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Perhaps you have heard the story of the two shoe salesmen who were sent to an outlying island on a sales expedition. Seeing the people walking around without shoes, the first salesman despondently reported back to his company, "No one here wears shoes." The second salesman, however, when observing the shoeless people reported back to his company, "Great news! Everyone here needs shoes!"

Wayne Wright, President of REAP International, has just returned from Vietnam with a report similar to the second salesman. Dr. Wright visited a shrimping area about an hour from Saigon. This "village" is home to 300,000 people! Most have no religion and there are no churches. The predominant religion (15%) is Cao Dai. The good news is that instead of looking at the population and saying, "No one here knows Christ," Dr. Wright and a Vietnamese minister, Pastor Nhan, have surveyed the situation and are excited to report that, "Everyone here needs Jesus Christ!"



God began to make His plans known to Pastor Nhan, the Music Director at a large CMA church in Saigon, when God placed the shrimp village at Binh Khanh on his heart. Before starting a church there, he came to the village to help the people. One evening, he was walking along a dirt road, where the current church is now located, and God reminded him of Phillip's call to win the lost in Acts 8. Pastor Nhan felt God confirmed to him that the Holy Spirit was directing him to proceed with his vision to minister to and baptize people in Binh Khanh, sacrificing his salary and

leadership role in
Now, Pastor
ONLY Christian
community.
300,000 people, it
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ferry across the
Binh Khanh was
wealthiest
raising fresh water



the Saigon church.
Nhan's church is the
church in the
Although the area has
is cut off from the
be reached only by
Saigon River.
initially one of the
communities in Saigon,
shrimp

(from the Saigon River) in small ponds. However, the shrimp industry was totally lost when all the shrimp died due to pollution of the Saigon River. The community is now one of the poorest in the Saigon area, and as Pastor Nhan described it, it is "bankrupt", requiring the people to sell their houses and land. Pastor Nhan says the people are "very innocent" with very little Bible training. Nevertheless, in just two years, the church



community has tripled in size to over 300 people, with many being baptized. Furthermore, Pastor Nhan's church has six deacons, who each donate eight days a month to evangelize and disciple new believers and for Bible training. *(It is now legal for Vietnamese to invite non-believers to church and explain the Christian faith.)* Along with Pastor Nhan, these "innocent" and "unlearned" people are turning their community to Jesus Christ! It reminds me of a similar instance in Acts 4:13. "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were

unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." KJV

As you read this story God wants you to take notice of these men! Pastor Nhan has made financial sacrifices and these six deacons each lose eight days of income each month. That is 48 days of lost wages by men who have homes and families and already live in poverty. Needless to say, they have difficulty paying for their personal and family needs. Yet, they remain faithful!

Our question is, "Will you help us stand with them?" REAP International has unlimited opportunities in Vietnam; however, our funds are very limited. Every gift you give is important. Every seed you sow is being planted in good ground, but it is still your decision to be involved. Join with us today. Commit to a monthly gift to reap the harvest and ask your church to sponsor a "Sister Church" in Vietnam. Share the good news! Everyone there needs Jesus and the doors of opportunity are open!

When you send your gift this month, designate it: "Binh Khanh."



For more on how you can make a difference in the lives of the people of Binh Khanh and others, please contact our Executive Director, Dr. Wayne Wright by email: reapvn@gmail.com or call to speak with him about REAP and Mission Vietnam at (208) 308-2823.

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