



DEAR FRIENDS,

The Global Foundation For Children With Hearing Loss is heading back to Vietnam to start the second year of our Deaf Education Program. I hope you'll follow along with us on our blog at <http://childrenwithhearingloss.blogspot.com>

From June 27 – July 22, our team of professionals will be leading the second summer of training at Thuan An Center. Over 150 Vietnamese teachers, families, hearing aid distributors, and medical teams are expected, including those who passed last year's final test and will return to build on their knowledge. The top performers from last year's program have been invited to support the beginner group of participants to encourage the "train the trainer" model. New this year is an in-depth audiology program for school staff, hearing aid dispensers, and hospital medical teams. We will also fit hearing aids on children from low-income families.

We have a terrific team of professionals who have volunteered their time and expertise to this program. They worked together over the past eight months at odd hours and on weekends to design an amazing curriculum and will travel to Vietnam to implement it. I'm so looking forward to seeing all the hard work, planning, and tremendous creativity and vision come to life. This must be what a movie director feels like on red carpet night!

I would like to recognize and thank each member of our team who is contributing to this summer's efforts. You can [read more about their impressive careers here](#):

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Our Deaf Education Program is empowering Vietnamese families, teachers, and medical teams with the awareness, tools, and expertise to help their young children who are deaf or hard of hearing develop listening and spoken language skills. Our program, in



collaboration with Thuan An Center for Hearing-Impaired Children and Ho Chi Minh City University in Vietnam, involves 35 schools for the deaf across 20 Vietnamese provinces.

In our first year alone, we reached over 400 families, teachers, and medical professionals who have or are working with children with hearing loss. Vietnamese participants are sharing learning with others, making the benefits exponential --- and sustainable. This is such a powerful endeavor. I am very grateful for your continued support and interest in this work.

Thank you and here's to the adventures ahead!

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paige".

Paige Stringer
Founder / Executive Director

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