

Summary for the year 2021 of the Happiness Relief Fund

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

The Happiness Relief Fund (established by the Master in 1998) would like to report the Summary of activities for 2021 as follows:

1. Province Qui-Nhơn Bình Định:

A. Offered care services for poor children included eating and schooling and for the elderly and sick.

Each month supports seventeen of the poor, sick, elderly and twelve students included poor students and orphans. The generosity and compassion of our happiness relief fund had and has served the sick, the poor, the elderly with food, clothing, medical aid and the poor children to continue their schooling from having to suffer hardships of child labor.

Photos of Poor Children and the Elderly Who Have Been and Are Being Supported



Figure 1: ...

2. Helping Thiên Ân House in Pleiku:

Continue to support Thiên Ân house shelter in Pleiku because in 2021, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many in-house goods are not sold and less visits from charities have contributed to the decreased of donations significantly than in previous years.

In 2021, with the cooperation of the charity EPVN (Enfance Partenariat Viet Nam) in France, two projects have been implemented: vanilla cultivation and avocado oil pressing, so that the proceeds can go to the

shelter in the future to be self-sufficient enough to care for around 150 children in difficult poor family situations, from birth to college. The Thiên Ân shelter is located in village no. 4, communes of Chu Asia (city of Pleiku, Gia Lai) and it is home for 200 orphans. It is also a heaven for hundreds of unfortunate women who have nowhere to go.

In the Thiên Ân shelter, there are so many different situations, with some children from poor families being likely to give up school, others being abandoned, or being sick, and even some coming as new born. In particular, the number of children from ethnic minorities is quite large. The house is now like a shelter that protects, cares for children and prepares them to face the difficulties of life when the children are too young to cope.

In addition to offer housing and schooling, the shelter also supports vocational training and creates jobs for them.

There are currently 148 children from kindergarten to college levels and 14 new-borns of which one weighs 1.5 kg. The following documentaries are available on YouTube:

[Thiên Ân Shelter - A fulcrum for children in difficult circumstances towelhttps://youtu.be/uExurhlwOJc](https://youtu.be/uExurhlwOJc)

<https://baogialai.com.vn/channel/12381/202109/mai-am-thien-an-truong-nghe-nhan-ai-5749456/>



Figure 2: ...



Figure 3:

In addition, every weekend the sisters go to remote villages to teach literacy and distribute bread and milk to street children (150 children) that the shelter does not have enough space to accommodate them.



FIGURE 4: ...



FIGURE 5: ...

At the end of 2021, distribute warm clothes and shoes to children who do not have them.

3. Distribution of medicine, rice, food and scholarships to the poor in Gia Lai

1. Through local work of one sister that supports villages of the lepers and disabled people who need help especially during the Covid crisis, distribute rice and basic necessities to poor ethnic people every month (about 113 people), including an old woman of Chai origin, a single-parent family with 4 children whose mother is blind and father is dead, and a family with paralysis.
2. Provide scholarships for 7 poor children in Ayunpa town, Gia Lai province, through the Father Nguyen Duc Phu Bon parish school. Here is the list of 6 former children and one newly arrived child:
 - Dinh Ayun
 - DinhNgon
 - Dinh Than
 - Dinh Hanh
 - Doan Ngoc Duy
 - Ha Thi Hien
 - Bui TrungKien is in grade 8. The young girl Kien is alone with her mother; her father has left them. She alternates between one day going to school and another day bringing vegetables to the village to sell. She tries to study while supporting her mother at the same time.



Figure 6: ...

4. Support in Lam Dong

[Promote study for Ethnic minority children with number M" Nong in Da Tong-Dam Rong-Lam Dong].

By helping a large number of ethnic minority children M" Nông tại ĐạTông- ĐamRông- LâmĐồng in their studies, we realized the following needs: in addition to the cost of hiring a teacher to tutor the elementary school children, without which they would not be able to keep up with the school work, there is also the lack of food, because in the family meals, the children have, apart from a bowl of rice, only a few salted vegetables collected from the forest and a flavor enhancer (glutamate) as their main food.

Consequently, we were wondering if it would be better if, as part of the study promotion program, we also support the children's meals; we thought we'd send you a plan of providing lunch herein the attached file for you to consider, but more in-depth study is still necessary. We hope you understand. Because there are so many needs for the children, but we don't know if we should present you the situation further, in addition to the monthly budget which is already quite high. For example, desks and chairs for children to study; means of transport for the children to go to school (bicycle). Children are slow learners and forget easily. Therefore, each year, they only have one month of summer vacation, one week of Tết holiday, and nearly 11 months of study in a year. While studying, we also teach the children moral education and necessary life skills by organizing fun activities and games for them.



Figure 7: ...

5. Support at Ban Mê Thuật

In Ban Mê Thuật, we support the Vi Nhan School for the Disabled for deaf, blind and visually impaired children with Down's syndrome, run by the Order of St Paul de Chartres. In addition, we provide scholarships to 15 poor and disabled children.

We also fund the purchase of Montessori materials for developmentally disabled children, psychomotor materials for autistic children and musical instruments for visually impaired children so that they can learn to live



Figure 8: ...

6. Donations to cover funeral costs for destitute families

In 2021, we supported many families who have deceased members and are unable to pay for burial by offering them funeral services

1. Request letter for support for funeral services for a deceased indigent person.

Kính thưa Bác,

Có ông Giuse Trịnh Xuân Du, sinh năm 1960, cư ngụ tỉnh Phú Yên. Vợ chồng ông nguyên quán Miền Bắc, hoàn cảnh khó khăn di cư vào Phú Yên sinh sống, nhưng cũng không thoát cảnh nghèo khổ. Nay cả 2 ông bà bị tai nạn, ông chết ngay trên đường, còn vợ ông đang trong tình trạng hôn mê, cấp cứu trong bệnh viện. Các sơ phục vụ tại Phú Yên cho con biết, ông bà nghèo lắm, 2 người con của học cũng không có gì, cuộc sống chỉ qua ngày.

Vậy, con kính xin Bác cho phép con hỗ trợ ông Gie se Trịnh Xuân Du 1 cái hòm, với giá 4 triệu đồng. Như vậy, quỹ tiền hòm vẫn còn 4 triệu 500 đồng.

Nếu được Bác đồng ý, con sẽ chuyển tiền ngay cho họ.

Kính trình.

Nữ tu Therese Nguyễn Thị Hạnh. SPC

2. Support for the burial of 1 newborn baby, the mother is too poor in Pleiku
3. Support for the burial in Saigon

7. Support in Huế

Supporting the Uu Đàm Huế orphanage, where some 40 orphans from kindergarten to university are being cared for.



Figure 9:

8. Helping people in the Mekong Delta

in 2021, aid was provided to people in the MekongDelta (Tiền Giang, Vũng Tàu). The number of elderlies that cared for is 56 single seniors as well as 54 youth (scholarships) including 24 college and university students.

9. Sóc Trăng Province

Through a friend who came to the site, we send rice noodles and other food to 10 very poor people in Sóc Trăng every month.



10. Cần Thơ Province

In 2021 Continue to help children with funds to pay for health care insurance and buy computers for e-learning for children who were abandoned at the gate of the pagoda Bửu Trì.



Figure 10

11. Ha Tinh province: Helping disabled children

We continue to support the Hồng Lĩnh centre for the disabled and Can Lộc Centre for 35 poor disabled children to pay school fees and purchase educational materials. Support to build more toilets and study places as the needs of disabled children are too important in Can Lộc.

12 . Help practitioners who are poor, sick or in difficult circumstances

In 2021, thanks to the recommendation of local religious friends, we are able to help many parishioners who are in extremely difficult circumstances, infected by covid, dilapidated houses, accidents, diseases.



13. Sponsoring disabled children to attend special school at Thanh Tâm in Đà Nẵng

https://youtu.be/wDJXz_gjXB8 Thanh Tam School

In 2021, continue to sponsor 54 (4 more children supported by anonymous sponsors) disabled children (hearing impaired, cerebral palsy, intellectually disabled, autistic) with poor family circumstances to be able to have the opportunity for vocational training (baking, growing clean vegetables, gardening, sewing, embroidery...) and rehabilitation at specialized school Thanh Tam Da Nang.

14. Tien Giang Province

Partial support to buy food for the Huynh De restaurant for the poor or workers who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic.

15. Leprosy Village in Dakkia (Kontum) A

SUMMARY OF DAKKIA KONTUM LEPROSY CAMP

Before 1938, the Sisters of the Daughters of Charity were present in Kontum and one of the form of service to the poor of the Daughters of Charity is visiting the poor in their families where they discovered patients with sores and stinking sores. At first, the sisters took care of them at home, later, to help them get rid of social stigmas and to facilitate taking care of their spiritual life, faith, living conditions and illness, the sisters gathered them into a village of leprosy at that time which was still primitive.

In 1945, the French sister Marie Louise Banet of the Congregation of the Daughters of Charity began to build a village called Phong Dakkia Camp with the support of a number of French priests. The construction of Phong Dakkia Camp lasted for many years and gradually formed into a model village of Phong Camp with the result of green coconut trees planted around the village and palm trees creating a cool space and beautiful scenery for the village from its inception to the present day. The centre of the village is a small church, surrounded by buildings designed to serve leprosy patients such as: a clinic, a kitchen area, a house for single men-women, a kindergarten, a boy-girl boarding school for the patient's children and grandchildren, a dormitory with one flat for each family, a bakery, a mechanical workshop, animal farming, agriculture, etc.

After the 1975 war events, the village of Phong Dakkia Camp was affected and faced many difficulties. Due to the changing times and complicated circumstances of the war, the Daughters of Charity were absent from the camp for some time. As a result, Phong Dakkia Camp was deteriorated a lot in terms of spiritual and material facilities.

After these difficult events and for many years, the Sisters of Charity quickly returned to continue to be present and serve the leprosy patients, but not quite as before. The work is difficult and challenging, but the nuns gradually overcame it to repair and restore degraded houses such as the kitchen, the patient's house, the children's house, the dormitory house for boys and girls, along with the work of restoring spiritual life, faith and educating children and young people of the village.

The village has more than 200 households, including 89 leprosy patients, their life is still difficult, especially in economic terms, they have to work as hired laborers because of lack of cultivable land, lack of necessary conditions such as clean water, degraded toilets, and severely damaged sewer lines, so the repair, support and restoration work requires a lot of time and large funds.

Currently, the village's activities include: a clinic for treating leprosy patients under the management of the Department of Health, a primary school and a kindergarten under the management of the Department of Education.

About faith life: The parish church has a priest who celebrates Mass 4 days a week who does not live there because this is a branch of the parish.

The community of Sisters of the Daughters of Charity is present in the Camp with the following main services:

- Serving Patients:
 - Taking care of spiritual life, faith,
 - Serving lunch under the form: patients come to receive food to take home,
 - Taking care of single patients, the elderly,
 - Medicine dispensing room,
 - Helping patients to go to treatment outside the province in severe cases,
 - Facilities to accommodate patient visits.

Education of young people: the nuns gather children to train and educate them in faith, human and intellectual life about 180 children where two thirds are descendants of leprosy patients, the rest are children from remote villages. In a form of a pension there are 3 centers:

- The residential school for boys;
- The residential school for girls
- Day school

Sister Maria Thuan Nguyen

Sisters of Charity

Sisters of Charity Kontum Community

CKBV SUPPORTED EDUCATION THROUGH MEALS

Dear Benefactors

I am Sister Maria Thuan Nguyen, from the Congregation of the Daughters of Charity Vincent Paul, currently in charge of the education of students through the boarding school model at Phong Dakkia camp, Doan Ket commune, Kontum city, Kontum province. I would like to bring to your attention the benefactors on the issue of education of children in the villages of Kontum province..

1. Socio-economic context:

Kontum province is a central highland land of ethnic minorities (representing 80% of the population), with multi-ethnic, multilingual, multicultural communities.

This is a shifting cultivation practice, but the shifting fields are on steep hills, since there is no capital investment on fertiliser which makes agricultural efficiency low, adding to that the price pressure

when buying agricultural products and loans at high interest rates from the Kinh people; there are those who have no fields to cultivate, work as wage labourers, all this leads to a very low standard of living.

The majority of parents are illiterate, they lack knowledge and understanding, have limited command of the language, so when they communicate with society, are disadvantaged in terms of social rights.

People lack things such as: clean water, toilets, food and clothing, as well as medical care, etc. Most families have many children.

All these elements affect their learning, they almost lack motivation to strive hard in their studies, most of them are dropping out of school around 7th, 8th grade and often lead to troubles afterwards because of the loss of basic knowledge, the main reason is that they do not have both learning and education.

2. Purpose:

We form a boarding house to help children to have:

- Good learning environment
- Humanizing education
- Other skills

To help children promote themselves, their families, and the nation.

3. Target audience:

- Children from ethnic minorities.
- Boys and girls aged from grade I to grade III.
- Ability and desire to learn.

Our foster home currently consists of 3 houses:

- Boarding school for boys: 50 children
- Boarding school for girls: 80 children
- Half-boarding school: 50 children

Total 180 children

Facilities as well as study expenses have been mostly supported by benefactors.

At the moment we are mainly concerned with the financing of the children's meals, in the past we expected kindness from benefactors and sometimes have to ask here and there. Therefore, we ask for your support for the children's food budget.

We sincerely thank you benefactors, we hope you support and partner with us so that we can have peace of mind in educating and taking care of the children.



16. Helping the poor who have no money for medical treatment

Every month, thanks to the generosity of our friends who want to help poor people who cannot afford treatment, we have people going directly to the hospital to help many poor patients.

23-Jan Nhóm Vô Vi đưa 650CAD			tỉ giá 18,300	11,895,000
1	28-Jan	BV Thủ Đức	Nguyễn Mai Thanh Tùng 18 tuổi, vì căn bệnh suy thận mãn giai đoạn cuối với thâm niên gần 16 năm chạy thận lọc máu, cơ thể con nhỏ xíu như trẻ tiểu học. Lột lòng mẹ mới 22 ngày tuổi, chưa được tròn tháng, con đã được chẩn đoán suy thận mãn bẩm sinh giai đoạn cuối. Mỗi tuần con bắt đầu tiến trình chạy thận lọc máu từ khi 2,5 tuổi đến nay đã gần 16 năm tròn. Bệnh từ khi lọt lòng mẹ nên con đầu có sức khỏe đến trường vì cả tuổi thơ 16 năm trời, con lấy BV Nhi đồng 2 làm nhà, không đi học nên thằng nhỏ không biết chữ. Nay bệnh tình con đã rất trầm trọng bị phù phổi, suy tim mạn, bóng tim to, thiếu oxy nặng, đợt này con nhập viện ở BV Thủ Đức đã hơn 1 tháng.	3,000,000
2	2-Feb	BV Thủ Đức	Bác Nguyễn Vĩnh Quang, 72 tuổi, không người thân, sống 1 mình trong phòng trọ, bị té nứt xương chậu. Không con cái, không người thân mỗi ngày đi bán vé số mưu sinh.	1,000,000
3	7-Feb		10 phần gạo Tết cho bà con lao động nghèo, cao tuổi neo đơn, 800 ngàn/ phần gồm 10kg gạo, các loại nhu yếu phẩm đầu ăn, đường, mắm muối... cùng quà Tết: bánh Tết, lạp xường, chả lụa & phần hỗ trợ tiền mặt	8,000,000
				12,000,000

17. Support to build charity houses and scholarships for disadvantaged children in the West

Thanks to local religious friends who directly distribute scholarships to poor children in isolated places like VungLiem, Ben Tre, AnBinh Island and a village far from the city, without electricity and water, where life is very miserable and where there are large families with children who have no food and clothing, and dilapidated housing.

<https://youtu.be/4XLlLvDm7wc>

<https://youtu.be/uNmW4Ei67rY>

<https://youtu.be/pVNQPsyQ2Mk>

18. Supporting poor victims during the recent Covid pandemic in Saigon & Binh Duong

In Saigon in August 2021, there was great misery due to the pandemic, migrants who had worked as laborers, hawkers and lottery ticket sellers were unemployed for many days and wandered the streets, hostels, without food, including those who are positive for Covid. The monks, equipped with protective gear and a clearance, came to help during this month. But the number of hungry people is increasing, the budget is not enough. Father Cong asked me to find a benefactor to help us in case of emergency.

Father said, he borrowed a car to transport goods. The teachers at the academy are divided into 7 teams to go and help people. They bought food and then divided it into parcels to donate to living quarters in isolated /quarantine places. They brought it to a corner outside, then walked a bit further to call them to pick up the food which they shared and feed themselves for the day.

CKBV provided food support to poor families in rental quarters, to those who sold lottery tickets during the period of social distancing, medicines and inhalation therapies to treat covid victims at home.



Figure 11

<https://youtu.be/Wwmuyh1Ragg>

In Binh Duong, we supported 2 food trucks through local nuns and priests to help the covid unemployed who are suffering from hunger.



Figure 12

There are also many other needs that cannot be met by our limited resources.

We sincerely thank you all practitioners for contributing to the maintenance of this funds which is a very small part of the many achievements of our master work on earth.

All the money we receive is reported every 2 months in the Light energy development Weekly and on the VOFI.ORG website and is used 100% for the poor and suffering.

Any errors or questions, please send to the person responsible whose signature is below.

The poor people who have received help from these benefactors bow their heads in gratitude

This year, thank you very much, especially for the support of VoVi Southern California, president Lam Huynh Mai, treasurer Ngoc Huynh and Mr. Dung and Mrs. Hoa.

Please find below a letter that Master had sent to Sr Nhiem from the Lai Thieu School for the Deaf and Dumb that you have helped through the CKBV fund for many years:

Montreal, ngày 16/6/98

Kính gửi soeur Nhiệm,

Tôi vừa về đến nhà nhận được năm lá thư và hình của các cháu cùng quà tặng của các cháu do anh Phan Cao Thăng chuyển đến. Thành thật cảm ơn soeur và các cháu.

Những lời triêu mến kính thương của soeur đã gởi về cho tôi rất cảm động. Tôi đã làm việc tối thiểu - mà Đấng Toàn Năng đã ban cho tôi cơ hội phục vụ trong một giai đoạn: học từ bi và thực hiện từ bi đối với người đau khổ. Nhờ sự đau khổ mới thấu triệt được giá trị của tâm linh mà tu tiến.

Các cháu được mạnh khỏe không khác gì bình minh quang chiếu cho các cháu, sống vui và bùng dậy trong tình yêu thương của Chúa. Sự ray rức cảm động này lúc nào cũng ẩn tàng trong tâm thức của người tu chơn giải thoát.

Kính thưa soeur, đời là tạm, tình thương là thật và trường cửu. Thế gian này chỉ có một đạo thôi; nó là tình thương như soeur đã và đang dẫn thân tận tình phục vụ. Những đứa trẻ chưa mở tâm khai trí, đó cũng là một trường học dẫn tiến tâm linh có thực chất, phục vụ từ khổ nạn cho đến an vui. Việc làm của soeur thật là cao cả trong hành trình theo lời ban chiếu của Chúa, khai triển tâm linh bất vụ lợi. Nhờ qua việc làm mới chứng minh được người tốt hay xấu đó thôi.

Tình người thấm thía trong yêu thương
Xây dựng không ngừng thức rõ tường
Tạm cảnh thực hành chơn lý pháp
Thành tâm tu luyện tự mình thương.

Tôi vừa đi Úc và các nơi về, sức khỏe vẫn bình an. Kính chúc soeur cùng các cháu vui khỏe.

Quý thương,



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Sincerely,

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