

VIETNAM

Bands' ongoing efforts to pursue the development and operation of both a church and school in Vietnam continued through 2014 with each step of progress seemingly offset by other developments that are equally discouraging. The local government is placing road blocks to prevent the school from functioning.

1. In January, *Bands* board members visited Vietnam and were encouraged by progress of both the church and school. Plans were progressing in offering educational benefits to local children in the buildings.

2. **Ngan Huynh, the local Vietnamese contact who is so important to this effort** renewed friendships throughout the United States during a recent visit. As a talented and well-trained US college graduate, Ngan's skills and on-site efforts are crucial to success in Vietnam.

3. During her visit, Ngan received a letter from the local police in Can Tho City detailing policy that prevents the school from using the buildings to teach the children.

4. **Clear titles to the two buildings have been received**, largely due to Ngan's efforts, and the church is able to meet in these buildings. Applications are being made to gain approval to tutor children in English, since they must pass an English test to be accepted into the Vietnamese university system, but approval for this effort has not yet been received.



An elated Ngan Huynh with the titles of the two buildings (left). Some of the many poor children being served at the Can Tho City school.

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END-OF-YEAR REPORT 2014

2014 has been a good year. We were called upon to help in several disaster areas. There was also an increase in the number of eye surgeries requested. We were able to respond to these and other requests because of your generosity. 2015 will be a year filled with new challenges. We have a matching fund grant from *Caris Foundation* that will enable us to do 700 eye surgeries if we can raise funds for 350. I am confident we can do this. A significant amount of our contributions come in the last few weeks of the year. We anticipate your generosity again this year. Please remember that for you to receive the tax benefit for 2014, we must receive your contribution before December 31. **Thank you for your partnership with Bands.**



THE YEAR TWENTY-FOURTEEN IN REVIEW

PHILIPPINES

With the October, 2013, 7.9 earthquake in Bohol and Typhoon Yolanda, which hit the Philippines in November, 2013 *BandS* efforts in 2014 focused on disaster relief, rebuilding, and providing support to needy families and children.

1. Water filters were taken to many areas to provide a usable water source to local residents during the initial aftermath of the earthquake and typhoon. Sleeping mats, tarpaulins, and food stuffs were distributed both on Bohol and Cebu.
2. On Bohol, church members had exhausted all of their own resources to rebuild the Dai Norte and Sagbayon churches, but the work had stagnated. *BandS* stepped in and furnished funds to complete both buildings, to include attached minister's homes.
3. On Cebu, church attendance swelled following the typhoon, and *BandS* furnished funds to build one house church and to repair the heavily-damaged central structure at the *Arapal Christian Camp*. That building had been built by *Body & Soul Ministries* and given to *Arapal* in 2009. It has been completely restored and is now "better than ever".
4. A church was planted at Kanagahan by a zealous new Christian, and he asked for help to fund a building. *BandS* has provided funding and the building is well under construction.
5. *BandS* continued its financial support of the *Good News Clinic in Cebu*, which reaches out to the local community with low-cost medical assistance for those who do not qualify for government programs. Support is also provided for medical clinics and worship services in outlying areas.

Tree of Life board members Gemma Cabarles and Salma Perocho (left). Some of the elementary school children gather for a group photo at the *Arapal Christian Camp* site of *Tree of Life* (center). The rebuilt Poblacion Sagbayon Church in the town of Sagbayon (right).



SPONSOR A CHILD



Tree of Life Children's Fund is designed to help provide education to a child in need. For more information about sponsoring a child, please contact Bobbymoore@altamesa.org.

6. Many children in the area around the *Arapal Christian Camp* on Cebu are in need of assistance. Most live in inadequate shelters because of the results of Typhoon Yolanda, and many have poor family situations. *BandS* has assumed management of the *Tree of Life* program in cooperation with the *Christian Relief Fund* providing administrative support. Sponsored children receive funds for school fees and uniforms, as well as some medical fees and meals. They are required to stay in school and achieve satisfactory grades, attend worship services, and attend weekly seminars where they are taught basic reading, writing, mathematics, Philippine culture, and have Bible lessons. The worship services, seminars, and other special events are conducted at *Arapal Christian Camp* facilities.

INDONESIA



In 2014, *BandS* was able to perform 514 eye surgeries in Indonesia. The photos here document our October camp in Nias. Board member Danny Carrigan (above) received much gratitude.

BandS continues to make a significant difference in the lives of so many in Northern Sumatra and on the island of Nias. It has been amazing watching God grow this project since the tsunami in 2010. We are encouraged at the prospect of helping even more people receive the gift of sight in the years to come.

1. The March eye surgery camps were in the towns of Sidikalang and Simalungun in Northern Sumatra. Between the two camps, the local surgeons removed 239 cataracts.
2. In the month of October, the second of our biannual cataract camps took place on Nias Island. In partnership with the *Caris Foundation*, *BandS* was able to witness 275 cataract surgeries in less than two days by surgeons Drs. Pinto and Jusni.
3. During our Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) meeting with government officials in Medan, we agreed to increase our annual amount of eye surgeries from 500 to 700.

2 EYES FOR THE PRICE OF 1

When you donate the standard price of \$140 for one cataract surgery, you will actually be providing two. *Caris Foundation International* has graciously offered to provide a matching fund grant for up to 350 eyes. If you would like to be a part of this life-changing medical mission, please go to our website at www.bandsministries.org and click on the *Donate Online* link or send us your check or money order. Thank you for considering this matching offer from *Caris Foundation*.

