

# MATCHING CHALLENGE

## The Christmas Matching Challenge Is Back!

Vets With A Mission has a terrific matching challenge opportunity. For every \$1 given in December, it will be matched with another \$1 by four generous donors! Your gift will multiply:

- \$25 gift + \$25 match = \$50
- \$50 gift + \$50 match = \$100
- \$100 gift + \$100 match = \$200
- \$250 gift + \$250 match = \$500
- \$500 gift + \$500 match = \$1,000
- \$1,000 gift + \$1,000 match = \$2,000
- \$2,500 gift + \$2,500 match = \$5,000
- \$5,000 gift + \$5,000 match = \$10,000
- \$10,000 gift + \$10,000 match = \$20,000

Checks must be post-marked by midnight **December 31, 2016** and online donations at [www.vetswithamission.org/donations.html](http://www.vetswithamission.org/donations.html) must be made by midnight, **December 31, 2016**.

Vets With A Mission is a 501 (c) (3) IRS approved charitable corporation, and all gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law. VWAM reserves the right to designate all contributions as needed.



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The eleven member Board of Director's would not ask you to do anything they aren't willing to do. In addition to their **\$2,400 annual commitment**, they have completed funding of **The Legacy Project: \$19,600**. The director's and advisor's pledged these funds separate from the Matching Challenge, which they will participate. Also, the BOD's/BOA's contributed **\$2,000** to renovate the **third home of polio victims** in **Ho Chi Minh City/Saigon**.

### **The 2016 Christmas Matching Challenge - Seven Reasons to Give**

- 1. Erase the Deficit: \$19,000.** After eight consecutive years of meeting budget, 2014 (-\$3,200) and 2015 (-\$32,000) resulted in shortfalls for the operating budget and funding of projects/programs. While over the last two months the deficit has been reduced by \$12,000 it still is a shortfall of \$20,000.
- 2. Medical Training Team: \$2,250.** A VWAM medical training team will go to **Hoa Vang District** west of **Da Nang** to train clinic directors/physicians and their key staff. Staff from eight clinics, twenty-four people, will be taught and trained in new procedures, diagnostics, and ways to improve their health services. Three doctors, led by **VWAM's Medical Director and Board member Dr. Mike Bernardo**, have volunteered to do this over three days with four sessions each day. In addition, these physicians will lecture and teach at **Hoan My Hospital in Da Nang, Hue Central Hospital, and Hue College of Medicine and Pharmacy**. All three doctors have paid their own way to participate, but funds are need for **supplies and materials** for the training and must be sponsored by Vets With A Mission.
- 3. Village Lifesaver Program: \$7,750.** After a successful pilot program last year, led by **Nurse Coordinator and Board member Steve Scott**, Vietnamese health officials and the Red Cross in Hoa Van District requested another year of first-aid and emergency medicine training. Two three-day sessions, with 24 local villagers in each class session, will be trained to fill a serious void in health services. There is no EMS or EMT's in Vietnam, and this district in a rural mountainous area, there is no one trained to stabilize patients who have venomous bites, strokes or heart attack, accident injuries, etc. Patients are dying before they can ever get to Da Nang which is over an hour away from shock, blood loss, etc. The VLS program addresses this critical need by training three individuals in each commune to administer life-saving first-aid.
- 4. One Month Operating Budget - \$14,400.** With one month of annual budget in a contingency account, VWAM will be better positioned to handle any drop in support over the next year. This will enable us to honor project and program commitments, fund operations at the office in Hue, and support the office/operations in the US.
- 5. Ministry Opportunities: \$15,000.** Since Nguyen Van Chinh's surprise decision not return to Vietnam in August of 2013, VWAM's ministry efforts in country had to be suspended until we found a different way to be involved in ministry. After two years of prayerful consideration and review, three new ministry partners have been identified, and Vets With A Mission can once again move forward in sharing the gospel and showing the love of Christ. These new opportunities are with **Orphan Voice in Da Nang**, who minister to at-risk children, orphans, single Mothers and widows; **2nd Mission in Ho Chi Minh City**, who work with college/university students; and **Visiting Vietnam** in Thai Nguyen (Northwest of Hanoi), who are involved in the student and university community. Soon you will learn more about these three outstanding ministry partners.
- 6. Children's Heart Surgery Fund: \$3,200.** This coming spring, VWAM will sponsor its 60th heart procedure. On average, the cost of a heart operation is \$3,200 and most recipients are toddlers, children, teenagers or young adults. Every patient identified in need of a heart procedure, with the majority being life-saving operations, are prioritized and sponsored as funds permit. Again, while each medical mission team raises funds for this purpose as well as medicine, wheelchairs, etc., waiting lists are inevitably established because of a lack of funds. For some the waiting list is devastating.
- 7. Waste Water Treatment Project: \$30,100.** In 1994, VWAM met Dr. Huynh Ba Tan, who is now the Director of the Women's Center for Reproductive Health in Da Nang. He has played a role in VWAM building nearly thirty medical clinics in central Vietnam, as well as other facilities. The relationship between Dr. Tan and VWAM has been a productive and mutually beneficial arrangement for over twenty years. It was Dr. Tan who asked for help in addressing the number of abortions in Da Nang. VWAM was able to establishing alternative options other than abortion through counseling and adoption. Now his Center is seeking hospital status, and while he has met most upgrade requirements for facility improvements, there is one he has not. That is a new waste water treatment system.