



Dr. Pat Smith's NEWSLETTER

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Nursing Help Arrives

Peggy Braile and Mary Reigel have arrived in Kontum from Seattle and are quickly fitting into the ways and times of the hospital. Peggy, a University of Washington graduate nurse, and Mary, a nurse from Wisconsin who had been working in surgery at Virginia Mason, left on Jan. 17 and arrived after a visit to Hong Kong at Minh-Quy in time to celebrate Tet, the Vietnamese New Year, on February 11.

The girls have begun studying Bahnar, the local dialect, and have found the food better than anticipated. Peggy wrote to her family about how very impressed she is with Dr. Pat's medical ability and her knowledge . . . also with Pat as a mother to Det and Wir. She spoke of watching her seated in the evening reading "Little Red Riding Hood" to them, in a room in Vietnam, that many miles away.

Letters are moving a little more slowly now because Air Vietnam does not fly into Kontum any more and mail must be trucked to the hospital from Pleiku.

Report from Kontum

The letterhead on messages from John Havican, present administrator at Dr. Pat's hospital, simply says: Minh-Quy Hospital, Mission Catholique, Kontum-Viet Nam. And he signs himself, "Peace, John". Simple introduction, simple closing and words that 'though terse and concise, manage to convey much more than facts and figures to the KHF board.

Kerry, the pig expert, has the project up and running, has married a Montagnard girl, and will return regularly to check on his wiggly friends, numbering 50 piglets, with more litters to come. "We've acquired a cement mixer," he says. And acquired a windfall of 50 tons of useable flour . . . if the money can be found to pay transportation costs to the hospital involving eight seven-ton trucks and amounting to 1,040,000 piasters or \$1,518.

Most importantly of all, he states that "things remain quiet at Kontum." The renewed battle activities apparently have not yet touched the hospital.

Perhaps we might place Dr. Pat's need in our Lenten thinking. That is, instead of mixing up a batch of cookies for dessert or having that second donut with morning coffee, think of the needs at Kontum for flour and food. Several small monetary sacrifices sent to the fund will help make the penance a joy.

ALL GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

President's Letter

Fay Hauer, SNJM, and Liz Desimone, both registered nurses, have joined the corps of volunteers at KHF headquarters who address, zip, sort, tie and deliver to Dr. Pat Smith's monthly newsletter to the terminal annex for mailing.

What makes Fay and Liz's appearance on the set important is that they are both so interested in helping Minh-Quy



Fay Hauer and Liz Desimone

Hospital and Dr. Pat that they would do anything including spending a year (beginning in May) at the hospital at Kontum for the good of the program.

It was Fay who promoted Pennies for Pat, got the Dr. Pat display board into circulation at churches, sold Christmas cards, arranged a TV interview for Dr. George Christian in Spokane—because she was so anxious to tell the great story. Fay and Liz have done some speaking engagements of their own, too, to promote the fund.

The only problem with their going to Kontum is that we will miss their helping hands here at home—all four of them.

—Tim Harn

Dr. Christian Returns to Kontum

Doctor George Christian, after spending hours of his time consulting and planning with Kontum Hospital Fund board members, staff and friends in Seattle has returned to his work with Dr. Pat Smith at Minh-Quy. Recovered sufficiently to fly that distance after his surgery, he left—with promises of relaying the latest "news" of the hospital to us, with rolls of black and white film for taking pictures for us and with news of our activities for Dr. Pat and staff. He will stay in Vietnam for another year, and perhaps longer. He told us of some hospital room situations at the institution where he was a patient here that cost \$100 per day, just for a room! Dr. Pat's hospital estimates per patient daily cost at \$1 per day.



MEMORIALS

Mrs. William Abbott gave in memory of Carol Stange
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ackley gave in memory of Morris Nash
Elizabeth Brown gave in memory of her mother, Mrs. Elsie Brown
John R. Cameron gave in memory of Frank Cameron
Wanda Chudy gave in memory of Francis Chudy
K. Cummins gave in memory of Helen Ann and Marie Madonna Kouba
Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Emanuel gave in memory of Clara Butler
Miss Nancy Flanner gave in memory of Diane Zager
Ruth Mary Fox gave in memory of Virginia Rodigan
Mrs. Rosa Francois gave in memory of her mother, Margaret Russell
Karl Gehrt gave in memory of Clair Fitzgerald
Dr. James Gerrits gave in memory of his parents
Mr. and Mrs. James Glynn gave in memory of Walter and Mary Edwards
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Griffith gave in memory of Matilda Morgan
Mrs. Ann Bailey Hahn gave in memory of H. P. Hahn
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy H. Harn, Jr. gave in memory of Jerome S. Lewis
Mrs. B. E. Hoye gave in memory of Dr. B. E. Hoye
Charles Kumler gave in memory of his wife, Ethel Kumler

Francis Mitten gave in memory of his father and mother,
John and Catherine Mitten
Mrs. Bea McCoy gave in memory of her mother
Bernice Murray gave in memory of Goldie Helen Egan
Mrs. Florence Nordstrom gave in memory of Clara Somers
Mary O'Loughlin gave in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wall
Mrs. Esther Ott gave in memory of Bryce Higgins
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pavlick gave in memory of Beatrice May Knowles
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rice gave in memory of Mrs. Harry Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schnuriger gave in memory of Payne Pfeiffer
Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Shea gave in memory of Mrs. Alice Coldwater
Rita Siebert gave in memory of W. H. Siebert
The Love Circles of Rentan and Kent gave in memory of Rick Freeman
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stelte gave in memory of James Petersen
Leone Thielen gave in memory of Carl F. Thielen
Mrs. Donald Walmsley gave in memory of Donald Walmsley
James H. Weber, O.D., gave in memory of Dr. and Mrs. F. T. Weber
Vera White gave in memory of Mrs. Rina Georges
The Women's Overseas Service League, New York Unit, gave in memory of
Mari Carter and Hazel Collins

OTHER GIFTS

Mrs. Ted Berry gave in honor of J. A. Slavin
Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Christian gave in honor of Ainar Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ehke gave in honor of the birth of their daughter,
Dawn Alanna Ehke
Thelma Gabhart gave in honor of Danny W. Duyungan, Jr.
Carmen Romaguera V. Garraton gave in honor of father and mother,
Luis Garraton and Christina Diaz
John Hasick gave in honor of Mrs. Mary Hasick
Mrs. Linda Hayes gave in honor of Father Pat Hurley
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Halm gave in honor of Marcella Cairns on her birthday
John H. Mihalec gave in honor of his parents
Kenneth Pavlick gave in honor of Frank J. Pavlick as a birthday gift
Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Smentek gave in honor of Special Intention
Leone Thielen gave in honor of Lawrence Thielen
Edward Toomey, M.D., gave in honor of Dr. Paul Dudley White
James L. Tuohy, M.D., gave in honor of Dr. Braille's fine work in Kontum
Mr. and Mrs. Jahn Varkanda gave in honor of Kim Anne Ackerman
The following people gave in honor of Dr. Pat Smith and her work:
Forest J. Goodrich
Leo Hughes
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Major
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McGee
Elizabeth O'Brien
Shirley Anne Schneider
Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Seeley

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