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2020 is already proving to be an exciting year in Vietnam!

Our programs have been halted due to the COVID-19 outbreak, with children in Vietnam not returning to school for a month as a precautionary measure. However, we remain optimistic & planning is going ahead for the school holidays and second half of 2020.

In completing our 2019 programs, our **Program Co-Ordinator, Elvy Tran** had a busy few months replacing Sophie Le who was on maternity leave after giving birth to beautiful Ava.

Elvy supported Liz Ellinger in Course 2 for the Youth Union at Vinh Long and then went on to assist Tim Kemp with a new AUSTSWIM TWSS course at the College of Pedogogy in Nha Trang for 47 candidates. Two Presenters from Swim Vietnam also assisted.

The Vinh Long programs for the Youth Union have proven to be very successful, thanks to thorough and early planning by Sophie Le.

Liz Ellenger took on the role of Team Leader together with Sophie Le and was assisted by Charlotte Duke and Kyran Trower. Two ten day teacher training courses were conducted at two different locations, Tra On and Binh Minh. As well as the 47 Vietnamese teachers, 120 children were involved in the two programs.



Under the guidance and supervision of Liz, all volunteers presented components of the course in the hope that these young teachers may possibly step up into trainer roles in the future. Thank you Liz for your tireless effort over the four weeks!

The **Summer Kids Swimming Program at Ho Tram** continued to provide fun and learning for local kids. These 10 day programs run for the entire school holidays with intakes every two weeks. Volunteers Kieran Rickards and Lavinia Stella from City of Yarra, assisted with the first course with local teachers Mr. Men, Mr. Tuan and Mr Tuan. Kyran Trower, Alexandra Christenson and Megan Raine provided experienced support in subsequent courses. More than 100 local children were enrolled.

Kyran and Alexandra also conducted CPR sessions for new Sanctuary staff and local People's Committee members which had been requested by Chantelle Stork, HR Manager of the Resort. This means that more adults will know more about CPR in this small hamlet in Vietnam.



In June, Jan Williams went to Mui Ne in Phan Theit Province where we received great support from ex-patriots to conduct a children's holiday swim program. Jan conducted teacher training as part of the course for local resort staff and has been invited back in 2020 to continue training teachers in the area.

Towards full sustainability: WSV's policy has always been that of sustainability. A positive development towards this is that Mr. Chinh, Principal of Bung Rieng Secondary School, has set up the Xuyen Moc Swimming Consortium with other schools in the area and invited WSV to be a member.



The request was that WSV assist with bus fares and pool entrance fees for school swim programs at Hoa Hoi Secondary (200 kids) and Bung Rieng H.S. (120 kids). Local Vietnamese school teachers, trained by WSV, conducted the programs, as part of the curriculum, in November at three local pools.

Donations make our work possible:

Loyal supporters (both individuals and companies) continue to make **donations and pledges** and we sincerely thank you all. Again we received a wonderful gift of \$10,000 from the Fox Family Foundation and \$1,000 from C. & C. Kimberley.

We received a donation from Lilli Cowan and friends at **Geelong Grammar School** who set up a Go-Fund-Me page and raised \$558.33. Thank you so much, girls.

We continue to receive **donations of bathers and board shorts** from such places as Life Saving Victoria, Ocean Grove SLSC, the Gough family of Ivanhoe and St. Bernadettes Primary School, Big Group Hug in Rosanna, North Melbourne Recreation Centre, several opportunity shops and many friends.

Thank you to all! The kids in Vietnam love their swimsuits, dive toys and goggles.



We received swim suits through the Western University in Sydney and in Hong Kong we received donations from the International Montessori School and Hong Kong International School.

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