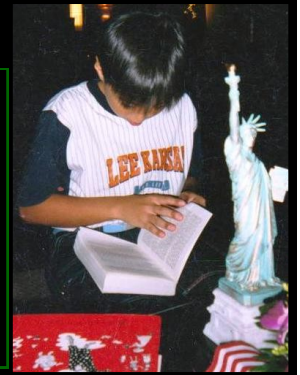




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JAR XIONG'S "RAINBOW OF HOPE"

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

Jar Xiong, Miss Hmong International 2015, flew directly from passing on her crown in California for the 2016 Queen to passing on good will in the land of her heritage, Laos. Thanks to Rich and Karel Gulig, and her family and friends back home in the USA, she took her idea of a "Rainbow of Hope" Mission right to the Hmong in Luang Prabang, and Nong Het. She brought teaching, Radio Broadcast, (First American ever live FM Nong Het's air waves), books, furniture, thanks to the Hmong in America.



MADAME'S PUPPET CARAVAN HAS "EM HANGIN' FROM THE RAFTERS"

Khmuhs ethnics, who make up some 80% of the people of Phonsavath, have an appreciation and hunger for education. They are reaching out for support while making their own inspiring efforts in developing futures for their children and a better quality of life for their parents. The future is now in this Village that is a newly constructed home for residents of 17 older villages who were moved here. They were displaced by a new Hydroelectric Dam Project. They are starting life anew literally. Madame Nettavong's Puppet Caravan, supported by Hmong-Americans, is a reading promotion program that is changing learning

habits of the children. We arrived **unannounced** about 3:30 PM Monday, January 4th, 2016 because of a snafu in



Vientiane. After making the 3 1/2 hour drive we located the school we had visited the year before with John Sayavong and Xia Vue Yang. The surprise visit was a blessing in that we saw the daily work and enthusiasm they have for education by coming on an "ambush" - a complete shock to the local leaders and Mr. Keo, Headmaster. **This will be a very successful project...**



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PHONSAVATH, MEUANG FEUANG



Mr. Keo, Phonsavath "Lycee" Headmaster

Those seeking preservation of their own power base as the first priority at the expense of growth of the Village's health education and welfare are not where the Library Project builds. This is the most important advice we get from Madame Kongdeuane Nettavong and the officials (of all ethnic groups) in Vientiane.



School, Library Site, School Addition

On January 4, 2015 the Library of Laos and the National Library of Laos' Reading Promotion Puppet Caravan left Vientiane to go North to Phonsavath Village in Vientiane Province's Meuang Feuang District. The village is new, built to give homes to people from 17 small Villages displaced in 2010 to make way for a major electric power development in the region. The local school has certain features we have been fortunate to find where we have built Libraries throughout Southeast Asia. Along with a demonstrated commitment to education, we need local leadership that is future oriented. Their definition of leadership must include a vision of growth and enhancement of the local quality of life advanced through policies. This policy is directed by Vientiane, but very significant power lies with the local authority, a characteristic that leads to some Villages improving far faster than others.

PHONSAVATH LIBRARY

FUNDING

GRANT: \$50,000

LOCAL AUTHORITY \$10,000+

COMMITMENTS TO DATE: \$15,000

NEEDED: \$35,000

PROJECTED CONTRACT DATE:
January 2017

(SUBJECT TO FUNDING)

The Phonsavath Library will resemble the Nong Het facility, but will include Greco-Roman Pillars in front, based on the Cam Lo Vietnam Prototype of Quang Tri, Vietnam, shown here.



The Prototype Plans given to the officials are for this Library. At Phonsavath, as has been done in Bong Son and My Lai, Vietnam, the Library will be turned to suit the space and lot on which it is built. Importantly it will have walkways to the school buildings at each side on the second floor. Here is a visionary leadership with a clear commitment.



Phonsavath Officials, Library of Laos Project & National Library of Laos

2016 CALENDAR*

JANUARY-MARCH

- JAN 1-17 LAOS HMONG KHMUS & HAPA Mission (Rich Gulig)
- JAN 18-FEB 8 VIETNAM: Library & Orphanage work tour (Rich Gulig)
- FEB 8-16 Tet Lunar New Year
- March 29 Arrive USA

APRIL-AUGUST

- April 9 Chicago-Special Forces Chapter XXXIX
- April 10-15 KC & Houston
- June 4 Annual Garage Sale
- July 9 Tran Thi Bich Khoi: LOVNP/CLI Arrive: Chicago
- July 23-30 Hayward Wisconsin, Duluth, Minnesota
- July 23 Kansas City: Special Forces Reunion 2016

- July 30 Children's Banquet: Elks #46, Milwaukee, WI
- Aug 4 Tran Thi Bich Khoi Leave Chicago to Vietnam

SEPTEMBER - JANUARY 2017

- Sep-Oct Terry Jones English Exchange
- Nov 25 CLI Travel: Major Trip
- Dec 16 Vietnam-Cambodia-Laos
- Dec 17-19 Lao Cai
- Dec 18-Jan 8 2017 HAPA Exchange Nong Het

OTHER DATES

- Aug Chicago Special Forces Golf Outing
- Sep 9 61st Assault Helicopter Company Reunion, Clarinda, Iowa (Rotary, Vets Groups etc to be set)

E-mail for 2016 Mission and CLI Travel Opportunities: Chuck@childrenslibraryinternational.org

LAOS & VIETNAM MISSION

Rich & Karel Gulig



January 2, 2016 Rich and Karel Gulig of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, with Jar Xiong, landed in Vientiane, Laos kicking off a 40+ day Mission across Laos and Vietnam. Teaching, making donations, visiting places already recipients of Sheboygan's generosity, and helping the poorest of these lands all were in the Mission. St. Vincent De Paul of Sheboygan Wisconsin made a major donation to complete the sponsorship commitment for the My Lai Library Learning Center.



LAOS MISSION BY THE NUMBERS

- 2 Provinces
- 1 Church (3 Pagodas)
- 4 Library/Learning Centers
- 3 Large Cities
- 2 Orphanages & Child Care Homes
- 3 Families
- 1 Disability Center

VIETNAM MISSION BY THE NUMBERS

- 10 Provinces
- 5 Churches (2 Pagodas)
- 5 Library/Learning Centers
- 4 Largest Cities
- 4 Orphanages & Kindergardens
- Phu Hoa Leprosy Community
- 2 Families
- NNC Disability Center



RICH & KAREL'S SHARED PACKER PASSION!!!!



Nhia Vue, Laos



Nhia Long Yang, Laos



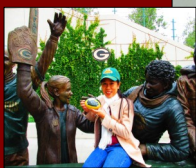
Mr. Quang, Vietnam



Mr. Tap, Vietnam



Deacon Rich meets Father Peter, Vicar, Phu Hoa Church, Quang Ngai, Vietnam



Khoi, Green Bay & Sisters of Love of the Holy Cross, Karel and Orphan, January 31, 2016, Phu Yen, Vietnam

CONNECTIONS: SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES!



← **GIO LINH HIGH SCHOOL**
Gio Linh District
1,325 Students

GIO LINH LIBRARY →
George N. Wright Memorial
Dedicated: March 8, 2005



← **VINH LINH HIGH SCHOOL**
Vinh Linh District
1,400 Students

VINH LINH LIBRARY →
Chuck Theusch
Dedicated: April 3, 2003



← **BUI DUC TAI HIGH SCHOOL**
Hai Lang District
1,350 Students

HAI LANG LIBRARY →
Rotary International District #7780
Dedicated: December 4, 2006



← **DAN TOC NOI TRU TINH HIGH SCHOOL**
Quang Tri Town
950 Students

QUANG TRI TOWN LIBRARY →
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF)
Dedicated: December 1, 2001
Rededicated: November 2010 (Approx)



← **VINH DINH HIGH SCHOOL**
Trieu Phong District
1,000 Students

TRIEU PHONG LIBRARY →
Dr. James Langworthy
Dedicated: November 14, 2003





PASSERELLES NUMERIQUES

The Passerelles Numeriques Foundation is a true innovator in Information Technology Education Systems for the poor and disadvantaged in Southeast Asia. They began in Cambodia, then the Philippines, and since 2010 in Vietnam.

In December 2015 at a Department of Foreign Affairs Conference in Quang Ngai City, we were introduced by Mr. Tap, a leader in Quang Ngai Province. He figured PN Foundation might work with our Project in outreach to our students located in the very poorest regions. Included are Quang Ngai, Quang Tri, Thua-Thien Hue and Binh Dinh Provinces where the Library Project has its facilities. A review of their Mission explains how they wound up in the Provinces they are now in, as they aim to provide a future for the best and brightest of the very poorest. They have a plan that answers this great need.

www.passerellesnumeriques.org/Vietnam/

Go to this WEBSITE to see more about this fine Foundation and its program for our students in the remote areas of Vietnam. In February we went to five High Schools in five Districts of Quang Tri Province where we have Libraries and saw them in action. They are doing excellent work and encouraging the students with real opportunities. Down the street from our Libraries these schools are now connecting their students with our Libraries where they can make the most of all the Libraries have to offer.



PASSERELLES NUMERIQUES VIETNAM

WHO WE ARE?

Through education, Passerelles numériques (PN) enables the most underprivileged young people to access employment in the promising sector of Information Technology (IT) and break with their families the circle of poverty.

Passerelles numériques operates in Cambodia, Philippines and Vietnam (Danang).

Since 2010, PN Vietnam have offered a 2-year training and scholarship program to youths from the Central region of Vietnam.

PN SCHOLARSHIP: WHAT WE OFFER?

Passerelles numériques scholarship includes:

- **2 year intensive training program in IT** taught in collaboration with the Software Development Center - University of Da Nang. With intensive classes in Software Development, Web Development & Testing, English and Business life. The curricula includes **two internship periods**
- **Living costs (housing, food)**
- **Health insurance**
- **Support for job search**

Students who successfully complete the training will obtain the Associate degree diploma issued by the University of Da Nang and the certificate issued by Passerelles numériques.

WHO CAN APPLY?

We aim selecting students:

- Currently in grade 12 or already graduated from High School
- With a difficult family background / in a precarious situation
- Motivated to learn and work in the IT sector
- Hard workers
- Able to complete and pass the selection process

4 steps selection process:

- Information sessions in High Schools
- Written exams
- Motivation interview
- Family visit

The selection process is run in collaboration with Study Promotion Associations of Central Vietnam provinces.



A Gateway for Life



Đối tác chính:



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, BOOKS and the LIBRARY OF VIETNAM

When the Gates Foundation introduced the Computers and Internet to 10 of our Libraries in late 2014 we still needed to get the word out on the MIEN PHI (Free) nature of all the services there. In traveling to each of the five High Schools on the PN Foundation's list where they would be making there scholarships available, we answered in a small way the problem that continues but is starting to be addressed - getting the word out...

Traditionally, in these remote areas, for the most part, they simply did not have any free reading facilities at all. To the extent that there were some periodicals available, they were limited in scope not really of interest to the local people.

The Library Project has included in our facilities a wide array of books, such a Ernest Hemingway, John Steinbeck, Vince Lombardi, Jr. Also there are Children's Books such as Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Cinderella, and many other Western Classics. These are all available in Vietnamese and many in English too. English Language Education books have been a staple on a top priority list since 2010 when the country set up its 20/20 program making English Training mandatory at all schools. On a practical level have been agricultural, mechanics and various titles for the average user. Furthermore a 2010 a Decree calls for separate Libraries at all High Schools around the country in order to be recognized as a top shelf institution. The referring of our students to PN Foundation through the Libraries, and sending announcements to each High School is part of our larger plan to enhance the programs and use at all of our Libraries in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

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TRANG BANG: "THE GIRL IN THE PICTURE"



Joe Campbell of Milwaukee Wisconsin met the children of Trang Bang back in the war. Later in the 1990's he met Kim Phuc, the well-known "Girl in the Picture," as some of those kids he saw so many years before turned out to be friends of Kim as a child.

◀Trang Bang, Tay Ninh, Vietnam June 8, 1972



Doug Mowrey met Kim Phuc at an event in his hometown of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and that led to more contacts and discussion regarding a Library in Trang Bang. Ms. Phuc, upper left and right, then and now, has undergone so very much throughout her lifetime but still holds an appreciation and reverence for her home in Trang Bang.

◀Trang Bang, Tay Ninh, Vietnam October 7, 2014



Handing off the idea to Ron Rod, Jr. of our Board, Ron has agreed to at least look into the idea of raising money in Houston, Texas, for this worthy project. The Library of Vietnam Project met with the local People's Committee October 7, 2014. They were most gracious in their support and we continue to work to keep or "Best Efforts" Promise at raising the funds. The location is 1 1/2 hour Northwest of Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City). Time will tell whether we can find sponsors for the Project.



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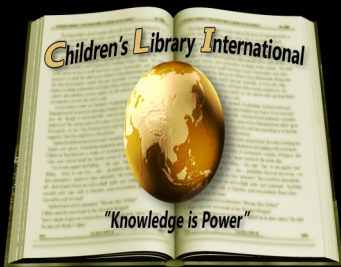
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