

VIETNAM

SIZE:

Slightly larger than New Mexico



POPULATION:

86 Million people

22 Million are under the age of 14 (25%)

LANGUAGE:

Vietnamese, English, French, Chinese, Khmer and mountain dialects.

ECONOMY:

15% of the population is in poverty

1. Children in Vietnam go to school six days a week—Monday through Saturday.
2. The school day is about four hours long and runs from September through May.
3. Children are expected to take school very seriously and to work hard.
4. All children learn how to read and write. They study literature, math, science and geography. They are also taught traditional manners and customs including social skills and respect for their elders, family and community.
5. Most school days begin with a test. The teacher calls on students to stand and answer a question.
6. Students sit together and chant during lessons.
7. Saturday is a review day. Students stand and tell the teacher what they have learned during the week.
8. Students do not get grades on a report card. Instead, they are ranked first, second, third and so on.
9. Many students must wear uniforms to school.
10. Many schools are overcrowded because there are so many children in Vietnam.
11. Most schools have no playground equipment or extra activities.
12. Students are encouraged to stay physically fit. They exercise by practicing gymnastics for ten minutes during recess every day.
13. Students take turns cleaning their school. They are divided into clean-up groups. On their assigned day, they come to school early to sweep rooms, clean chalkboards and empty the trash.
14. Some children, especially in rural areas, do not go to school because they must work to help their families afford basic needs.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Thousands of Vietnamese citizens are being persecuted simply because they want to worship outside government restrictions. Although the government boasts Vietnam has full religious freedom under its constitution, authorities only permit religious activities by officially recognized churches, which are controlled by the communist regime.

- God to change the hearts of Vietnamese officials to rescind the new religion law and to allow for greater religious freedom.
- Government officials of all levels to recognize God's sovereignty so that they will give up their prejudices towards the Christian Church and stop all forms of persecution and hindrances to the Church's activities (1 Timothy 2:1-2; Proverbs 21:1).
- The Lord's protection over all Vietnamese Christians and that there would be revival throughout the country.
- The Lord to continue to take care of and vindicate the Church (Acts 5:38-39).
- All Christian Believers to faithfully gather to worship the Lord and stand firm in all circumstances (Acts 5:41-42).
- Leaders of the churches, small groups and host families of churches to have the wisdom and courage needed to lead the flock (Acts 4:29-30).



Prayer Requests

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

In the past 2 conferences there was no separate children's service. I did not hold a separate children's service, but in the next 4, I will be speaking. In those meetings I want to see many children receive the Holy Ghost. Let us claim at least 10 in each one together. That would make a total of _____.

Please pray that the Lord will get me there and back safely. Some of the trips are quite far, over unsafe roads. For example, just the other day we had to go over and around 2 mud slides on the mountains!

Conference dates are:

October 24th
November 6th
November 14th
November 20th

SPECIAL REQUEST

I was just contacted this week about a *POSSIBLE* Prayerwalk/Children's event in CUBA! I have not told anyone yet except for you because I am not sure if it is all going to work out or not. I feel like the **timing has got to be JUST RIGHT.**

So, please pray that the timing for a prayerwalk will be right and that the children of Cuba will have a chance to hear about Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit. If I am able to go, I'll be sure to let you know, because I will need prayer for protection and so will all the kids.



A balloon for me?



Yummy! A Happy Meal



Reading from the Spanish Bible



Receiving the Holy Spirit



They eat without forks or spoons. They use a tamale to dip in the broth and pick out the rest with their fingers!