



Hy Vọng



(Hope)

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Association for the Support of Orphans and Destitute Children in Vietnam

## Welcome!

Welcome to the thirteenth issue of Hy Vọng, the newsletter for ASSORV California - the Association for the Support of Orphans and Destitute Children in Vietnam. The expression Hy Vọng means Hope which is, in essence, what we strive to bring to children in need in Vietnam.

ASSORV California is an independent registered non-profit organization (501) (c) (3) without ethnic, political, or religious character, whose goal is to bring together people who wish to help orphans and destitute children. Primarily supporting three orphanages in Vietnam, ASSORV also brings medical support to isolated and remote areas of the country.

ASSORV California is an off-shoot of ASSORV France ([assorv.free.fr](http://assorv.free.fr)) which started operations 17 years ago and was created to raise funds locally and to disburse them directly to the volunteers in the field. Several of our members have been in Vietnam and personally sponsor children.

## News

### ASSORV-FRANCE, a humanitarian journey

A group of some 14 members of ASSORV-FRANCE visited Vietnam for 5 weeks in November - December.



1. SAPA Arrived under the guidance of Bich Hai, 14 sponsors loaded with as many large suitcases full of warm clothing and toys to be distributed to 75 Hmong children in the mountain settlement in North Vietnam. The association SAPA O CHAU created 2 years ago teaches English and other

skills to children, some of whom come from as far as 15 km for the privilege. Their annual budget for 4 classes and housing and board is \$ 3000 a year. Danielle plans a visit this summer on the way to Danang, to look into ASSORV California's contribution to this project.

2. DANANG Santa and his helpers distributed clothing and presents and prepared a Xmas feast; With the children's help they reorganized the library. They visited the new site for the relocation of the orphanage.
3. CAN THO Children from Auxerre had sent their artwork for their Can-Tho pen pals. The work party consisted of replacing doors for the boys and girls showers, as well as constructing wood doors for individual lockers. Reading glasses for embroidery workers, as well as food supplies were distributed in 3 neighboring indigent villages.
4. VI THAN Besides holiday festivities, urgent work was started on shoring up the boys' dorm to avoid flooding. Serious repairs are needed at both of the delta facilities.

Besides the hard work and financial contributions, the human factor remains incalculable

For the children and those who care for them, the presence and participation of people who have come so far to show they care, makes a lasting impression. Even if they do not see their sponsor on any given trip, our children are keenly aware that somewhere, someone cares.

Anyone who can should consider a visit to Vietnam – perhaps join Danielle on her next visit in the summer.



#### Next event

Our EAST MEETS WEST event will take place this year on **Sunday, June 3.**

It starts again at the BOWERS MUSEUM in Santa Ana. The visit will be followed by a traditional Vietnamese feast in Little Saigon. As anyone who attended last year will tell you, this is a wonderful opportunity to meet our Orange County friends over delicious food and wine. The cost is \$45 per person, all-inclusive.

Early reservations are recommended.

At that time we will conduct the drawing for our RAFFLE.

Tickets are on sale now on line at [www.assorv-ca](http://www.assorv-ca) for \$2.00 each.



## Financial report 2011

### Income:

Fundraising	15,588.00
Donation	4,880.00
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	20,468.00

### Expenses:

Fundraising	2,664.00
Administration (includes tax return filing)	480.00
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	3,144.00
Donation to cause	20,800.00

## Save the date

Our 5<sup>th</sup> annual fundraising will be on Sunday November 4 at the Chaplin Theater in Hollywood.

## ASSORV and ASSORV CA at Work

ASSORV France and ASSORV CA support three existing orphanages, including all teachers' salaries, school supplies, utilities, food, clothing, and medical care. Two of the three orphanages are in the Mekong Delta, in Can-Tho (created in 1992) and Vin-Thanh (created in 1996). The third orphanage is located in Da-Nang (created in 2002). Further, ASSORV France and ASSORV CA have assisted in the creation and ongoing support of a

primary school in Cao-Bang, located in the mountains on the Chinese border for minority ethnic groups (Mhong, Tay, Dong, and others).

The key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to our readers.

A great way to add useful content to our newsletter is to develop and write our own articles, and to include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product or idea.

In addition to schools and orphanages, ASSORV France and ASSORV CA have helped in emergency situations, such as floods, mudslides and a once-in-a-century frost; the latter of which resulted in the loss of the local rice crop and the death of 50,000 cattle.

Medical and paramedical volunteers (from France and the US) provide consultations in Vietnam.

## Be a Contributor!

If you would like to contribute to the projects of ASSORV France and ASSORV CA please sponsor a child!

To sponsor a child you simply need to contribute \$40 per month.

We accept donations and sponsorships via our website – [www.assorv-ca.com](http://www.assorv-ca.com)

Thank You all of your wonderful support!

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