



# 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 Renton 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 Ehlike gave in honor of the birth of their daughter, Dawn Alanna Ehlike

Thelma Gabhart gave in honor of Danny W. Duyungan, Jr.

Carmen Romaguera V. Garraton gave in honor of father and mother, Luis Garraton and Christine 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. Braile's fine work in Kontum

Mr. and Mrs. John 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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