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**Dear friends and supporters of Care to Help,**

Yen and I just returned from another great trip to Vietnam, where we visited most of our completed projects and spent time with the people that benefit daily from them. We also attended one of our Health Fairs at Long Cat School. In reviewing our completed projects, we are reminded of how much CTH has been able to accomplish since 2002. It truly is a privilege to go back and visit these school and water projects and see how happy and healthy the kids are now.

**Others build on our work**

We were very surprised to learn the extent to which other non-profit groups have come in behind us and built upon the work that we have done. In Kado village, for instance, where we have built a number of water projects at several schools, another nonprofit group has built kitchen additions to the schools, leveraging our safe water into a hot meal program. At Kado High School, CTH plumbed well water into a second floor lab area so they can hold chemistry and biology lab classes. Other groups have followed our lead, and have built additional classroom buildings at Long Cat, Kim Son, and Loc Tho Schools.



This is what a project looks like when it comes alive and grows! To see other groups build on what we have started--that gives us a great deal of satisfaction. We feel very comfortable that these will be long term, sustainable schools for the kids in these villages.

**Health fair**

At the one-day health fair at Long Cat, over 600 villagers were able to meet with doctors and nurses for a quick health screening and check up. The doctors set up quite an impressive pharmacy in one of the school buildings and the villagers got to take home the medicines they needed, for free. They were also sent home with 5 kilos of rice, rice noodles, various other cooking supplies, and some light blankets. The kids got gift bags full of various treats, and some school supplies.



When we left Long Cat to drive to Nha Trang, we took a load of schoolbooks with us. Loc Tho School suffered through some flooding in the week previous to our visit. There was no damage to the school building but they lost a lot of books to the flood waters. Long Cat School generously sent them some new books, which we delivered for them. Our project manager, Mr. Hung, has done a miraculous job of getting our various school projects to cooperate and help each other out.

In 2010, we hope to continue the momentum. We plan to continue to support Long Cat and Loc Tho schools by helping to pay the teachers' salaries. We also plan to hold at least two health fairs. We would like to replace the masonry holding tanks at several of our well projects with stainless steel tanks on small towers. Mr. Hung is currently researching the possibility of drilling another well at another of the Kado Village schools, and we hope to build one more classroom building.

The projects we have installed so far are mostly thriving. They are attracting other nonprofits that add on services and—critically important—they enjoy the enthusiastic support of the students, parents and community leaders on the ground in Vietnam.

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Have a prosperous new year.*

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