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"In 1972 when I was having a particularly hard time, Mr Quat, our host, had a discussion with me. He said that guilt was destructive, that as an emotion it had no place to go. It could not be built upon. He touched my heart when he said that guilt and hate would get me nowhere, that I had been used in the war, used by my own government and society, that then I had no choice. Now I did and I had made the correct one. Now I opposed the war, opposed the killing, opposed to the destruction of the land and the countryside: that emotion—love—could be built upon. In closing, he said, you've seen the war from both sides, suffered with the Vietnamese people; later, during peace, I could share in their joy like no other."—Barry Romo, The Veteran, Fall 1987

Dear Friends,

As part of our ongoing support of the children's library and learning centers we have built in Vietnam, we just sent a \$5,000 grant to upgrade the computer lab at the An Nghia Secondary School. This was our 3rd VVAW funded library built in Vietnam and dedicated to the memory of Barry Romo. This library and the computer upgrade happened because of you and your donations.

During the past school year, the library at An Nghia successfully carried out a wide range of activities to serve the students, contributing to the promotion of a reading culture throughout the



*Students spellbound during summer class at the
VVAW/Barry Romo Library, An Nghia, Gia Lai Province, Vietnam in July, 2026.*

school. The library currently houses more than 5,500 books covering a variety of genres, meeting students' learning and recreational needs. The library maintained a regular reading schedule for all 19 classes, with approximately 3,000 student visits recorded during the school year. In addition, it organized a number of outstanding activities, and collaborative programs with a mobile library, attracting more than 1,000 participants. The library also provides a welcoming and reader-friendly environment, featuring an open reading corner and themed book displays, complemented by vivid photographs showcasing library activities.

Looking ahead, the library aims to further enhance the quality of its services while promoting innovation in a modern and sustainable manner. The library plans to acquire an additional 1,000-1,500 books, develop a digital library, and increase the use of information technology in library management and reader services. The library will also expand its reading space, establish creative learning and reading corners, and organize at least five to seven major events throughout the school year to foster and promote a strong reading culture among students.

"The VVAW Computer Lab & Resources Grant of 2026 is a badly needed addition to this first library the school has ever had. The continued expanded use is a testament to the improved educational infrastructure in this remote region of old South Vietnam."—Chuck Theusch, Library of Vietnam Project, Inc.

With your help and support (and possible bequests) we hope to build another library in a battle scarred poor community in Vietnam in 2027. If you would like to include VVAW in your will to support these projects, contact the National Office at vvaw@vvaw.org. VVAW is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. But why wait? The children of Vietnam would appreciate your support now and you can see the results of your donation.

We are deeply thankful when our members and supporters make tax-deductible donations to VVAW's work, at whatever level. Your contributions keep VVAW going. We thank all of you for your support.

In solidarity,



Bill Branson
VVAW Board member

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