



Vietnam



Introduction to VIETNAM

THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, a narrow coastal country in Southeast Asia, endured years of outside rule and internal warfare before becoming a unified nation in 1975. It is one of the world's leading rice producers, and though still a developing nation, has significantly reduced severe poverty.

The VIETNAMESE people

Total population:	86,967,524
Children under 15:	21,654,303
Average Life Expectancy:	71.58 years
Per capita annual income:	\$2,800
% children in primary school:	N/A*
Average years of education:	10 years
Literacy rate:	90.3%
Internet users:	20.834 million
Cell phones in use:	70 million
Major/official language(s):	Vietnamese, English, French, Chinese, Khmer

Risk issues impacting children:

- Gender discrimination also continues to undermine the well-being of women and their children.
- High poverty and lack of education in rural areas make change difficult.

More about VIETNAM

Capital city:	Hanoi
Type of government:	Communist State
Square kilometers:	331,210
General terrain:	Low, flat delta in south and north; central highlands; mountainous in north and northwest
Major industries/jobs:	Agriculture, food processing, garment/shoe making, mining
National motto:	"Independence, Liberty, Happiness"
Major airport(s):	Tan Son Nhat Noi Bai Danang

Reaching VIETNAM

Currently classified as World B: Somewhat Reached

Major religions:

- None - 80.8%
- Other - 12%
- Christian - 7.2%

Christian groups:

- Roman Catholic - 79.2%
- Protestant - 10.9%
- Independent - 7%
- Other - 2.9%

Unreached People Groups:	63 (11% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.02
Average annual baptisms:	188,554
Foreign missionaries:	1,300
Per million:	15.29
National Christian workers/pastors:	16,000
Per million:	188.17
Number of churches/congregations:	5,618

Children's ministry in VIETNAM

- Overview:** • The view that children's ministry is important is growing among churches in urban areas of Vietnam, as are the number of resources available in Vietnamese.
- Children's ministry in rural areas still lack resources, workers and a vision for the importance of children's ministry.
 - Most children's workers are women.
 - Parents tend to put the responsibility for a child's spiritual development on the church.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
5,618 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
21,654,303 children for Christ