Bibles for Asia

HOPE FOR TOMORROW



TO TRIBAL YOUTH & FAMILIES



NEW CHILDRENS MINISTRY DELIVERS GOSPEL

First opportunity for MANY to HEAR about



As a highly accomplished children's Bible teacher for over 40 years in Asia, **Mrs. Lang**, uses hand puppets to deliver the gospel message to capture young hearts for Jesus. Since joining BFA as a full-time volunteer early this year, she and her exceptionally creative team of writers and puppeteers travel to remote villages presenting the gospel story to children and parents in their own tribal languages, which for many, is the first time they can clearly understand.

After Mrs. Lang surrendered her life to Jesus as a young girl, she was quick to share Bible stories about Him with other neighboring children using her very own handmade puppets! High interest has compelled her to persevere in mobilizing her puppet ministry throughout many regions in her country—changing thousands of lives!

FACT!: 25 years ago, God used Mrs. Lang's ministry to draw our BFA Director in Vietnam, Timothy, and his family to faith in Jesus Christ!

Her efforts to advance the gospel have not come without trials, as there have been many times that she has been sought out and questioned by communist authorities about her activities. *But by the grace of God*, her gospel sharing puppet ministry thrives to impact children and adults for Jesus Christ.

With a recent long-term commitment to BFA as the Director of Children's Ministry in Vietnam, Mrs. Lang will proceed to further the gospel by working closely alongside other BFA ministry teams, (language recording, listening groups, and more). For Mrs. Lang, retirement is not an option. Serving the Lord, reaching and teaching others about Jesus is where her heart remains.

MRS. LANG LIFETIME SERVANT PUPPET BIBLE CAMPS

Puppet Bible camps are similar to VBS in America. They reach out to attract children and their parents from as far as 15 miles to come learn about Jesus. During the last 6 months each year, a 1-3 day Gospel sharing camp is offered in nearly 50 remote villages throughout Vietnam. The village churches & local members gladly accommodate the travelers with food and shelter.

After each daily Gospel presentation, as performed with puppets, the children interact with clever craft and game activities to reinforce the Gospel lessons they just saw & heard!

FAITH DOES COME BY HEARING!

Challenges continue to exist in many areas, as authorities persist in suppressing these camp activities. Still, many new tribes are being reached. With the start of each camp, new children's ministry teachers are being trained to move out further with the gospel. We praise our God!

Though the harvest is great, BFA laborers increase!

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BFA Has Jointly Translated the Gospel into 8 New Languages

8 MORE Translations Now in Progress!

Vietnam is a country comprised of 54 separate people groups with 119 unique languages. Many languages still do not have an alphabet for writing, making spoken words the primary form of communication.

One of BFA's primary objectives is to translate the gospel and other Biblical stories into verbal languages that people in outlaying areas can understand in their own language.

In partnership with other ministries, BFA is mobilizing the gospel by recording & delivering newly translated languages to many growing churches and Gospel Listening Groups.

Languages Available BEFORE BFA Began:

- New Testament was available in only 5 languages
- Gospel was available in only 9 languages.

Languages Available AFTER BFA Began:

- BFA has helped translate 8 more languages. With these new translations:
 - The <u>Full New Testament</u> is now available in a total of 8 languages! (added 3 to previous 5)
 - The Gospel is now available in a total of 17 languages! (added 8 to previous 9)

At This Time:

 8 more languages are currently in process of being translated in audio and print for the sake of reaching unreached people with the good news of Jesus!

OPPORTUNITY

REPURPOSING SMALL DEVICES



With all the wonderful biblical resources that BFA uses to draw the hearts of Vietnamese to Christ, some volunteers have noticed tribal people having difficulty seeing printed content and/or focusing on videos and demonstrations. To aid their lack of visual acuity, our volunteers began passing on their own glasses. Since the has become more apparent, BFA is beginning to collect and repair old unwanted eyeglasses (even new from Dollar Stores) to help improve the sight of the impaired.



In addition, BFA is also beginning to repair and repurpose small, outdated mobile devices. And... to help new believers grow in their Christian walk, every refurbished device is richly filled with Bible media materials, translated is in the language closest to their own.

Many of our readers may have old, outdated items they no longer use. As a result, BFA is making this small, but important, concern known to those in the position to contribute such items. The items can simply be given to any BFA volunteer in church or mailed to the address on left. It would be very appreciated if a few members of various churches to organize a collection to pass on to us. We, in turn, will direct their transport to Asia.

PRAISES TO COD:

- ☑ BFA's strong partner relationships with other Christian denominations in Asia.
- ✓ VBS thrives with Children's Camps, two new teaching teams and translators using puppets.
- ☑ BFA overhead staying at 4% per year.
- Estate Gifting this past year.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Children's Bible Camps funding support.Village assistants for language recording.
- Additional volunteers to lead increasing number of Gospel Listening Groups.
- ☐ Lead spokesperson's for BFA to select USA areas.
- ☐ Unity in the body Christ among all nations.

NOTE FROM DON...

Dear Friends,

We appreciate your time and interest to read about BFA's outreach to Asia and thank the Lord for your faithful prayers and support. You are a blessing that continues to encourage each volunteer to proclaim the gospel among many tribes and soon.

As pressure rises up against Christianity around the world, I must say again that the increasing expressions of genuine gratitude we receive from new believers and volunteers continues to amaze me! Many remind us, "tell our American friends we remember them in their prayers." It is a great privilege to work with you and to see the Lord bring many souls to eternal faith in Christ!

Our hearts are with yours, abiding in the Love of Jesus, Don, Doy & Volunteers

May they know Christ and the power of His Resurrection...





