



## January 2021 Newsletter

We hope that you and your loved ones had a peaceful and healthy holiday season! With Tết, the Vietnamese Lunar New Year, starting on Tuesday, February 1, we would like to wish all our friends and supporters a very happy **Chúc Mừng Năm Mới!**

As we welcome 2022, we also welcome the year of the tiger! In Vietnam, the tiger symbolizes courage, ambition, and generosity. We hope the coming year brings opportunities for all of us to practice and embrace the tiger's characteristics!

[Learn where to celebrate the Lunar New Year in Seattle!](#)

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### Wrapping Up 2021

**In 2021, PeaceTrees EO teams safely cleared 1,774 acres of land—the equivalent of 1,314 football fields—and removed 12,032 items of explosive ordnance.** PeaceTrees also built 2 kindergartens, drilled 2 water wells, distributed 236 scholarships, and launched multiple flood recovery projects to support families most impacted by 2020's storms. We look forward to starting this new year of lifesaving work with you by our side!

### Goats Delivered to Families Impacted by 2020 Storms

At the end of 2021 we shared several ways PeaceTrees is supporting flood recovery efforts in central Vietnam. One of these projects is goat husbandry for families most impacted by 2020's storms. This January, PeaceTrees teams delivered goat pairs to Lia and Xy Communes! The goats will provide milk and will breed within a year, giving owners the opportunity to sell the offspring for income.



A pair of goats delivered to a family in Xy Commune

Goats delivered to a flood impacted family in Lia Commune

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## Updates from Vietnam

### 500 lb. Bomb Safely Removed by PeaceTrees EO Teams

On the evening of January 4th, Mr. Ho Van Vy of Ta Rung Village discovered a large bomb while digging a hole for a fish pond in his garden. Mr. Vy knew of the potential danger and quickly informed local authorities. A PeaceTrees EO team arrived early the next morning and concluded that the 500 lb. MK-82 bomb was safe to move. The team spent an entire day working together to safely remove the heavy bomb which will be destroyed at a later date.



A PeaceTrees EO team using bamboo poles to safely remove the bomb

A pair of PeaceTrees EO technicians measuring the 5- foot bomb

### **Fisherman Discovers Pipe Containing Eight Submunitions**

On January 6th a local fisherman in Phu Xuan Village in Quảng Bình Province accidentally hauled up a three-foot aluminum pipe while pulling in a fishing net. Believing the pipe to be valuable, the fisherman took it home for safekeeping. After talking to his neighbors about the potential danger of his find, the man contacted local authorities. A PeaceTrees team arrived at his house the same day and discovered the pipe contained eight dangerous submunitions. The team knew the pipe was too dangerous to move again, so they conducted an onsite demolition to safely destroy it. This was the 968th call that PeaceTrees responded to in Quảng Bình Province throughout 2021 and highlights the continued need for explosive ordnance risk education.





The 3-foot pipe found by a local fisherman

A PeaceTrees EO team prepare to conduct the on-site demolition

### A Special Note from Minh Duc Nguyễn, Executive Director of Helping Link

*"Helping Link/Một Dấu Nối is a non-profit organization based in Seattle, Washington since 1993, to serve the needs of the Vietnamese American refugee and immigrant population.*

*Our mission is to empower Vietnamese Americans' social adjustment, family stability, and self-sufficiency while nurturing community service and young leaders.*

*Our center has been in Little Saigon/Chinatown International District since 2001. This location has provided a safe and healthy environment for families to receive support in learning conversational ESL, to excel in their jobs, to help their children with homework and/or communicate with their neighbor/school staff. Importantly, this location has made it possible for families with social service needs to receive culturally relevant services as well as for individuals to obtain their American citizenship.*

***Our volunteers, from all walks of life, are the heart and soul of Helping Link. Our community just learned that our home, filled with community spirit, will now become part of a Mega Development project in Little Saigon. We must move by March 31st.***

*We're reaching out to our friends at PeaceTrees Vietnam, to invite you to join our*

*Relocation Task Force, to help us gather ideas and possibilities for the replanting of Helping Link's home. **Our next Task Force meeting will be Friday, February 4, 12-1pm via ZOOM. We warmly invite you to join us. Please email [info@helpinglink.org](mailto:info@helpinglink.org) to receive the ZOOM link.***

Cảm Ơn,  
Minh Duc Nguyễn  
Helping Link Executive Director



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### Donate Your Used Vehicle to PeaceTrees

Make your tax-deductible gift to PeaceTrees by donating your unwanted vehicle! PeaceTrees has partnered with non-profit organization CARS to facilitate a vehicle donation program. All vehicles are eligible for donation –even if they are not running! This includes cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, farm equipment, and even airplanes!





## Is PeaceTrees your Amazon Smile beneficiary yet?

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