



**Global  
Foundation  
For Children  
With Hearing Loss**

***DEAR FRIENDS,***

The Global Foundation For Children With Hearing Loss completed a very successful Teacher Training Program in Vietnam this summer. Thank you for your support of this tremendous team effort.

Our team of 16 speech and hearing professionals and 8 graduate students from the US and Hong Kong traveled to Vietnam to train 105 teachers and medical teams and counseled 55 families in a one-month workshop at Thuan An Center. We also fit 30 hearing aids on 15 young children. [Check out this four-minute video that captures the highlights.](#) Our [blog](#) retells the experience in written form.

Our Teacher Training Program is one element of our multi-year Vietnam Deaf Education Program which also includes Mobile Missions and Hearing Aid Distribution. Our Vietnam Deaf Education Program is empowering teachers, families, and medical teams from 38 schools across 20 Vietnam provinces and 2 hospitals with the expertise and tools to help young children with hearing loss develop listening and spoken language.

What makes our Vietnam Deaf Education Program unique – besides its scale – is its **multi-disciplinary and concentrated approach**. Our program covers aspects of audiology, speech pathology, early intervention, and auditory-verbal education and therapy for children with hearing loss. We work with the same group of schools to ensure the participants build on their skills over time. With our support, professionals and families are being empowered to help children with hearing loss reach their potential in our hearing society. And, because the participants are sharing their knowledge with each other, the benefits are exponential -- and sustainable.

But don't take our word for it. Check out this [vignette that a Vietnamese teacher wrote about the impact of our program on a child](#) attending her school.

We are now preparing for our [February/March 2012 Mobile Mission](#). Our team of auditory-verbal therapists and audiologists will travel to schools in Nha Trang and Lai Thieu to reinforce the training from the summer program. We will fit hearing aids on children from low-income families. We are extending our work beyond the schools to Vietnam's hospitals where medical teams have requested more education about newborn hearing screening, pediatric audiology, and therapy support. As part of this Mobile Mission, we will be training hospital staff in Ho Chi Minh City.

Our Vietnam Deaf Education Program is enabling the Vietnamese to put in place the processes and professional support that will benefit hundreds of children with hearing loss. I cannot say thank you enough to everyone who has been a part of this endeavor, and has helped the Global Foundation become the growing, successful organization it is today.

For those of you planning to attend the **ASHA Convention** this year, I hope you'll join us for our presentation scheduled for 3-4 pm on Saturday, November 19.

Thank you again and here's to more successful adventures ahead!

Warm regards,



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