

SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER

VIETNAM



CREATION CONFERENCE, PASTOR TRAINING, AND FALL PLANS

An update from Jim and Sue

Greetings Friends,


We are grateful for the faithfulness of God's people. Your prayer support and financial support have brought great stability to the Vietnam ministry. Every time I write a Vietnam newsletter, I am reminded of God's abundant blessings. Our pastors continue to be faithful and diligent in carrying out the responsibilities of ministry.

Just recently OTAN hosted a Creation Conference in Thailand. There were 10 different countries represented in this conference. Three of our Vietnamese people had the privilege of attending. The pastors who attended felt strongly that the material shared at the conference should be a part of our regular training program. With conferences like this, along with the OTAN Bible Institute, we hope to broaden our subject base.

The Mobile Bible College is progressing quite well. Our last training session was in mid March. This curriculum covers the basics of pastoral theology and is foundational for our pastors' training. Our students completed book six, "The Spiritual Life." Our more experienced pastors are continuing to take on more teaching responsibilities. This time they taught 75 percent of this course. Our goal is to have the Vietnamese do all the teaching. As you know, OTAN's motto continues to be "Reaching Nations by Equipping Nationals." Watching this come to fruition has truly been a blessing!

Our next trip to Vietnam is being planned for September. Currently we are in the process of recruiting teachers to help with the training. Please pray for God's wisdom and grace as these September plans unfold. We are grateful for your partnership in ministry. Wishing you God's best!

~Jim and Sue



He causeth
the grass to grow
for the cattle,
And herb for
the service of man;
That he may bring forth
food out of the earth.

Psalms 104:14

Planting fields
of rice

Incense offerings
at Ho Chi Minh City
temple



FROM INCANTATIONS AND IDOLS...TO THE LOVE OF JESUS

A Vietnamese shaman finds deliverance and healing

My name is Quynh* (kwin), and I was thrilled to be able to give my testimony at OTAN's women's training in Vietnam. Nothing brings me more joy than sharing what Jesus has done for me.

I was the shaman for our village. When people in my village became ill or had other problems that could be associated with the spirit world, I would pray and use incantations and powders, seeking help from the idols we worshiped. Sometimes it would be my responsibility to pray for rain or other weather or crop-related problems. Though it is an honor to be a shaman, it is also a grave responsibility that carries a great deal of stress.

One day as I was working, my hand became trapped in a machine, and before I could remove it, four of my fingers were severed. Though I prayed and sought the gods for healing, within a few days my hand became infected. I went to other shamans in other villages, but none of their prayers helped.

In desperation and pain, I went to a group of Christians in another village. They prayed over me and treated my injury with their medicine. During my stay with them, they shared with me that the One True God was not a god to be afraid of, but a God Who loved me! They said that this God had sent His Son Jesus to die on a cross to pay for the sins of the world. They said that Jesus is the only mediator between God and men, and no shaman can do what Jesus does.

That week I confessed my sin and recognized that only Jesus could save me. I asked God to free me from the evil spirits that I had prayed to for years. I found healing for my hand and healing for my soul. Now I point those in my village to the God who can truly bring healing and help in time of need.

*Pray for Quynh as she grows in her faith and shares the love of Jesus with her village. (*Name changed for security.)*



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