



Messengers of Love

We can do no great things, only small things with great love
– Mother Teresa

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Dear friends, donors and sponsors,

I am very happy to report to you that this year marks the 10th year since Messengers of Love (MOL) started its operations in 2004. I am also proud to report that as of this year, MOL has graduated 16 students from college. These are children who had experienced extraneous circumstances such as the loss or illness of a parent(s), whose family were struggling financially and couldn't afford to continue to send them to school, but through the support of MOL (some since grade school, some since middle school, and some since high school), they were able to continue their education until they finish college. They now found jobs and are working as productive citizens of their country. They also perform volunteer work and are active in helping younger kids to reach their potential through MOL's tutoring and English/computer training program.

MOL was able to partner with three major US hospitals to bring 3 children to the USA for medical operations. One child suffered from a 3rd degree burn. He was treated and operated at Shriners Hospital in Galveston. One child was legally blind from birth and was treated at Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. One child with facial pigmentation deformity who was treated at the Reconstructive surgery unit at Methodist hospital in Houston. We are forever grateful for the doctors who performed the operations and provided their services free of charge for these children.

I would like to share a few other significant milestones that MOL was able to accomplish with you. Over the last decade, MOL has brought love and hope to over 5,000 children and those who need it most. MOL has provided the following services:

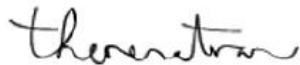
- Delivered over 28,500 Holiday Care Packages brought by the nuns, priests, MOL members dressed up as Santa Claus to orphans, poor children, adult lepers, handicapped and abandoned elders in Vietnam, plus children from two orphanages of Cambodia and India. The Holiday Care Package consists of new clothes, toiletries, favorite food, a toy and candies for the children or supplies for adults. We also brought rice, food and supplies on top of the gift packages.
- Provided 1110 scholarships to needy children whose families struggle financially and are unable to afford school tuition and fees. These children are from various part of Vietnam including Thanh Hoa, My Tho, Hue, Ho Nai, Cu Chi, Tay Ninh
- Built 19 wells and 5 clean water systems for the village people in the mountains of Kontum, Hue and Thua Thien
- Built 32 homes for the lepers and poor in Thua Thien, Gailai, Ca Mau and My Tho
- Remodeled 3 village schools and built 3 dining halls in Phu Loc, Thua Thien
- Built 2 village roads in Long Xuyen
- Remodeled St. Joseph orphanage in Ho Nai

Currently MOL is supporting 160 poor and disadvantaged children in school with 25 children currently enrolled in college, 5 orphaned girls enrolled in Nam My private high school in Saigon, as well as starting a new English and Computer Training center in two locations, and continuing with the Holiday Care Package program which serves over 4700 kids each year.

MOL's main fundraiser is the "Love without Borders" Christmas Charity gala, which is held on the first Saturday of December. This year it will be on Dec. 6th, 2014 at the Kim Son Ballroom on Bellaire. The money raised from this event will be efficiently used to support MOL's charitable programs and services. You are cordially invited to join us for this celebration of this 10-year anniversary of our journey of Love. You will enjoy the delightful evening as an honored guest. Your presence will be an honor to us and a precious gift to the children. To reserve seats, sponsor table, or to donate on line, please visit www.messengersoflove.com or email: messengersoflove@gmail.com or call 832-647-7233. Please feel free to help spread the words and invite friends, family and co-workers. For more information such as MOL's programs and services, letters from the students, report letters, picture albums and financial reports, you can view them on our website: www.messengersoflove.com.

If you cannot attend, please consider giving a donation or sponsorship of a child. A \$10 donation can buy a Holiday care package for one child, or subsidize tuition for one child for one month. \$150 a year can help one child to stay in school. MOL's members and board work tirelessly without pay thus keeping our administration expenses to a minimum of under 3% in order to maximize the amount of money used to directly address the needs of those we serve. Our volunteers spend many hours to fund raise and give their own money, but without the additional financial support from donors, we wouldn't be able to carry out our missions. MOL's missions and goals can only be made possible with your help and support. Together we can make a difference to thousands of needy kids. We ask that you please continue with lending a hand and become our long-term partner in this work of love. Only then that we can continue to support the children until they finish college, and add on more kids on our list to help.

Thank you for being a part of MOL's great work with your support throughout these years.



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MOL's founder & board chair