vinh, Quang Ngai Province. We know it is much appreciated by the students and the residents and has been receiving lots of use in 2022.

Things are falling into place for construction of our next library, scheduled to begin in early December, in the courtyard of the Hanh Trung Primary School, Nghia Hanh District, in the Quang Ngai Province of Vietnam. This will be a "Small Dream" library—meaning it will be smaller than our previous library and only one story tall. Your donations will help us raise the \$26,000 needed to get this open by spring of 2023, weather and unforeseen issues permitting.

The Library of Vietnam Project is now partnering with Project RENEW whose mission is to make Quang Tri Province safe from the impact of cluster munitions and explosive ordnance, creating an environment in which communities can live with confidence that they are safe, and vulnerable groups will receive the support they need. They have officially expanded their focus to include Quang Ngai Province, where VVAW's libraries are located. They will be putting children's books on War Legacy Education in the libraries across Quang Ngai.

VVAW intends to continue supporting these library projects with construction or enhancements to equipment, or whatever the libraries need to better help the students. We've been talking with Chuck Theusch from the Library of Vietnam Project about how we can continue to support these two libraries and maybe even build more over the next 5 years.

This may not seem like a lot, but in these remote war-torn, poverty-stricken areas every dollar goes a long way to making big improvements for the people of Vietnam. This is a great chance to bring some joy into our lives by helping the children and grandchildren of people we once wronged.

"We appreciate the work of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War. We are in a poor region of Vietnam. This VVAW Small Dream Library for our Primary School is so very meaningful to the students and their families." —Mr. Dinh Duy Long, Director, Quang Ngai Fund for Children

Your donations really are crucial to getting these libraries built and to offer annual support to them as long as we can. While many of us served over 50 years ago, the damage the US rained on Vietnam is still affecting the health and well being of the Vietnamese people.

We know 2022 has been a rough year: the ongoing pandemic, the war in Ukraine, fascists trying to take over and destroy our electoral system. We know these horrors tax our minds and our bank accounts. Please consider the lasting good your donation will do to helping educate a new generation of Vietnamese youth. Please give what you can now.



Hanh Trung Primary School kids make heart sign at the site of future Small Dreams Library, November 17, 2022.

We are deeply thankful when our members and supporters make tax-deductible donations to VVAW's work, at whatever level. Your contributions to VVAW help us keep distributing *The Veteran*, to our members, friends, and supporters. Your donations also keep our website going, where we have every issue of VVAW's newspaper online as well as archives of many other articles, photos, and videos. Your donations allow us to make VVAW's legacy not only accessible to all through our website but also to archive them for generations to come. **Funds raised will also continue to support the Library of Vietnam Project.** We thank all of you for your continued support.

In solidarity,

William Branson

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VVAW Board member

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