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## SUMMER MISSION 2019

Our 20<sup>th</sup> Summer Mission trip to Vietnam was successfully held from July 4-20, 2019! Our team of 130 volunteers from the US along with 14 volunteers from Vietnam came together and provided medical and dental care to over 2,500 patients.

Our surgical team performed surgeries for over 40 patients. Our dental team provided extractions, cleanings and restorative care and also distributed toothbrushes to over 800 patients. Our lab team ran tests for over 200 patients. Our optometry team distributed over 1,150 pairs of prescription glasses, readers, and sunglasses. And our pharmacy team dispensed well over 7,000 prescriptions.

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## CONSTRUCTION MINISTRY

GSMDM has officially begun construction of a family health clinic in Song Hien, Cao Bang, Viet Nam. The Groundbreaking Ceremony was held on September 10, 2019. Due to the storm, the ceremony was held indoors instead of onsite, but that did not stop us from shoveling some dirt!

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SUMMER  
MISSION  
2019  
*Continued*



SERVE Others  
SHARE Love  
BUILD Relationships  
TRAIN Leaders



Summer Mission 2019 Theme

**Daring Faith**

*So Do Not Fear, For I Am With You; Do Not  
Be Dismayed, For I Am Your God. I Will  
Strengthen You And Help You; I Will Uphold  
You With My Righteous Right Hand.*

- Isaiah 41:10

**DISTRICTS VISITED**

This year, we saw patients in the following six districts, all from the province of Cao Bằng  
Nguyên Bình ▪ Quảng Uyên ▪ Hòa An ▪ Thạch An ▪ Trà Lĩnh ▪ Thành Phố Cao Bằng





# CONSTRUCTION MINISTRY

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We came with a team of 13 volunteers from the US and joined the construction team in Vietnam for two weeks. During this time, we worked together, ate together, and even did some sightseeing together.



We also found time to visit one of the preschools we built in the past.



We worked with the local community leaders to hold a Mid Autumn Festival event for over 100 children.



We will be holding three more mission trips in 2020 to help the construction team in Vietnam with their work:

February 14 - March 1, 2020

April 17 - May 3, 2020

July 2 - July 19, 2020

If you are interested in joining our Construction Team for any of these dates, please contact [debbie@gsmdm.org](mailto:debbie@gsmdm.org).



## Children's Ministry

Trường Cô Mườì, Trà Lĩnh

Trường Hưng Đạo, Nguyên Bình

Trường Trường Lương, Hòa An

Trường Sam Luồng, Hòa An



This year, the Summer Mission team distributed a jacket, pair of boots and backpack each to 526 preschool and elementary students in Cao Bang. The names of the four schools we visited are listed above. In 2020, we expect to distribute another 500 sets to the children of Cao Bang!

## MICRO LAB WINE AND PAINT EVENT

Dr. Theresa Cho, Torri Boghossian, Brook Howell and GSMDM Board Member My Hang Bach worked together to hold a Wine and Paint Fundraising Event on November 16, 2019. Over 50 people attended the event, where abstract and landscape painting workshops were held for adults, while a crafting section for children allowed them to make and paint birdhouses and ornaments.

This event was held specifically to raise funds for a microbiology lab for the provincial hospital of Cao Bang. The lab will have a microscope, incubator, and culture medium in order to identify bacteria and the type of infection a patient has, such as pneumonia, sepsis, or meningitis. This will help the physicians provide patients with proper treatment in the intensive care unit of the hospital.





## FOR THE LOVE OF A CHILD

### GSMDM Annual Gala

#### Save the Date!

GSMDM will be holding our annual gala, For the Love of a Child, on **April 11, 2020** at Diamond Seafood Palace, *right*, in Garden Grove, CA. The event will include a sit down seven course dinner, live entertainment, a silent auction, and updates on current GSMDM programs.

Please save the date and join us for a fun and meaningful evening!



#### 2019 GALA

Below are pictures from our 2019 Gala and 20th Year Anniversary Celebration, complete with a Lion Dance and fashion show of traditional attire from several countries throughout Asia. At this event, we unveiled our plans to build the Family Health Clinic in Cao Bang. Due to the generosity of our guests and supporters, we were able to raise enough funds to move forward with the project!

The show ended with our team members modeling traditional attire from various ethnic minority groups residing in Cao Bang. The outfits were loaned to us from Cao Bang specifically for this event.





## 2020 EVENTS

### JANUARY 2020

JAN 3-5: Summer Mission January Retreat



### FEBRUARY - MARCH 2019

FEB 8: Summer Mission SoCal Inventory Date

FEB 14 - MAR 1 : Construction Ministry Winter Trip



### APRIL - MAY 2020

APR 3-5: Summer Mission April Retreat

APR 3: Free GSMDM Clinic

APR 11: GSMDM Annual Gala in Orange County, CA

APR 17 - MAY 3: Construction Ministry Spring Trip

### JUNE 2020

JUN 20: SoCal Packing Day



### JULY 2020

JUL 1-2: Summer Mission Pre-Departure Retreat

JUL 2-18: Summer Mission

JUL 2-20: Construction Ministry Summer Trip





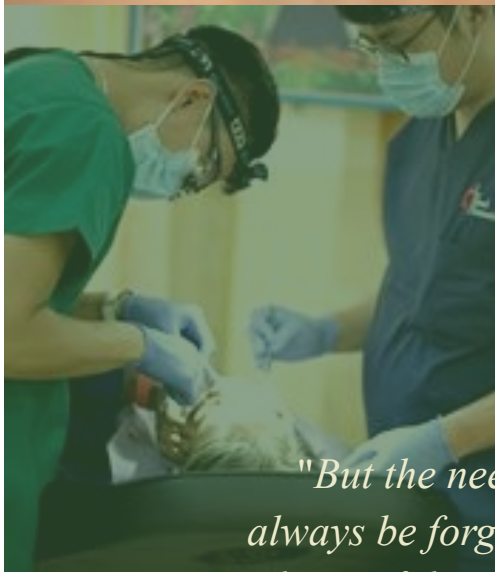
## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Summer Mission

Please pray that we will have all the physicians, dentists, nurses, pharmacists and volunteers we need for our Summer Mission 2020 team.

### Construction Ministry

Please pray for safety and protection for the construction team in Vietnam, and for our teams in February, April and July as well.



*"But the needy will not  
always be forgotten, nor the  
hope of the afflicted ever  
perish"*

- Psalm 9:18



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