



## September 2022 Newsletter

*You're Invited*

*PeaceTrees Vietnam's 27th Anniversary Celebration*



*Monday, October 24th from 6-7pm PDT*

**[Register here!](#)**

As a reminder, our keynote speaker for this event is **Giles Duley!** In 2011, while documenting the war in Afghanistan, Giles stepped on an IED and subsequently lost his left arm and both legs. Since that time, Giles has used his talents as a photographer and documentary host to highlight stories of those most impacted by war. We are honored to be welcoming Giles to the virtual stage!



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### **Can't Join Us Virtually on October 24th?**

If you can't join us virtually on October 24th for the celebration, we hope that you will still consider donating to support our lifesaving work! There are many different ways to support PeaceTrees Vietnam, such as making a gift of stock! [Click here to learn how!](#)

***Make a gift to honor 27 years!***

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### **Updates from Vietnam**

#### **Back to School: The CuTy Kindergarten Completed**

The CuTy Kindergarten is now complete and has opened its doors in time for the new school year! This kindergarten is located in Huong Hoa district, Quảng Trị Province and will serve the 47 kindergarten-aged students of CuTy village. This beautiful two-room school replaced a 30-year-old classroom that had been damaged by consecutive storms. PeaceTrees is especially grateful to the Walter B. and Marie W. Williams International Friendship Fund for helping make this project possible!



The CuTy Kindergarten decorated in festive lanterns to celebrate its opening- Quảng Trị Province



Students, teachers, and PeaceTrees partners and staff in front of the CuTy Kindergarten on September 12th- Quảng Trị Province

### Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins Visits PeaceTrees Vietnam

On September 9th, PeaceTrees Vietnam was honored to welcome Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins, Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, and members of the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Embassy in Hanoi to our office in Dong Ha, Quảng Trị Province. Ambassador Jenkins and the delegation learned about PeaceTrees' work and programs, met EOD technicians, and planted trees at the base of the Danaan Parry Landmine Education Center. PeaceTrees is grateful to the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi for their continued support of our lifesaving work!



Ambassador Jenkins planting trees with Deputy Chairman Hoang Nam of the Quang Tri Provincial People's Committee and PeaceTrees In-Country Director, Ha Pham



PeaceTrees program staff and EOD technicians photographed with the delegation in front of the Danaan Parry Landmine Education Center

### Deputy Assistant Secretary, Donna Welton, Visits Vietnam

On September 16th, PeaceTrees Vietnam's Quảng Bình staff welcomed a delegation from the U.S. Department of State, led by Deputy Assistant Secretary, Donna Welton. During the delegations' visit, they attended an Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) event at Bac Dinh Secondary School, and accompanied EOD technicians to an EOD spot task in Bo Trach District. PeaceTrees is delighted to be welcoming partners and visitors in-country again!



Students receiving EORE at Bac Dinh Secondary School- Quang Binh Province



Deputy Assistant Secretary, Donna Welton, with PeaceTrees EOD technicians at a spot-task in Bo Trach District- Quang Binh Province

### Banana Plants Growing in Ta Lao Village

At the end of last year, PeaceTrees Vietnam launched several projects aimed at supporting families most impacted by the floods and storms of 2020. In January of this year, EOD technicians cleared land in Ta Lao Village for banana plants. In March, 10 families received dwarf banana starts in addition to training, fertilizer, and water pumps. We are pleased to report that the banana plants are growing well and are expected to yield fruit for food and income soon!



Ho Thi Cao tending to her growing banana plant this September. - Quang Tri Province



Growing banana plants in Ta Lao Village this September- Quang Tri Province

### Donate a Used Vehicle to PeaceTrees

Make your tax-deductible gift to PeaceTrees by donating your unwanted vehicle! We partner with CARS, a nonprofit organization that facilitates vehicle donations. All vehicles are eligible for donation, even if they are



not running! CARS makes it easy and gives your unwanted vehicle a new purpose.

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**Your monthly reminder to make PeaceTrees your Amazon Smile beneficiary!**

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