

MESSENGERS OF LOVE

"We can do no great things, only small things with great love"

Mother Teresa



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MISSION & GOALS: To provide improved quality of life to the poor, disadvantage orphaned children of Vietnam and other Southeast Asia countries. The mission is achieved through year round programs and services. Other goals are to promote the mind and heart of loving kindness and provide our youths with the opportunities for contributing,

volunteering and making a difference in the lives of other less fortunate children.

BACKGROUND: Each year, thousands of children in countries such as Viet Nam are abandoned by their parents for reasons such as illness, death, and economics hardship. Over a million children in Vietnam are orphaned and live on the street or in orphanages. These children lack access to essential health services, are malnourished, and often experience mental and physical health problems. They have no hope of a bright future and have no one to love. Children who grow up unloved and abandoned will often experience low self esteem and emotional insecurity, which could adversely affect their futures.



Messengers of Love (MOL), Inc., is a nonprofit organization based in Houston, Texas, dedicated to improving the lives

of as many of these orphaned children as possible through the provision of vital social services. MOL seeks to assist and encourage them in all its good and inspired forms by bringing them hope and much needed essentials. MOL lives out Christian teachings, modeled after Mother Teresa's, in bringing the love of God to the impoverished, the smallest and the least. MOL seeks to provide the missing guidance that orphaned and poor children desperately need through our programs based on the 3 essential Christian foundations: Love, Hope and Faith. Through our love and support, we can make a positive impact on a child's life, and brightening their future. Their future will be improved because they have been physically and emotionally nurtured, they will grow up confident and emotionally secure, and will be more likely to treat others with kindness.

Aside from yearly mission trips, MOL members coordinate efforts with the Dominican nuns, priests, and religious people in Vietnam to reach out to the various communities including orphanages, leper villages, and the underserved aboriginal minorities in the Highlands of Central Vietnam for several of MOL's programs. All of MOL members are volunteers. Over 97% of the funding we receive directly benefits those whom we serve.

Since its inception, Messengers of Love had been funded primarily through individual contributions and MOL's yearly fund raising events: Christmas fundraising Gala, garage sales, CD and religious items sales at church festivals, and the Marian festival in Carthage, Missouri. In 2012, MOL added a new event to its list of fund raising events: "Mother's day: A Day for Mom", an orchid/bonsai exhibit and sale, reaching out to over 100,000 Vietnamese Americans from various Houston communities. Three new chapters were formed: Austin, TX, Falls Church, VA and Baltimore, MD in 2010 and 2011.

In 2011 & 2012, MOL was accepted by the Federal Office of Personnel into its CFC (Combined Federal Campaign) charity organization list. This inclusion enables federal government employees to donate to MOL through the convenience of payroll deductions.

MOLY (Messengers of Love Youth) was formed in the summer of 2012 by two high school students and within two short months has grown to 28 members. MOLY will help with the Gala and will also hold fund raising activities of their own to supplement MOL's program and services costs.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES:

MOL started out with “Christmas for a Child” program, where every Christmas since 2004, Messengers of Love endeavored to bring spiritual light and love to those it serves at Christmas so that the real meaning of the season is not forgotten. The "miracle" of Christmas is repeated over and over again through the joy of caring and sharing. MOL fundraises each year before Christmas and the donations are used to aid orphans in orphanages, aid poor children to go to school, build houses for the seniors and the homeless, in keeping with the spirit of the season. Donations provide Christmas dinner, rice, clothing, toiletries, toys and candies for orphans and poor children in mountains & flood affected areas of Vietnam and Cambodia. Financial assistance also helps with basic necessities, along with seasonal aid. Lepers and poor families with handicaps often are included. Local volunteers including nuns, priests, monks give a helping hand in distributing gifts to orphanages, elementary schools in rural flood affected villages, and mountain villages of the “ethnic people”. Sit-down dinners are provided for the children in orphanages.

Over the years, MOL was able to add additional programs and services, bringing the total to nine main programs. Messengers of Love’s programs are implemented yearly through the help of volunteers, both locally in the USA and abroad. The programs are designed to meet the needs of the individuals MOL serves and accomplish its goals and missions.

1) Sponsor an Orphan: *monthly food, milk, supplies for orphaned children living in orphanages.*

2) Educational Assistance for a Poor Student: *provide assistance in the form of scholarships to poor students going through hardship and difficult circumstances such as loss of a parent or parent became ill or jobless so they can continue to be in school.*

3) Holiday Gift and Meal: *Give Christmas and Tet packages including new clothes, toiletries, food, candies, toys, meals to orphaned children and leper adults.*

4) Building a Home for the Poor: *build a home for a homeless leper or flood affected family.*

5) Orphanage & School Remodel: *remodel and provide safe living quarters for orphans and poor students in rural villages.*

6) Medical and Health Services to the Poor and Orphaned: sponsor handicapped children for treatment in USA. Sponsor medical mission trip for burned mission.

7) Invest in a Child Future: provide best possible opportunities to highly motivated bright children to realize their dreams and potentials.

8) Disaster Relief: Provide relief such as rice, food, and blanket to disaster affected areas.

8) Computer and Technology Training: where high school graduates in the USA can travel to the orphanage to teach computer skills and English, which we hope to implement in Summer 2013.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The number of children and adults that MOL has touched through its programs and services has grown from 150 per year in 2004 to 4700 per year in 2012, bringing the total to approximately 25,000 people in the last 8 years. The total number of new homes for the lepers built by MOL has reached 26 homes. MOL sponsored two children to the USA for medical surgeries: one burned and one with vision impairment. We have been working on bringing another child, Thuy Nhu, this year for treatment of a facial deformity. Thuy Nhu will be arriving to the USA on Oct. 22nd, 2012 and will be treated at Methodist Reconstructive Surgery unit in Houston, TX. All hospital expenses were sponsored by the service provider and treatments were provided free of charge.



* MOL started the “Holiday Gift & Meal for a Child” program in Christmas of 2003 and Tet (Lunar New Year) 2004, with gifts for 150 children in 3 orphanages and for 1000 poor people who live in the high mountains. In Christmas 2011 and Tet 2012, MOL was able to expand our program to provide gifts to more than 3600 children including orphans from 25 orphanages (including 1 orphanages in India & 2 in Cambodia) and the poor children from 26 poor villages

* For the last 5 years, MOL provided Tet's gifts yearly to over 300 families and 1000 adults including the elders, poor ethnic minorities, handicapped and lepers.

* MOL currently sponsors 185 poor students, provides scholarships and

subsidizes tuition, lunch money, uniform and books. We have three graduating from college this year.

* MOL currently invests in 10 bright highly motivated poor students and send them to boarding schools enrolling English speaking curriculums.

* MOL recently added a Medical and Health Services program supporting burned mission medical trips to Vietnam. MOL had successfully sponsored 2 children, one severely burned child and one with impaired vision to come to the USA for medical surgery.

* MOL build 5 new homes a year, a total of 26 new homes for ex-lepers and poor families, and is currently building 5 more.

* MOL remodeled 3 schools in Hue, built 3 dining halls for three rural schools. MOL rebuild, furnished and outfit one orphanage in Ho Nai.

* MOL helped dig six wells for the poor villages of Gailai, provided 4 clean water systems for the villages close to Thua Thien and Kontum, and provided one acre of cashew trees to the poor village near Kontum through MOL development program.

* MOL provides yearly disaster relief for the past 5 years to over 200 flood victim families of central Vietnam hurricane victims locally in the USA.

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* CFC pledge for government employees, Messengers of Love **CFC CODE: 34043**

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