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Helpful Hints On Helping Out

The material herein is offered by the U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to assist individuals who wish to give help to Vietnamese people through relief and welfare agencies.

People back home often ask how to help in Vietnam, especially in collecting and shipping items such as soap, clothes and the like.

Because of military priorities, as well as the difficulties of shipping private goods through government channels, the U. S. Government cannot ship and distribute privately collected goods to Vietnam.

Such goods must be shipped directly through the mails to individual servicemen or through voluntary agencies. There are 19 agencies, whose programs are supported and partly financed by AID, engaged in relief and welfare work in Vietnam. (See list.)

APO shipments to individual servicemen should be made only in response to a need

specified by the serviceman involved. Servicemen, in turn, must insure that their individual causes are verified and coordinated through official channels.

Before beginning to collect things, Stateside people must be told to get in touch with the local branch of these voluntary agencies to see what items the agencies will handle. AID reimburses ocean freight costs for supplies handled by these agencies.

Most voluntary agencies will accept cash donations and this is usually the best way to contribute. Some of them, such as CARE, have special kits which can be contributed for Vietnam.

If you are interested in helping children, your Stateside contacts should consider the Foster Parents' Plan, the Christian Chil-

dren's Fund, or the World Vision Relief Organization. These have excellent programs.

Doctors or dentists interested in volunteering to serve on a short-term basis in Vietnam, without salary but with expenses paid, should be advised to contact Project Vietnam, 2233 Wisconsin Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20007. Many are now doing this.

It is dangerous to undertake commitments which are not thoroughly planned and within your competence to handle. Failure to produce on an individual civic action not only puts the individual American in a bad light but also reflects badly on the entire U. S. effort.

The offices responsible for programs in AID are:

**Director, Voluntary Foreign Aid Service
Agency for International Development
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20523
Telephone: DU 3-5434**

**Vietnam Relief Coordinator
Agency for International Development
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20523
Telephone: DU 3-7609 or DU 3-4638**

Registered Voluntary Agencies . . .

**American Friends Service Committee
160 North 15th Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania**

The American Friends Service Committee has made grants to Vietnamese youth and social welfare groups. Plans are being developed to begin a program in Qui Nhon in Binh Dinh Province where there are more than 100,000 refugees. The AFSC also is working on self-help and educational projects in refugee camps.

**Catholic Relief Services
350 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10001
Programs are directed toward alleviating**

the urgent needs of 1.3 million refugees, widows, orphans, and other war victims. Increases in food distribution to refugee centers at Qui Nhon, Da Nang and Nha Trang have been made. Supplies are being airlifted to needy areas or shipped via coastal freighter. A special emergency team of four CRS officials working in other parts of Asia was flown to Vietnam to help implement the increased refugee program.

During the coming year CRS plans to ship approximately 1,600 tons of clothing, footwear and bedding materials. CRS will also increase the number of joint assistance programs conducted by CRS and the American military forces under the auspices of the military's "civic action" campaign. Under the program, CRS supplies food, clothing and medicines while the military will transport and distribute the materials to needy Vietnamese in areas that CRS normally could not reach. A pilot joint distribution operation in the Mekong Delta area has proved immensely successful.

**Christian Children's Fund
108 South Third Street
Richmond, Virginia 23220**

Assists 357 children living in one home owned and operated by CCF, and four affiliated child care projects. Three of them are special rehabilitation projects for children who have been ill with leprosy and had the disease arrested, and well children of parents ill with leprosy. Program, initiated in 1953, is being conducted in cooperation with the Christian Missionary Alliance and the National Vietnamese Church, and \$100,000 has been assigned for an expanded program.

**Church World Service
National Council of Churches
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York 10027
CWS is recruiting from cooperating**

Christian denominations approximately 30 trained doctors, nurses, social workers, child care experts, agronomists, and other specialists to mount a new program of aid to refugees. The specialists will work under the supervision of the Mennonite Central Committee in Saigon which will make up quotas and job descriptions. Expenses and salaries will be paid by the cooperating denominations.

CWS has also launched a drive to raise \$250,000 among its member denominations to support its promotion of greater American relief action in Vietnam, in cooperation with the Mennonite Central Committee and Lutheran World Relief.

Dooley Foundation
442 Post Street
San Francisco, California

Provides funds and equipment to An Lac Orphanage in Saigon caring for over 500 children, many of whom are war orphans.

Foster Parents' Plan
352 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10010

Provides welfare assistance, financial aid, medical care, and counseling to 5,100 children and their families (about 25,000 people) with the emphasis placed on education for the children. Because of the increasing need, the program is expanding and more funds are being made available for self-help endeavors and emergencies.

International Rescue Committee
460 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10010

Seventy institutions caring for war-orphaned children are strengthened through the provision of supplementary funds for food purchases, clothing, educational equipment, and personnel. Assists the Vietnamese Orphans Sponsorship Association and the Military Dependents Welfare Society concerned with orphaned children of members

of the Vietnamese armed forces.

International Social Service
345 East 46th Street
New York, New York 10017

On 1 September 1965, ISS reestablished operation in Vietnam. An office in Saigon under the direction of a Vietnamese social worker will carry out a program of individualized social services to families and children.

Lutheran World Relief
386 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10016

In cooperation with the Mennonite Central Committee and Church World Service, Lutheran World Relief has allocated \$100,000, of which \$50,000 will go for personnel, \$25,000 for supplies to supplement gifts in kind, and \$25,000 for other services.

Mennonite Central Committee
Akron, Pennsylvania

In 1961, MCC, together with the Evangelical Church of Vietnam, constructed a 35-bed hospital and clinic in Nha Trang. Clinic is held four days a week with about 150 patients each day. There is also a special program of treatment for TB patients. MCC provides a medical doctor, two nurses, and a cash subsidy for operational expenses.

Provides the services of one doctor and two nurses in Pleiku. Nine nurses have been sent to Vietnam for short-term service in Saigon and Nha Trang. Food and U. S. surplus commodities are distributed to orphanages, child day care centers, hospitals, in a joint program with Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief. This will be known as the Vietnam Christian Service.

**National Association of Evangelical
World Relief Commission**
33-10 36th Avenue
Long Island City, New York 11106

In the fall of 1965 plans were made for

the establishment of a Christian Lay Leadership Training Center at Hue. The specific objectives of the Center are practical on-the-job training of youth in modern methods of agriculture and industry, and assistance for war orphans and under-privileged youth. The main emphasis is on the development and training of local leadership to serve the peasant population.

People to People Health Foundation
1016 Twentieth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Established the first Orthopedic Rehabilitation Clinic in South Vietnam, located in Saigon and presently staffed by one U. S. physician and two U. S. nurses. Teaching and training local medical personnel while caring for the sick and infirm, in cooperation with the Department of State, AID and the U. S. Navy.

Project Concern
1011 C. Avenue
P. O. Box 536
Coronado, California 92118

Operates a 25-bed hospital near Dalat, 150 miles northeast of Saigon. Clinics treat Montagnards living in 25 surrounding villages. Operates a medical training program for young Vietnamese who are instructed in first aid care and public health procedures.

The Village Medical Officer program has trained 35 young Vietnamese who return to their villages recognized and certified by the Vietnamese Government. Supplies hygiene kits and medicines, and foods to counteract vitamin deficiency.

Project Vietnam
2233 Wisconsin Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20007

Project Vietnam, administered by the People to People Health Foundation, will send teams of 20 physicians to Da Nang, Nha Trang, Can Tho, and Rach Gia, where AID medical units are now in operation. The period of participation on station is for

60 days. The goal is 30 short-term physicians to serve on a rotating basis.

Seventh Day Adventist Welfare Service
6840 Eastern Avenue
Washington, D. C.

The Welfare Service operates the Cholon Maternity Home and a 38-bed hospital in Saigon. A clothing distribution program is also being carried on.

Summer Institute of Linguistics
219 West Walnut
Santa Ana, California

Linguistic investigation, anthropological investigation and translation work among the following tribes: Behnar, Bru, Cham, Chrau, Mnong Rolom, Muong, Pacoh, Roglai, Stieng, Tho and White Thai. Small scale agricultural projects on occasion. Medical services as needed.

World University Service
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York 10018

Fifty to 70 Vietnamese students and university faculty members participate through the various committees and projects. Five Vietnamese and one French doctor contribute their services at the Saigon Student Health Clinic.

World Vision Relief Organization, Inc.
919 West Huntington Drive
Monrovia, California

Establishment and maintenance of three Christian refugee centers with the cooperation of the National Evangelical Church. Caring for about 300 orphan children with the number growing continually. Distribution in hospitals and two refugee centers of some 2,000 hygienic, sewing and school supply kits each month.

Shipment of relief goods including food, vitamins, some clothing, medicines, and medical equipment for distribution in hospitals and to refugees. Shipments included 100 wheelchairs and 1,000 pair of crutches.