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Dear Friends,

It's been at least 50 years since many of us returned to "The World." We left behind many who weren't as lucky as we were. They lost their lives in a pointless war.

50 years is a long time. Eventually we found ourselves among comrades in VVAW and the anti-war movement. Many of those comrades are now also gone, and more are joining their ranks every day. PTSD, Agent Orange, drugs, alcohol, and aging have affected all of us.

The ravages of that war, many years of sanctions, and lack of just reparations have left the Vietnamese people struggling. Agent Orange contamination is still affecting current generations. Unexploded ordnance still pock marks the land. Extreme poverty is rampant, especially in the rural areas where the fighting was most fierce.

We feel that our partnership with the Library of Vietnam Project has helped to alleviate some of the effects of that poverty, by giving the new generations tools for education they might not otherwise have.

We are proud to have sponsored two libraries, one at the Pho Vinh Middle School in Duc Pho, Quang Ngai, our second at the Hanh Trung Primary School, Nghia Hanh District, in the Quang Ngai Province of Vietnam.

We are excited to announce that we are going to sponsor another library, in Binh Dinh Province, just south of their other two libraries in Quang Ngai Province, close to the site of the My Lai tragedy. We need to fundraise in order to pay for this library and continue our other operations, but we are confident that our generous supporters will rise to help this effort.

We cannot begin to express the pride we have in the two completed libraries and the impacts they are having and will have on the Vietnamese youth in those areas. The library at Hanh Trung Primary School will soon start getting used as the students come back to school.

VVAW intends to continue supporting these library projects with construction, enhancements to equipment, or whatever the libraries need. We hope to continue this support for as long as we are able and as long as you all support these efforts.

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



Dedication of Small Dreams Library at Hanh Trung Primary School, May 25, 2023.

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

I am sending Vietnam Veterans Against the War ☐\$35 ☐\$50 ☐\$100 ☐\$250 ☐\$500 ☐Other to support its work for peace, justice, and for decent benefits for all veterans. Donations to VVAW are tax deductible. You can also donate online at www.vvaw.org.

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