

The Winds of Peace

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Left to right- Governor of Vermont Pete Shumlin, Phan Van Do, Jim Olivier and Mike Boehm. Beginning in 2006 Do arranged, under the auspices of MQI, for Putney Student Travel, of which Pete Shumlin was Director, to send American High School students to do humanitarian work in Vietnam.

Dear Friends,

This has been a momentous year for Madison Quakers, Inc. Our Project Coordinator, Mr. Phan Van Do, came to the United States for the first time and for two months he traveled the length and breadth of our country, visiting both long time supporters and met people who learned of our projects in Vietnam for the first time.

In Madison, Do gave presentations to groups as various as students from the University of Wisconsin, the Orthodox Peace Fellowship, the Madison Friends and the Dane County United Nations Association where he received the Global Citizen Award. Do also addressed more than 6,000 people at the Fighting Bob Fest. Through his theme, Reflections on Healing in Vietnam, Do shared stories of Madison Quakers, Inc. success with our humanitarian projects in Quang Ngai, Vietnam and the ongoing value of these projects.

At a presentation at Edgewood College, Do shared the stage with Cristina Bain, a young graduate student in Sociology at the University of Wisconsin in Madison who is currently writing her Masters thesis about Madison Quakers, Inc.'s work in Vietnam. In her presentation Cristina said:

"Another thing I think that separates them [Madison Quakers, Inc.] from many NFPs [Not For Profits], especially the large almost-bureaucratic ones, is the way in which MQI is really about interpersonal connections. Because Mike and Do are MQI, and their emotional and physical investment in its success is so strong, the work being done is much more than economic development. Yes, relief from the burden of extreme poverty is economic in nature, but in an extremely poor, extremely rural province with a serious amount of Agent Orange pollution and the now-3 generations of people who are victims of it, there is a serious measure of emotional connection or support as well, made possible both by Mike and Do's history and personality but also, honestly, by the small size of MQI, and the way that they go about their time in Quang Ngai... As you've heard Mike express in his own words, there is an emotional and spiritual healing component to their work. He attributes this to the community-to-community and person-to-person relationship building that are at the core of the MQI goals, not simply poverty alleviation, as important as that is."

Do's visit to the United States will surely help us build further relationships and help bring those "Winds of Peace" from the United States to Vietnam.

As always we are asking your generous support to continue funding these projects and to expand them in the future.

Mike Boehm

Roy M. (Mike) Boehm, Executive Director
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Left to right: Joe Elder, Cristian Bain, and Phan Van Do share warm moments with the audience at Edgewood College.

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Mike and Do spent weeks traversing over 11,000 miles, starting with the eastern states and finishing out west. This provided opportunities to spread the word about the MQI Vietnam projects.

Family



Phan Van Do with Mike Boehm's mother, Jenny.

Awards



Phan Van Do receives the Global Citizen award from the Dane County chapter of the United Nations Association.

Community Education



From right to left, Phan Van Do guest speaker and panelists Cristina Bain, Joe Elder, Mike Boehm, Will Williams and David Giffey. The theme of the panel was "Reflections on Healing in Vietnam".

Potential Joint Ventures



Phan Van Do with Margaret Jankowski from the Sewing Machine Project.

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www.mqivietnam.org, in January, 2012!

