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Dear Friends, Supporters and Volunteers:

On behalf of the International Community Initiatives (ICI) Board of Directors, we wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year 2025 with health, happiness, and prosperity. As the year 2024 comes to an end, it is a great pleasure and rewarding to reflect on our mission and programs, and most importantly on your generosity and kind support through sharing your time, talents and treasures to enable our service and progress possible. We may speak different languages and have different interests, yet we share a common bond – the language of humanity, with our family and friends, as well as those who are less fortunate. It continues to be an honor and privilege to work with you over the years. We would like to share our collective efforts as a summary of “**ICI 2024 Activities**” to reflect the achievements of mission and goals.

### **ICI Activities & Achievements in 2024:**

This year marks the 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ICI’s humanitarian efforts since 2015. Throughout recent years, ICI’s top three priorities have been: (1) public health and medical mission, (2) clean water project, and (3) orphanages support. Please visit ICI website and Facebook for our ongoing and recent service trip to Vietnam as a collaboration between ICI and Second Chance Aid (SCA) at [www.icius.org](http://www.icius.org).

- ✓ **Public Health and Medical Mission** – We are thankful to complete our 2024 annual public health and medical mission to 7 clinic sites at Nghe An, Nam Dinh, Buon Ma Thuoc, Dak Nong, and Quang Nam. A collaboration among ICI, SCA which provided funding for medications and gifts, and our host partners, physicians, pharmacists, and volunteers in Vietnam, we provided health education for about 400 people and primary care for more than 2700 patients at 7 different clinic sites, treating a total of more than 5400 medical conditions and dispensing thousands of medications/prescriptions. We also donated medications for three (3) sites: Fr. Van’s church community in Kontum, Sr. Trong’s local community in Buon Ma Thuot, and Phong Kham An Binh in Quang Nam to help with medications for patients throughout the upcoming year to help with sustainability of care.
  
- ✓ **Clean Water Project** – We completed and delivered seven (7) Clean Water Projects (CWPs) in 2024. We are grateful in partnership with SCA that provided water bottles and gifts to celebrate the grand opening of 6 clean water projects (CWPs) that serve more than 10,486 poor families, including 48,934 villagers in the central highland regions during this year’s trip. Specifically,
  - CWP at Têxô 1 village, Kontum province providing clean water for 70 poor families/450 Sê đăng villagers. We delivered 200 gifts including water container and 10kg bags of rice.
  - CWP at Pastoral Center of Ban Me Thuot Diocese in Đắk Lắk province supporting from 300 to 2,000 priests and nuns each month.
  - CWP at Buôn Drang in Đắk Lắk province providing clean water for 120 poor families/1300 Êđê villagers. We delivered 215 gifts: water containers, instant noodles, fish sauce, sugar, salt, etc.
  - CWP at Buôn Trấp and Buôn Dốc in Đắk Lắk province providing clean water for 300 poor families/3,000 Êđê villagers. We delivered 215 gifts: water containers, instant noodles, fish sauces, sugar, salt, etc.
  - CWP at Thôn 2, Yang reh, in Đắk Lắk province providing clean water for 896 poor families/3,584 Êđê villagers. We delivered 200 gifts: water container, instant noodles, dry fish, oil, fish sauce, potatoes, etc.
  - CWP at Đắk Sút 1 in Kontum province providing clean water for 100 poor families/600 Sê đăng villagers. We delivered 200 gifts: water container and 10kg bags of rice.

- CWP at St. Gioakim Church in Nam Đĩnh province providing clean water for about 9,000 families/40,000 villagers. We also delivered 500 water containers.
  - Needs assessment were also conducted at several sites for future clean water projects. Water sources in these ethnic minority villages are always scarce, and the water is contaminated with mud, and water in some places are contaminated with aluminum, salt, and pesticides. Since the clean water plant was installed, villagers fetching water were very crowded. Villagers are happy to have clean water to drink. Villagers' life expectancy will hopefully be increased, and intestinal diseases are expected to decrease.
- ✓ **Orphanages Support** – We are thankful to continue supporting three (3) orphanages since 2022: Mai Am Betania and Mai Am Lam Bich in Nghe An, and Mai Am Tinh Me in Kien Giang. It can be busy and challenging for parents to take care of a few children, including those with special needs. Yet, several sisters take care of more than 140 children, with about 50 of them having many different disabilities, especially those at the Betania orphanage in Nghe An. We visited to provide third annual funding support for the children to have rehabilitation exercise equipment, learn to sew, gain basic computer skills, and learn English and music, all of which are essential skills to be ready for adulthood and to gain jobs to support oneself and have a better future. It's noteworthy this year that we also provided healthcare for the children at Mai Am Lam Bich. Furthermore, we learned that two children at Mai Am Tinh Me will be starting nursing school in the summer of 2025. A doctor and her daughter who is a nurse and visited with these two children have also committed to help them throughout nursing school training.

In 2024, our main priorities were on fundraising, planning and preparing for Vietnam Humanitarian Mission & Internships. In addition, ICI's website was updated by our webmaster. Please visit our website [www.icius.org](http://www.icius.org) for photos and videos of our collective efforts. If you would like to make additional and/or future donation to our humanitarian efforts, which include one of the following:

- U.S. Community Health Events
- Vietnam Public Health and Medical Missions
- Vietnam Clean Water Project
- Vietnam Orphanage Child Support
- Other Country's Project (Please contact us to make a donation)

#### **Key Events and Save the Dates for 2025**

- **Ongoing Fundraising Activity TBD:** Vietnam Humanitarian Missions & Internships
- **June/July: ICI & SCA collaboration** – Planning for Vietnam Public Health & Medical Mission in ongoing collaboration with UMES School of Pharmacy and Health Professions.

As always, it has been a productive and rewarding year in 2024, and we anticipate the same in in 2025. Thanks again for your kind support. Please continue to share our ICI mission and passion with your family and friends.

Sincerely Yours,

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