



Harvesting tea in Vietnam

SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE FACE OF PERSECUTION

Pastor L's story

“Around 20 years ago, life was very difficult for Christians in North Vietnam because of persecution. So my family and some others moved to Highland Central in Vietnam to make our living in an isolated valley where there were no people. Eventually this valley settlement grew to be a village.

“My family and I not only kept our faith but also encouraged others who joined us to keep worshipping God. With a bit of knowledge about God and studying the Bible on my own, I formed a house church with about 20 people. My church's service was very simple: singing, praying, and reading the Bible together.

“For over 20 years, I have served in the Central Highlands, but my heart was still burdened for the people we had left behind in the North. So two or three times a year after the crops (coffee and tea) were harvested, some men from my church and I began traveling back to North Vietnam. We go from village to village in an area near Laos and China just to share the gospel with the villagers who have never heard about God.

“Many times the local governors in these northern provinces arrested me, fined me, and kicked me out of the villages. But it never stopped me from sharing the Word. I still go from one village to the next, and I continue to see the miracle of how God brings His people back to Himself.

“Three years ago, I was able to finish OTAN's Mobile Bible College training in Vietnam. This has helped me, giving me more confidence to preach and teach the Word. My church has grown to 300 members now!

“Recently I traveled back up north and was able to teach a group of believers there. Right after our teaching time, some people from that church went out with me to share the Word. Thirty people were saved in one afternoon! We gathered the new converts together, taught them, and planted a church for them.”

Friends like you make stories like this possible. Please pray for these new believers and their new church. And thank you for supporting OTAN's outreach in Vietnam. We're so grateful!



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The pastors and church workers we partner with are grateful for your prayers and financial support. God is using your investment to further the gospel and strengthen the body of Christ around the world. If you have questions or want to know more about our outreach in Vietnam, we'd love to connect with you.



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OPPORTUNITIES TO ENCOURAGE OUR FRONTLINE PASTORS

An update from Jim and Sue

Greetings, ministry partners!

We are grateful for your prayers and financial support. Your faithfulness has been an inspiration to our ministry in Vietnam. As our faithful supporters, we want to keep you updated on what God is doing in the country and among the Vietnamese.

In July we finished the New Testament survey study via Zoom. Usually a class involves three full days of training. We now have six Vietnamese pastors that are certified to teach in our Mobile Bible College. Because of this, our nationals are currently doing 1/3 of the training. As time goes on, we want to give them more and more teaching responsibilities. This fits right in with OTAN's mission of nationals training nationals.

Our next trip to Vietnam will be in the fall. The first training is set to start with the Hmong people in Hanoi. Some of these pastors will travel a great distance to attend. This training is very similar to a Bible conference. During our pastor training, Sue will be teaching their wives on "The Ways Of God" (God's attributes).

From Hanoi we will be traveling to the Central Highlands to teach a class in the Mobile Bible College. This class deals with how to prepare biblical messages. These lessons will give the pastors a step-by-step process to develop their messages. This will be a great practical help to our pastors, considering that most of them have had no formal training. Once again, Sue will be teaching their wives.

Please be praying for these training sessions. They are very time-consuming and costly. Most of these pastors take several days off from work to attend. Because of this, OTAN covers much of the training expenses. If OTAN didn't cover these costs, most of these pastors would not be able to attend.

Would you prayerfully consider sending or adding a gift today of \$50, \$75, or \$100 to help us make these trainings available and more affordable for our Vietnam pastors? Or could you join us as Vietnam partners with a gift of \$25 or more each month? Send a check to the address on page two, or give securely online at our website: OTAN.org, then click the "Give" tab to make a one-time or monthly donation.

Thank you for all your love and support through the years. Wishing you God's best!

Jim, OTAN Vietnam Ministry Manager



Crowded street
in Hanoi

*When He saw the multitudes,
He was moved
with compassion on them,
because they fainted,
and were scattered abroad,
as sheep having no shepherd.
Matthew 9:36*