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Project: To renovate a suspension bridge

The suspension bridge in Dai Ninh is a link between 2 hamlets whose schools, markets, and surroundings are separated by a large river. Without this bridge, the inhabitants would be forced to make a detour several kilometers long.

The bridge, which was built by a monk more than 15 years ago, is now in a terrible state and there are no plans to renovate it. It no longer conforms to safety standards as wooden planks are missing from the floor and children may fall in the river.



A retired civil engineer has volunteered to supervise the renovations of the bridge if we are able to collect enough funds for it. A small plaque with the name of each donor will be placed on the pillars of the bridge.



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Project: To offer a roof to Da Ban's inhabitants



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On my last visit to Vietnam in March 2008, I visited Hue where I had participated in voluntary activities in building a home for street children. I was also in another region called Da Ban, province of Khanh Hoa (500km from Ho Chi Minh city), where its inhabitants are really in need of help.



Located between the sea and the mountain, Da Ban is a village of 500 families, 100 of which are considered as the village's poorest. Workers earn from burning trees to make coal in the mountains during the dry season, with a monthly salary of about 70 Swiss francs.



During the rainy season (from August to January), they are without jobs. Because of this, they do not earn enough to buy food and are unable to fix their homes of leaky roofs.

Project: To offer a roof to Da Ban inhabitants

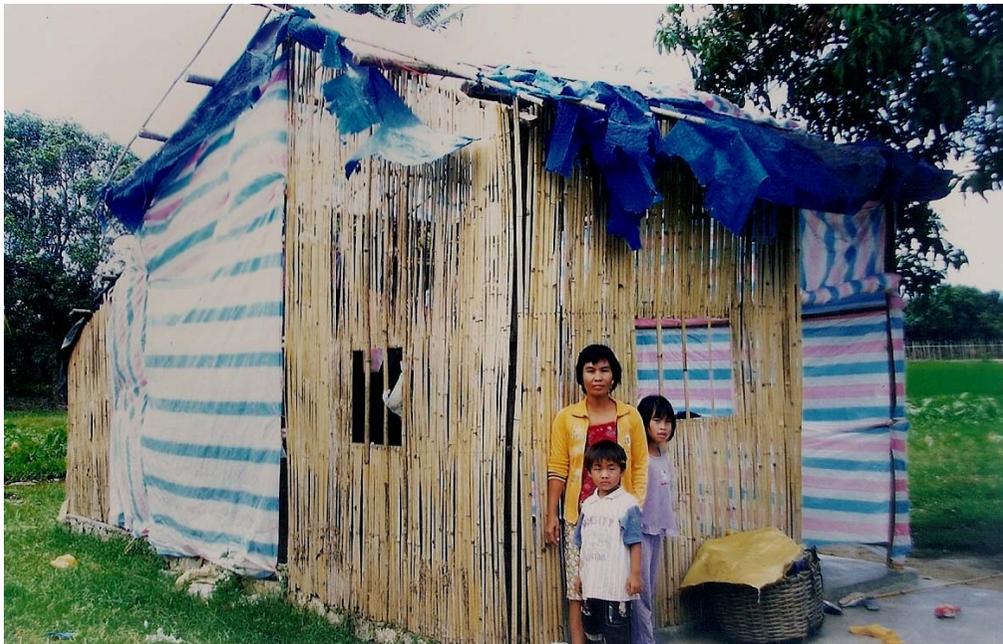
You can personally help one of those poor families with a donation to enable them to repair part of their house. A photo of the mended house will be sent to you.

Example of costs:

To repair a roof: 400.- Swiss francs

To repair a roof and walls: 800.- Swiss francs

To repair part of the house: according to your generosity



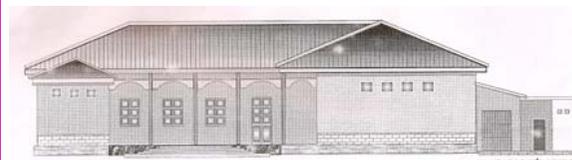
Project: To build a home for children in Tu Bong



We will also build a home for accommodating and bringing up orphans, handicapped children and those in especially difficult situations in Tu Bông.

The pagoda « Ngoc Van » in Tu Bông is ready to transfer the ownership of the land to the home when the construction works begin.

The home will be a building of 400 m² with a tile roof (due to strong winds in the rainy season) and 4 bedrooms to accommodate 40 children.

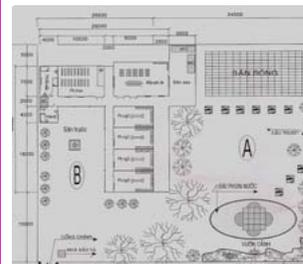


Construction costs:

3 million of VND /m² or
Swiss francs 400/m²* 200 m²
Total costs : CHF: 80'000.-

We are also searching for funds to offer scholarships to children from poor families. 10% of Tu Bông's children are undereducated due to parents being unable to afford school fees.

Living between the mountain and the sea, the inhabitants are very poor because they have very little land for rice field. They earn mainly from making coal in the mountain or collecting crabs and shells in the dry season. During the 6 month rainy season, they remain jobless as the rice fields are submerged by salt water.



Inhabitants in the region	13'865
Poor families registered	260
Children from 6 to 16	2'200
Handicapped children	50
Children not going to school (for lack of funds)	270

The home to be built will comprise a building with 4 bedrooms, a classroom, a kitchen and a dining room, as well as a playground and a garden.