

Viet/Aid FAX

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From: Larry Ward

Early in the mornin'-- and for some reason you have been on my mind. I appreciate you, Bill, and am grateful for each time our paths have crossed through the years. I salute you for the way you have "hung in there" on the Issue-- and for your heart interest in Vietnam itself.

I'm just back from a very significant trip (HCMC, Hue and Hanoi)... and will be back out there again beginning December 6. (Lost a few months out of my life after my April trip, with gall bladder surgery "the old fashioned way," but I am feeling great now and charging ahead.)

Viet/Aid is taking off, Bill (beyond our biggest dreams if not exactly beyond the range of our prayers)... and that in spite of the fact that we have only 44 donors who give anywhere from \$25 to \$50 each! I just signed an agreement with MOLISA which adds up to nearly a \$2 million program-- and the Good Lord is gonna let us do it. We'll be doing five clinics (Hue, Hanoi, HCMC area and possibly Hiep Duc, near Tam Ky... in addition to the one just down the road from Floyd Olson's crash site, in Hong Ha). I am also working with MOLISA to set up disaster preparedness depots along the coast. The annual floods are worse than ever, and it's time they set up a continuing program so they can be ready year after year.

Let's get together, Bill, sometime soon. I'll be back at my desk by Dec 20, and I'll call. This next Vietnam trip will be a short one, as was the one from which I came back only about ten days ago... but we have things popping on both ends now, and I have to keep moving fast like this. Thank God for credit cards!

My best to your family.... LARRY

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