



## SECOND QUARTER REPORT 2015

Because of your generous giving, *Body and Soul Ministries* continues to improve the lives of so many in need around the world. Below you will see how your contributions have been spent this year and why it is time for all of our *BandS* partners to consider helping replenish our funds with your donations so we can finish the year strong.

### LIBERIA

- **Disaster Relief:** During the Ebola crisis in West Africa, we built a house for a preacher who has three children and due to the death of his sister is now caring for seven. A storm blew a tree down and it demolished his house. We were able to assist him within a few days by using funds from our *BandS* disaster relief budget.

### INDONESIA

- **Building Update:** We assisted the *Kids of Indonesia Ministries* in paying off the indebtedness on their building. We are very pleased with the utilization of the *Connor House*, which *BandS* bought and refurbished. Single moms are cared for, as well as new born babies and a few older children. Regular Bible and English classes are taught and the church meets there on a regular basis. It also is the place where meals are prepared for kids that are living in a garbage dump nearby in Jakarta.
- **Cataract Surgeries:** 533 cataracts were removed during our Spring Surgery Camps at three locations in Northern Sumatra: Batubara, Simalungun and Balige. And half of the funds for the Fall Surgery Camp at *Gunug Sitoli Hospital* are already pledged. We request your participation in this mission. We can do one eye surgery including screening, transportation, lens, all medications, and fees for \$140.



533 eyes now see in Sumatra after our March camps. Danny Carrigan (left) comforts Rosdiana after her surgery.



Left to right: Philippine cleft surgeries, Nepal earthquake relief, Cambodian water well drilling and Chinese cleft surgeries.

## PHILIPPINES

- **Building Repair:** Finalized repairs and made additional improvements to the *BandS* Building (Retreat House) at *Arapal Christian Camp*.
- **Medical Mission:** Helped sponsor a clinic on an island near Cebu.
- **Cleft Lip/Palate Surgeries:** More sponsors are needed for this new ministry. Each surgery costs \$250.
- **Vacation Bible Schools:** Supported ten schools serving children in need.
- **Tree for Life:** Ongoing care for 90 neglected children near Bogu City, Cebu.

## NEPAL

- **Disaster Relief:** We were able to cooperate with a congregation in China to get funds into Nepal and to the area where the needs were the greatest from the devastating earthquake in April.

## CAMBODIA

- **Water Wells:** *Cambodia Christian Ministries'* work of drilling water wells in villages in Cambodia is worthy of your support. We cannot make much progress in health care unless we can provide pure water for the people we treat. *BandS* has donated funds for several wells thus far this year as part of our medical mission in this country.

## CHINA

- **Cleft Lip/Palate Surgeries:** Some of our cases are very involved. The case of Xiaoya Guo (*photo upper right*) required three trips to the United States over a period of years. *Agape China* organizes all of this work.
- **Orphan Care:** We continue to support the *John Connor Brown Christian Care Center* where 86 children are being cared for.

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## SPECIAL REPORT

# VIETNAM

## "ANH NGU 586" SCHOOL GRAND OPENING!

As we have written in previous newsletters, *BandS'* ongoing efforts to pursue the development of a school in Can Tho City, Vietnam, continued throughout the last year with each step of progress seemingly offset by other developments that were equally discouraging. The local government placed road blocks along the way to prevent the school from functioning. But, we can now announce that those roadblocks have been overcome and the school has officially opened! Thank you to our *BandS* Partners for your support in helping make this day possible.

The following are excerpts from a report by Mike Tune of *Amazing Grace International*, partners with *BandS* in this mission.

My father, Tom Tune, first went to Vietnam in 2005. He noticed many children were in the streets every day. He learned that tuition for public school cost about \$12 a month, and since most people only earned \$2 a day, sending a child to school was simply out of the question.

Through the years of Dad's "Tom's Kids" program, students had grown up and gone to the local University. One, Yen, was about to graduate with a degree in English! She could teach in a proper school. Ngan Huynh had received her Master's degree in

the United States. She could teach and administer a proper school. Others would graduate in a year who could also qualify to teach.



Chairman of the Can Tho City People's Committee.

And most important of all, John Bailey, founder of *Body and Soul Ministries*, had a dream of a proper school. John and his foundation undertook to fund the establishment of the school and the long and tedious work of searching for a suitable building, filing for permits and getting approval began. It took a while. In fact, I had hoped to



Note the sign above Ngan. “Le Khai Giang” means “School Opening Ceremony.” “Anh Ngu 586” is the name of the school, “586 English Center.” The date of June 12 is below that.



About 120 people came for the opening assembly day at the new school.

announce the opening of the school long before now. But on June 12th, the school officially opened – and with great fanfare!

About 120 people came for opening day – 80 parents and students, and 40 government officials including representatives of the local police department, the Senior Inspector of the Education and Training Office, the President & Vice President of a Secondary and high school, the Director General & Deputy Director General of Southwest Region of Vietnam, and the Chairman and Chairwoman of the local People’s Committee.

All of this did not happen over night. Once a proper building was secured, it had to be made “school ready” and required lots of construction and renovation (despite the fact that it was completely new!). Then, it had to be inspected and approved by the fire department, the police department,

the local school board, and finally the city of Can Tho school board. In my view, it took forever! Ngan and Yen did a superb job of guiding it through the process and being patient and making sure every detail was meticulously attended to. The school is air-conditioned, and technologically advanced with the latest in computers and video projectors and books.

We have a lot to be thankful for. First to the Lord, who has made all things possible. When things looked very bleak indeed for our work in Can Tho, the Lord had already been at work. He just had to open our eyes to see what He was doing.

Second, we are most thankful to John Bailey and *Body and Soul Ministries*. While almost the entirety of this newsletter is taken up with the opening of the school, it is not *Amazing Grace’s* School. It was John’s dream and thanks to his underwriting, support of Ngan, and wise counsel, the dream has become a reality.

As you can see, this is a worthy mission for *BandS* to be supporting. Thank you in advance for your continued contributions.

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