

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

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VIETNAMESE

ONE DESPERATE HOPE

Cheryl was **amazed and horrified** as she spoke with Pastor Han.

"Thirty to forty percent of **Vietnamese children** in Phnom Penh, Cambodia will be **sold for sex**," he said. He went on to tell the story of **Clarise**, a young girl who had been sold into the sex trade by **her own parents**. Unfortunately, this is not an uncommon occurrence. Clarise was recently **rescued from her keepers** and taken to the hospital. The details of what Clarise suffered were gruesome, but since she has no other family, Clarise was **asking to be returned to the home** of the very parents who sold her into sexual slavery.

Annabel and Kristy, two sisters who attend the Vietnamese Christian School in Phnom Penh, have not come to class for quite awhile. Their teacher said that their **three older sisters are all prostitutes** and she fears that their **mother is forcing** Annabel and Kristy to do this **instead of attending school**.

Clarise, Annabel, Kristy, and the hundreds of other girls **caught in the sex trade** in Vietnam come from **desperately poor** families. As these families suffer the painful realities of grinding poverty day after day after day they **do what they can to put food** on the table. Without the **love of Christ to guide** them, they even go so far as **selling their own daughters**.

There is hope for families like these, the hope that can only come from a **relationship with Jesus Christ**. Please **pray for ITeams missionaries** serving these young girls on whom society has turned its back.

**All names have been changed for security purposes*



Throughout the world, thousands of girls like Clarise are sold into sexual slavery each year

One New Life

The city train rumbles noisily across the front view window of this tiny upstairs apartment in Kensington, a very poor and high-crime section of Philadelphia. Don and I visit with Hanna, a single Vietnamese mother, and her four sons. Hanna is Amerasian, the daughter of an American soldier and Vietnamese bar woman who met during the Vietnam War. Amerasians are looked down upon by mainstream Vietnamese society and know the pain of abandonment and rejection well.

Hanna is glad to have this visit. In tears, she shares with us some hurtful situations she has faced. Listening with empathy, we are able to share the love of Christ with this young mother. Hanna is touched and as a result, she believes and gives her heart to Christ.

VIETNAM

- » ITeams' purpose in Vietnam is to make Jesus Christ known and see lives transformed by the power of God.
- » Almost 85 million people live in Vietnam.
- » Today, Vietnam has one of the fastest growing economies in the world.
- » Even though Vietnam is a Communist country, the constitution allows for religious freedom, although those religions that are believed to be a threat to national security - like Christianity - are suppressed.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GO

ITeams in Vietnam has opportunities for individuals to serve in the following roles:

- » Business Entrepreneur
- » Youth Ministry
- » Children's Ministry
- » Community Health/Development
- » English Teachers
- » Evangelism and Discipleship

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

- » **\$3 buys** a Bible for new believers. 500 Bibles are needed.
- » \$200 will cover the cost of youth training materials - including translation work needed to adapt the materials for use among Vietnamese youth leaders and teenagers.
- » **Funds are needed** to supply an after-school facility for kids who are often left at home by themselves while both parents are at work.
- » **ITeams USA General Fund**
A gift to the general fund at ITeams-USA helps provide resources to create new and innovative ministries such as those bringing the hope and healing of the gospel to people in Vietnam and throughout Southeast Asia.

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ONE TRUE GOD

As the oldest son in a traditional Vietnamese family Minh is responsible for carrying out all the rituals and traditions which surround the **worship of the family ancestors**. Failing to do so can bring shame and all manner of ill-luck to the entire family.



Knowing the Lord Jesus, Minh knew that he could worship no one else but the living Christ

While in university, however, **Minh began to study the Bible** with ITeams missionaries. All he was learning was so different from all he believed to be true. For the first time he began to **seriously consider** who did deserve his love, devotion, and worship? **Could he be a follower of Jesus** and still worship his ancestors? After a year of searching, Minh knew he must give his life to the Jesus. He could worship **no one else** but the living Christ.

You could tell **Minh was a changed man** by looking at his face. Even his friends at university asked what happened to him. Soon he also started talking **with his sister** about his relationship with the Jesus Christ. This summer she too committed her life to Christ. Minh has talked with his cousin **about his belief in Christ** and was surprised to find this cousin reading his Bible.

Minh was supposed to lead his family in ritual worship of people long ago dead. But now **the Lord is using him** to lead his family into relationship with Jesus who is very much **alive and working**.

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