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Beautiful library! I was there on April 7th. You guys have a right to be proud. The students really seemed to be enjoying it.— Gary Counihan

Dear Friends,

We are still excited about our recently completed VVAW/Pho Vinh Middle School Library in Duc Pho, Quang Ngai built in partnership with the Library of Vietnam Project. One of their board members recently visited the library. Gary Counihan, a Vietnam vet and 61st Assault Helicopter Pilot, has seen most of the libraries the Project has built over the years and was very impressed by this one. Soon their director, Chuck Theusch, will be making his first trip to Vietnam since the pandemic began and is looking forward to viewing the library in person.

What next? We feel that we can continue to support the work of the Library of Vietnam Project and we are planning another project that VVAW can fund. VVAW has already improved the just completed VVAW Library at the Pho Vinh Middle School with an additional \$5,000 grant for a computer lab, that is greatly appreciated by the students and teachers.

Our next project in Vietnam will be funding a Small Dream library. Unlike the just completed library, this will be a single floor building, located in a rural area not very far away from the current library



Photo taken by Gary Counihan, April 7, 2022.

and geared towards younger children. It will be free standing and not next to an existing school. Besides books, it will include a couple computers, and host an English Language Club.

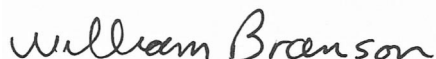
The Library of Vietnam Project has built 11 of these Small Dream libraries, from Lao Cai at the Vietnam-China border to the far reaches of the Mekong River Delta and the Cambodian border in the South. Mr. Dinh Duy Long, General Director of the Quang Ngai Fund for Children is taking the lead in locating a small village for this project. He managed the construction of the VVAW/Pho Vinh Middle School Library in 2021. Mr. Long will be speaking to the village commune with the Small Dream idea in hopes of locating an ideal site.

The details are still being worked out, but we are committed to this project. We feel this is something that VVAW can do that will brighten the days of many children and teachers, not to mention contribute to the rebuilding of Vietnam. A lot of us are no longer able to maintain our previous levels of activism. This is a great chance to bring some joy into our lives by helping the children and grandchildren of people we once wronged.

We hope to raise \$20,000 to get this project started later in 2022 or early 2023. The amount of money in these grants may not seem like a lot, but in the remote war-torn, poverty-stricken areas every dollar goes a long way to making big improvements for the people of Vietnam. We want to start the fundraising now, so that once a site is located and all government entities sign off, we can begin construction as soon as possible

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,



Bill Branson
VVAW Board member

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