Project Proposal:  
Orphanage Proposal 
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Unreached People Groups Targeted:  
- Khemer 0.10% Christianity 
- Vietnamese 0.61% Christianity 

Photo: Abandoned children eating on the floor due to lack of tables and chairs.
The orphanage was established in 1988 in Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City). They have a staff of 14. Each of the staff members were orphans cared for at the orphanage when they were younger. Now grown, they want to stay with the group and to serve God and care for orphans the way they were cared for. Besides managing the orphanage, they also divided themselves into three groups to care for cancer patients, street children, and prisoners with AIDS.

They currently care for 42 orphans who live in three different houses, two rentals, and one that was recently gifted by Christian donors. There are no tables and beds, so they all eat and sleep on the floor. The costs to provide minimal basic necessities for each child averages $1.00 per day. The expenses include meals, housing, utilities, household needs, and transportation of the orphans to and from school. Unfortunately, they are typically short on budget, and the government provides no support.

All staff members and orphans worship at their own house-church each Sunday. The staff members work in different vocations on weekdays. They also fast and pray on Tuesday and Friday every week while they are working. The orphans have Bible study classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. They have learned to live by faith, as they have no permanent support. Many times the orphans go to bed with empty stomachs.

**Eating Time**
Sleeping Time

Currently there are no beds for the children.

Boys

Girls

The Kitchen

Pastor and his wife

Worker with the newest orphan
2. STREET CHILDREN MINISTRY (Homeless children):

The ministry is also currently caring for 330 street children in 13 different areas of Saigon. There are additional kids joining the groups each week.

Not only does the government not support this work, they work against it. The meeting spots where they minster to and care for these children is typically at different times and places each week, such as a quiet park, under a shady tree, a secret place under a bridge, or wherever they feel police will not find them for a one or two hour meeting. These children are either orphans (typically both parents are in jail or have died of AIDS) or run-away kids, because they were abused at home, or their families are so poor that they cannot feed them. Many, even as young as they are, are pickpockets or robbers, or sell drugs or lottery tickets for food. They sleep under bridges, in front of somebody’s house, or under trees.

The ministry reaches the children by Bible stories, singing hymns, and other fun Bible-based activities. An average of 25-30 professes faith in Christ each month. Once they become Christians, their lives are changed, but they are now even more destitute, as they give up their former way of earning food money. The ministry provides basic food items during their meetings. The cost to feed these children regularly is so high that the group would need substantial new support to do so.
3. PRISONER MINISTRY (AIDS & Cancer Patients)

Members of the ministry group travel a long distance from Saigon once a month to evangelize at remote medical clinics that treat prisoners with AIDS. These AIDS patients are prisoners whose sentences are not yet expired, but are sent to a clinic for treatment as they are dying of the disease. Even though they are very weak or dying, they are still chained to their beds. The group witnesses to these prisoners as much as they can, but if the local police find they are there, they will chase them away. The best time for this group to do this is at lunchtime, when the police or jailers are eating or taking a nap. Many of these prisoners are saved by accepting Jesus as their Savior shortly before their death. On average, ten AIDS prisoners profess faith in Christ each month.

The group typically gives each prisoner a $1.00 dollar meal, and the prisoners say it is the best meal that they have had since they were imprisoned. For many, it is their last time to enjoy food, as they pass away before the group’s next trip. There are many more prisoners with AIDS that are sent to fill any empty beds. Hopefully, each of them will have Jesus in their hearts before it is too late.
The ministry needs our spiritual and financial support to continue serving God with the orphans, street children, and the prisoners with AIDS. Here are their current needs:

**PROPOSAL**

1. **The Emmanuel House**

   $42 per month will provide an orphan with food, housing, utilities, household items, and school transportation.

2. **Street Children Ministry (Homeless children)**

   $1 would give a nutritious meal once a week to a street child.

   Costs covers: Food and transportation of meals

3. **AIDS & Cancer Prisoners**

   $40 would give a nutritious meal to 20 AIDS or cancer prisoners once a month.

   Costs covers: Food and traveling costs.

Note: Thank you for your consideration for this project. Any donation amount is greatly appreciated and all contributions are tax deductible. GCP will send donors updates as they become available.