

"THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL CAN CHANGE ANYONE!"

Vietnamese national saw miraculous change in father



I know the power that God has to change lives. I have seen it happen in my family. Growing up, we were extremely poor. My family had prospered well before the war and been rather influential. Because of that, when the Communists took over, we were stripped of all of our belongings and forced to flee to the jungle.

When I was 12 years old, my parents left me in charge of my siblings while they went to another district to work. I was responsible to make sure my siblings were fed and taken care of. Food was scarce. We often foraged the forest together to find something to eat. During that time my parents rarely were able to come home.

Finally after two years, my parents returned home to live. My father, though, was a bitter and broken man. He turned to alcohol, which was very common among our people during that time. The alcohol made him mean and angry. One time he became so angry with my mother that he chopped off her long, beautiful hair. I was afraid of him.

One day my father learned that there was a missionary who was distributing rice to needy families. He went to visit the man to see if he could get some rice. That missionary shared the gospel with my father. For him, the gospel was like water to a dying plant. He gave to Jesus all of his bitterness and anger and accepted the love and forgiveness of a Savior.

Our lives changed almost immediately. My father stopped drinking. His anger was gone. He became kind and loving to all of us. He began reading the Bible and teaching us about the One who loved us so much that He died on a cross so that we could live forever with Him. It wasn't long before we all had received Christ as our Savior too.

I love my father and have great respect for him. He and my mother are wonderful examples of what a loving couple should be. My father is a leader of men and a pastor now. I am old enough to remember what his past life was like, and I truly know that the power of the gospel can change anyone.



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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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Cherry blossoms in
the mountains
Sapa, Vietnam

CELEBRATING OUR AMAZING VIETNAM MINISTRY TEAM!

Words of encouragement from Jim and Sue

I trust this letter finds you rejoicing in the truths of the gospel. God has given us a wonderful privilege to share this gospel around the world. When I think about the OTAN team that God has put together, I am truly humbled. The members of OTAN work together as a team to do the work of global ministry. Let me explain.

First, our director has a heart for God and for missions. He works personally with the ministry managers from each of the twelve countries where OTAN serves. He travels to each of those countries frequently, ensuring the work is being done efficiently and passionately.

Our board provides leadership, vision, and direction for the ministry. These are men who have full-time jobs and responsibilities in other areas but feel compelled to be a part of the OTAN team in spreading the good news of salvation in Jesus around the world.

Our ministry managers each serve in one of the twelve countries. They are the face of OTAN that the national pastors and workers deal with directly. Some actually live in country, whereas others, like me, travel there throughout the year, giving hands-on support, encouragement, and training.

Our staff comprise a dedicated group of individuals, some paid and some volunteers, who take care of the administrative, financial, and correspondence needs. They do the behind-the-scenes but very necessary work to keep the ministry running smoothly.

Our Zoom teachers consist of about ten educated, experienced men who have joined hands with our Vietnam team specifically to help train our national pastors. We do a Zoom training about four times a year.

Our prayer warriors are a vital part of our work. They undergird the ministry by bringing us before the throne of God on a regular basis. "Nothing of eternal value is ever accomplished apart from prayer." (Dr. Jerry Falwell)

Our newsletter friends—you—faithfully give and pray for us. Your friendship has been such an encouragement to us!

God has put together an amazing team for His glory! "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (I Corinthians 15:58)

Our next trip to Vietnam is scheduled for May 4-14. It will involve two different training sessions: the Mobile Bible College which is finishing up a book on Old Testament survey, and the OTAN Bible Institute which will be studying Christian counseling. Please be praying for this trip, that God would grant us grace and wisdom. Wishing you God's best!

~Jim and Sue