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Dear Friends,

Emergency aid to Vietnam is needed now. In the past you have responded with your good will and generous support to help the political prisoners and their families in Vietnam. We hesitate to make another appeal at this time, but we have no choice.

While Congress and others are debating, over 11 million Vietnamese in the liberated areas are ready to return to a peaceful life. People who have suffered misery and deprivation under the Thieu regime are now free to leave their refugee camps and their prisons, to return to their ancestral homes, to plow their own fields, to continue their businesses and to feed themselves and their children.

To help them accomplish this we are cooperating in an international effort to send emergency medicines, food supplies and necessities, as well as tools to implement their return to the land.

With the full agreement and support of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam a distinguished international committee has been formed. It includes people with whom we have worked and trusted for many years to ensure that your contribution will be scrupulously administered for humanitarian aid only.

While thousands of dollars are being spent to bring "orphans" out of Vietnam, we have the capacity to send thousands of dollars to see that these children can be cared for in their own country where they are wanted and needed.

Before long we hope that there will be a coalition government in South Vietnam which will be able to administer aid without corruption or discrimination and in the spirit of brotherhood and reconciliation. Until that time all aid that we send will go directly to zones administered by the Provisional Revolutionary Government.

We appeal to you for your generous response to this appeal. We also ask your cooperation in enlisting church congregations, schools and organizations to join with us now in this emergency effort and to continue to contribute to the reconstruction of Vietnam. Will you be a committee of one to help heal the ravages of this war?

In gratitude,

SOS VIETNAM Volunteer Committee

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