

Meet Banh

“Go to the Christians. They will help you.”

“My name is Banh. When I was a little boy, my parents—members of a poor Raglai tribe—sent me to live with a Vietnamese family who wanted a worker for their sheep farm.



“The work was hard, and I was given little to eat. I grew up bitter and angry, unloved and lonely.

“When I was grown I returned to my village, but those lonely years had taken a toll on me. I began to live a wild life, abusing alcohol and fighting. Some people in my village became concerned about me. Though they were not Christians, they told me that the Christians in our village could help me with my bitter feelings and anger.

“I went to talk to some of those Christians. When I heard that God loved me, that God had sent His Son to take the punishment for my sin, I bowed my head and asked God to forgive me and to take control of my life. God took away my bitterness and gave me joy instead. From that moment, I had a hunger to learn more and more. At that time, though, I could not read or write.

“I spent many nights learning the basics of reading from my wife who could read. With God’s help, after only two years I was able to read the entire Bible. Though I had limited access to Bible training from a mentor, I gained what I could from online courses. Eventually I felt God calling me to be a pastor. I wanted to share with others all that God had done for me.”

Banh and his wife started a church in his village with just five people. Within a few years, his church grew to 150, and he began attending OTAN’s pastoral training. Today he has a church of over 500 believers! He has disciplined many young men and has gone into other villages with them to begin more house churches.

Banh understands the importance of the Great Commission. He says, “People are hungry and hurting. They need to hear the life-changing message of the gospel.”

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Since 1986, OTAN’s mission to train and resource persecuted Asian pastors in restricted countries like Vietnam has been impacting the lives of pastors like Banh and the villagers he serves.

Pray for Banh, for his family, for the needs of the villagers he shepherds, and for the safety of his church and the small house churches that have begun to meet.

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