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Sending Your Love to Vietnam...

Thanks to you, children in Vietnam have a safe, loving home to call their own. At St. Anthony's Orphanage in Hai Phong City, Vietnam, some 20 children receive care from local Sisters and missionaries. The Sisters use your gifts to the Holy Childhood Association to buy the children healthy meals and medicine, and books and supplies for school.

The children think of the Sisters and missionaries as "family," and are happy to know that Jesus loves them – and that you do too, by your prayers and help!

Did You Know?

For years, elephants were used to carry logs from Thailand's rainforests. In 1989, the government stopped logging to protect the rainforest. While this was good for the environment, the elephants lost their jobs.

Today, centers dedicated to helping the elephants have put them back to work – making music and painting pictures! To see samples of Thai elephant paintings, visit www.elephantart.com.

Mission Snapshot



The Good Shepherd Sisters of Chiang Mai, Thailand, bring Jesus' message of hope and love to the poor families they serve. At their Good Shepherd Center, the Sisters teach girls from the nearby

village to read, write, cook and sew. Thanks to your donations to HCA, the Sisters are able help more girls every year. "We pray and ask God to bless the children of the United States every day," said the center's director, Sister Anurak. "We thank you for sharing your faith and for sending your generous help."

At a Glance Thailand

- Thailand was called Siam until 1939. Today, its official name is the Kingdom of Thailand.
- Thailand is about twice the size of Wyoming.
- Bangkok is the country's capital.

Vietnam

- Vietnam was ruled by France from 1858 to 1954.
- The country is slightly larger than the state of New Mexico.
- Only about six percent of the people who live in Vietnam are Catholic.
- The capital of Vietnam is Hanoi.

'The Great Commission' Word Search

With your class or family, read Matthew 28:18-20 – Jesus' Great Commission (the important job He gave every one of us)! Then, complete the word search puzzle below.

BAPTIZE
DISCIPLES
JESUS

LOVE
NATIONS

SHARE
TEACH

I	D	I	S	C	I	P	L	E	S	H
D	S	I	A	N	O	I	T	A	N	P
I	J	E	S	U	S	E	A	L	T	O
S	B	I	D	O	P	S	H	C	T	C
C	E	C	B	N	E	H	C	E	T	D
I	A	L	N	S	Z	A	A	B	L	V
P	I	B	U	A	I	R	E	Z	R	T
L	J	E	E	N	T	E	T	I	T	A
S	V	C	O	L	P	U	E	T	E	N
S	N	O	I	T	A	N	R	P	C	E
T	S	I	I	P	B	A	A	A	C	E
T	S	E	V	O	L	O	H	B	T	D
E	P	S	E	N	C	E	S	R	S	A

Go Tell!

Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations." Jesus wants us to tell everyone about His great love for them and to share our faith in Him. How? Unscramble the letters and complete each sentence to find out! Then, talk with your teacher or parents about the actions that will help us know Jesus better – so we can tell others about Him.

1. DRAE PTRISERCU to learn more about the life of Jesus.
2. Keep a REYRPA OJUNRLA and remember to pray for children in the Missions.
3. IPSN A LGBEO – and wherever your finger lands, pray
4. NLREA about the customs and cultures of people in
5. Listen to stories by SSSIEM-RAINO that come to visit your parish. Keep them in your prayers.

Who is St. Andrew Dung-Lac?

Andrew Dung-Lac was born into a poor, non-Christian family in Vietnam. He was taught by Catholic missionaries and later became a priest. Even though many people in Vietnam were excited about becoming Catholic, it was not permitted to do so. In fact, in the 1800s, Vietnamese Catholics were put in jail – including Father Dung-Lac. In 1839, Father Dung-Lac was martyred for preaching the Gospel.

On June 19, 1988, Pope John Paul II canonized Father Andrew Dung-Lac and more than 100 others in Vietnam who were persecuted and killed because of their faith in Jesus. The Feast Day of St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions is November 24.

A Prayer for Children in the Missions

Dear God,
 Bless us as we start a new year at school.
 Help us to share our faith – Your gift to us –
 and our love with children in the Missions every day.
 We pray for children in the Missions who cannot go to school,
 and those who are in great need in this very moment.
 We pray for missionaries who share the “Good News” of Your Son, Jesus.
 May children everywhere know how much You love them –
 and how much we love them by our prayers and sacrifices.
 Amen.

A Grain of Knowledge

Rice is an important part of the Thai diet and is eaten at almost every meal.

Thailand exports most of the world’s rice – more than seven million tons a year!

Vietnam is second, with some four million tons, followed by the United States, with just less than three million. To learn more about this great grain visit: <http://www.fao.org/rice2004/en/kids.htm>