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Dear Friends,

We are excited that our new library in Vietnam—at the An Nghia Middle School, Hoai An District, Binh Dinh Province—is slated to be finished by May of this year. Paperwork is still being completed (an arduous process). Construction should commence after Tet. We can't wait! Neither can the teachers and students. VVAW's library is the first project of this sort in this province.

In November and December of 2023, Chuck Theusch led a group of vets to Vietnam to visit the Library of Vietnam Project (LOVP) libraries. Here is a report from VVAW member Ken Embers.

"Good news, the VVAW libraries are serving proudly as learning centers for Vietnamese kids. They are being very well utilized by teachers and staff. Yesterday we visited the Anh Ngai location and Chuck continues to review the contracts and plans to build at this fairly remote location in Binh Dinh province not far from Bong Son, LZ English, LZ Two Bits, north of Phu Cat Air Force Base which is now the location of a civilian airport serving the Quy Nhon area.

"The Pho Vinh VVAW Library is really well-staffed and looks good. We met with the school principal and some school district officers, presented some scholarships to students and certificates to teachers, and had lunch with staff members and teachers. At my table was my wife, a geography teacher, math teacher, biology teacher; and three Vietnam vets. At the other two tables a mixture of veterans and Vietnamese enjoyed a great meal, made communication contacts and furthered the



LOVP Delegation and first in-person meeting at An Nghia School, home of future VVAW Library Learning Center. The 10 Teachers were awarded small grants in appreciation of their work by LOVP in anticipation of the the VVAW construction and support project. November 24, 2023



Courtyard at An Nghia Middle School, future site of new VVAW library and learning center in Vietnam.

VVAW cause of promoting peace and justice. This is a really positive program and I'm glad VVAW decided to fund these libraries.

"As a new VVAW life member, I encourage any and all participation whether through financial contributions or actually joining Chuck and Khoi on their trips to establish reconciliation with the Vietnamese people and map out a rewarding and positive future for the young people of America and Vietnam."

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

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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