

"I FELT GOD NUDGING ME TO RUN!"

Deceived by a friend, a young Vietnamese woman is sold into China.

My name is Lan, and I want to share my story with you.

In 2019, I traveled from my village to the city to earn money to help support my family. I was able to get a job helping at a medical facility. After several months, I became attracted to a young man. He spoke my tribal language, which was a comfort to me since I knew very few people in the city who did. He was kind and encouraging, and we quickly became close. When he had to return home, he begged me to come to visit him in his village which was far to the north, just south of the Chinese border.

I eventually made the long trip to visit him, but I found that he was not what he had pretended to be. He sold me to the Chinese! I was taken across the border and kept at a place where I was to await my future.

My family was Christian, and I had heard Bible stories from a young age, but as a teenager I had wandered from the Lord. While in captivity, I kept remembering the story of Mary, the woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. My abundance of tears could have washed His feet many times over as I asked God to please be merciful to me.



Early one morning during the third week of my captivity, I felt God nudging me to run! With my heart in my throat, I slipped out an unlocked side door and ran as fast as I could into the jungle. Miraculously, no one came after me, but I did not know where I was or which direction to go. For three days I stumbled and wandered through the rough terrain. I know God was watching over me because no wild animals came near me. When I finally came out of the jungle, I found myself at a border crossing. One of the guards at the crossing spoke my language! He found people to give me food and water and bind my wounds.

When I finally arrived back in my own village, everyone was surprised and amazed to see me. They thought I had died. I have shared my story with many of the young girls in my area to warn them. Also, I share with them about Jesus. Now I long to learn more and more about my Savior who walked with me through the jungle. I was so thrilled to be able to attend the OTAN Women's Conference in September. I want to be better equipped to serve my spiritual and physical Deliverer!

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SEEING THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD IN VIETNAM

News and updates from our September trip

Greetings!

We are truly grateful for you, our prayer partners. We recently returned from Vietnam and were reminded of all that is involved in such a trip: flight schedules, training schedules, jet lag, language barriers, cultural differences, safety issues, and much more. Knowing that you are praying for us is so encouraging!

Someone once said, “God will never give you more than what you can handle.” That sounds nice, but I believe that statement is incorrect. I believe God specializes in giving us more than what we can handle so we learn to trust Him. The Vietnam ministry is beyond our abilities but not beyond God’s. “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; lean not on thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths” (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Our September training started in Hanoi with the Hmong people. Many of them traveled 8 or more hours to come. Every year we do a Bible conference with them. This year we taught on seven spiritual principles, and then we brought three messages on the cross. They always listen attentively and are eager to learn. While in Hanoi we were able to visit with “L,” a Vietnamese lady who has been with the OTAN ministry since the days of Otis Goodwin. She remains faithful in ministry, serving as our contact person, doing administrative work, as well as preparing the food for the conference. Please pray for her; she is facing some current health issues.

From Hanoi we traveled to the city of Dalat to teach the Mobile Bible College. While there we taught New Testament Survey. Since returning, we’ve taught Preaching Biblical Messages and Pastoral Training online via Zoom. In this course the students learned how to develop sermon outlines. This class will be a very practical help to them in their sermon preparation. In November we plan to teach book five, Biblical Doctrine, via Zoom. When we complete that book, this group of students will be half way through the course. We are hoping for a September 2027 graduation.

Last year many of our Vietnamese churches did a special Christmas outreach. This is possible even in a communist country because celebrating Christmas in some form is a norm for the Vietnamese. The outreach was very successful. A good number of people accepted Jesus as their Savior. Because of that success, we are planning to do it again this year.

We are grateful for the many opportunities God gives us in Vietnam. Please know that your prayers are making a difference there.

~Jim