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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 2024 with health, happiness, and prosperity. As the year 2023 comes to a close, it is 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 2023 Activities**” to reflect the achievements of our mission and goals.

ICI Activities & Achievements in 2023:

This year marks the 8th 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, as well as see the link below for our ongoing and recent service trip to Vietnam as a collaboration between ICI and Second Chance Aid (SCA): <https://youtu.be/HLf9T7HS2kk>

- ✓ **Public Health and Medical Mission** – We are thankful to complete our 2023 annual public health and medical mission to 4 clinic sites at Sapa, Buon Ma Thuot, Dak Lak, va Nghe An. A collaboration among ICI, SCA that provided gifts, and our hosts, physicians, pharmacists, and volunteers in Vietnam, we provided health education for about 300 people and primary care for about 1,131 patients with 3,272 conditions diagnosed and over 3,000 medications dispensed. We also donated medications for two (2) sites: Cha Van’s Church Community in Kontum and Phong Kham An Binh in Quang Nam to help with medications for patients throughout the upcoming year for some level of sustainability.

- ✓ **Clean Water Project** – We are grateful in partnership with Second Chance Aids (SCA) that provided water bottles and gifts to celebrate the grand opening of 6 clean water projects (CWPs) that serve more than 6,700 poor families, including 31,000+ ethnic minority villagers in the central highland regions this year. Specifically:
 - **CWP at Bu Boong, Tuy Duc district in Đắk Nong** that provides clean water for 645 poor families / 6,050 M’ong villagers. We also delivered 350 gifts including water containers, boxes of shrimp noodles, fish sauces, cooking oil, and sugar for these villagers.
 - **CWP at Tân Phúc Church in Đắk Nong** that provides clean water for 3,000+ poor families / 10,000 M’ong villagers. We delivered 200 gifts including water containers, boxes of shrimp noodles, fish sauces, cooking oil, and sugar for these villagers.
 - **CWP at Plum village, Ea Trul district, Đắk Lắk** province providing clean water for 1,073 poor families / 5,048 Jarai villagers. We delivered 250 gifts including water containers, a box of noodles, etc. for them.
 - **CWP at Chua Phuoc Duc, Thon 2, Ea Trul district, Đắk Lắk** province providing clean water for 1,500 poor families / 7,534 villagers. We delivered 100 gifts including water containers, rice, etc. for these villagers.
 - **CWP at Kon Bơbăn village, Kontum** province providing clean water for 250 poor families / 1,790 villagers. We delivered 200 gifts including water container, rice, etc.

- **CWP at Tea Pen village, Kontum** province providing clean water for 260 poor families / 1,500 villagers. We delivered 428 gifts including water container, box of shrimp noodles, etc.

Needs assessment were also conducted at 5 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 alum, 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 and felt secure. The villagers' life expectancy will hopefully be increased, and intestinal diseases are expected to decrease. Specifically, the

- ✓ **Orphanages Support** – We are thankful to have supported three 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 120 children, with 50 of them having many different disabilities, especially those at the Betania orphanage in Nghe An. We visited to provide second annual funding support for the children to have rehabilitation exercise equipment (for example, one child was able to learn to walk), 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.

In 2023, 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 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 2024

- May/June TBD: Vietnam Humanitarian Missions & Internships Fundraising Banquet
- November/December: 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 2023, and we anticipate the same in in 2024. Thank you 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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