

LETTER FROM OUR IN-COUNTRY DIRECTOR



Dear PeaceTrees Community,

Many of you know me already, but I am writing to you for the first time as the new In-Country Director for PeaceTrees Vietnam. This new position is a big challenge, of course, but also a great honor for me. PeaceTrees has helped me grow into the person I am today. I have worked with PeaceTrees for the last 16 years and it is something like my second home.

In this new position as In-Country Director, my biggest goal is to continue growing PeaceTrees as an organization. This will include maintaining and developing the values and trust that PeaceTrees has cultivated for the past 23 years. It will also mean continuing to develop and lead a well-motivated and effective team of national staff who can support the development of the organization and its projects. Together, we will reinforce and build partnerships, friendships, and trust between PeaceTrees and partners and we will continue to support local communities in reversing the legacies of war and creating a safer and better future.

I very much look forward to continuing to build a sustainable and impactful organization.

With warm wishes,

Ha Pham



Save the Date!

Support our life-saving humanitarian mine action in central Vietnam on October 23rd at the Four Seasons Hotel in Seattle. The reception will begin at 11:30am and lunch will be served at 12:00pm. As in past years, the event will be a chance for the PeaceTrees community to come together to learn about our successes on the

ground and the future challenges we can tackle together.

If you are interested in volunteering, hosting a table or being a sponsor, please call us at (206) 441-6136!

RSVP Today!

Travel Vietnam with Us

"PeaceTrees Vietnam is doing important work for the United States in Vietnam - it is the work of cleaning up at least some of the mess that our country made there, it is the work of helping people in Vietnam recover from the long term effects of our war there, and it is the work of reconciliation. Americans need to know that PeaceTrees is doing this necessary work on their behalf. Go to Vietnam with PeaceTrees Vietnam and you will see the past and present day context in which this work is being done, and you will come away a better person for having done so."

- Bill Rentz

Bill traveled with PeaceTrees and UW Professor Christoph Giebel to Vietnam this past March. **We are happy to announce that Professor Giebel will also be leading our March 2019 trip!** This trip will follow a similar itinerary to past trips and will include fascinating lectures from Christoph, visits to historical sites and an in-depth look at PeaceTrees' projects in Quang Tri. For more information or to reserve your spot, call us at (206) 441-6136 or email our Program and Operations Manager Crystal at crystal@peacetreesvietnam.org!



Scholarship Update

We are so grateful to One Day's Wages and the Hayward Family Foundation for helping us to raise funds and awareness for our scholarship program. With your help, we raised nearly \$23,000 and we can now provide over 400 deserving children with scholarships. These scholarships help children pay school fees, buy books and uniforms, and attend school when they otherwise could not. Thank you!



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