

MINH-QUY HOSPITAL -- KONTUM, VIETNAM
SERVING THE MONTAGNARDS

This is Bang . . .

A Montagnard hill-tribeswoman of the central highlands of Vietnam, Bang is one of thousands of critically ill patients treated each year at the Minh-Quy Hospital. When this picture was taken, Bang was convalescent: she had been acutely ill with meningitis complicated by muscle spasms and severe contractures.

While Bang fought her way back to health, her newborn infant was cared for by the Minh-Quy staff. Relatives who came with Bang to the Hospital were housed on the Minh-Quy grounds. Bang's own

care was supervised by skilled nurses, a few international, many, like her, Montagnard, with little or no formal education but with considerable nursing proficiency acquired on the job.

Without Minh-Quy and its resources -- the

doctors and nurses who watched Bang through the weeks of acute illness, the lab techs who monitored her disease, the kitchen staff who prepared her tube feedings, the physiotherapists who worked with her in the long months of recovery, the aides who mothered her child -- neither Bang nor the baby would have survived. Like so many Montagnards, Bang owes her life to Minh-Quy.

It costs Minh-Quy \$1.00 per patient per day to care for all the Bangs. It's not much -- but for Bang and all the countless others it is everything. Won't you help us to help them? Send your dollars to: Kontum Hospital Fund, 522 Maritime Bldg., 911 Western Ave., Seattle, 98109. All of us, staff and patients, thank you from our hearts.



Some MQH Statistics --

Common disorders:

Falciparum malaria*

Vivax malaria

Tbc*

Gastroenteritis*

Dysentery*

Parasites

Typhoid*

Plague*

FUO/URI's

Trauma*

Also: meningitis*, diphtheria*, tetanus*, snakebite, leprosy.

*Often/frequently fatal without treatment

Average census: 150-200

Average daily clinic: 150

Patient days/month: @5,000

Staff: 1-4 international RN

1-3 international MD's

1-3 international supply & maintenance staff

4 Montagnard PA's

16 Montagnard nurses/aides

4 Montagnard lab techs

2 Montagnard X-ray techs

Montagnard pharmacist,

cleaners, cooks, mechanics,

carpenters, CSR staff.

Bo'ne ko'iem lo' lo': Thank you all so very much!