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This newsletter updates and concludes the establishment of a new library and clean water well to benefit minority children and people in Pleiku, Vietnam. The project is respectfully formed and kindly supported by relatives, colleagues, schoolmates, and friends in memory of Ms. Thanh Nhân who gracefully supported FOU over 25 years.

## Thanh-Nhân Library

Providing education support to minority students is the main goal of FOU. The new library Thanh-Nhân was renovated from an existing structure at Pleichuet property of the PhaoLo (St Paul Order) convent in Pleiku. The leader of Thiên Ân site #2, Catholic Sister Kim Chi, raised the dirt floor and covered the large 100 squared meter floor with tiles. A local contractor was employed and the children were motivated to help renovating their own dormitory. The new library consists of a large multifunctional room—for studying, dinning, or entertaining by younger students—and a smaller room with books and computers for older students. Some FOU supporters in Saigon also donated furniture and 100 mosquito nets to this dormitory. All 120 Montagnard boys from various tribes are under loving care of eight energetic Sisters and two voluntary teachers.

The renovation started in May and completed in August this year. In early August FOU organized a midwifery workshop at the nearby Thiên Ân site #1 (for girls) and inaugurated the new Thanh Nhan library at site #2 on behalf of Thanh Nhan's family and donors. We awarded the academic excellent students, enjoyed the team performance of the children, and shared a delicious home-cooked dinner.

The children now enjoy the cleaner and more comfortable home while having modern and fast computers for their studies. This year FOU also provides 120 scholarships to students at both sites.

## Thanh-Nhân Clean Water Well

There are about 300 families at three tribes who are sharing one well and a muddy stream. FOU visited the site and interviewed people for technical feasibility and sustainability of a new water well. A clean water source would provide tribal villagers with free and clean water, therefore, minimizes possible health issues due to contaminated water.

- A contractor performed multiple deep-drilling attempts at this rocky and hilly tribe. Sufficient flow of clean water would be warranted before building a water tank, installing an electric pump, and connecting pipes. They completed the project on 2 December.
- The water well is located within the Prayer Community facility where Father Trần Minh Chính is the religious leader. As it has been practiced at other FOU supported wells, the clean water is free to all tribal people regardless of their faith.
- Father Chính will oversee the system's daily operation and maintenance. FOU will monitor the condition of the system and plan to contribute to any major repair in future.

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Fig. 1. Cakes for the inauguration of Thanh-Nhan library

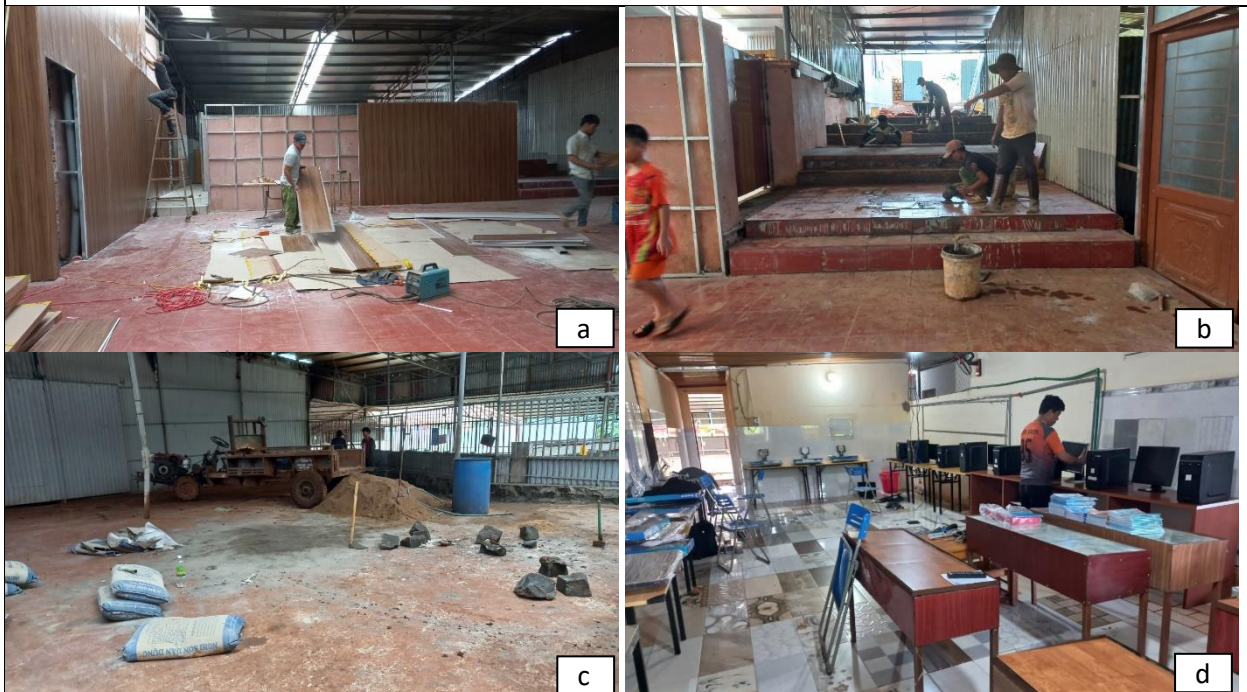






Fig. 2. (a-e) Renovation of the facility for Thanh-Nhan library, and (f) help from students



Fig. 3. Textbooks and reference books



Fig. 4. Students with new computers and instructors





Fig. 5. Awards to outstanding students



Fig. 6. Children at the cleanly tiled multifunction room



Fig. 7. Excited children with the home-cooked food





Fig. 8. Tender moment of a Sister and senior Montagnard at Bong K'Lar tribe



Fig. 9. Site of the proposed Thanh-Nhan water well in IA Hét near Bong K'Lar tribe



Fig. 10. The new water well Thanh-Nhan after drilling 1300m deep at IA Hét tribal village.