



FAMILY INTRODUCTION SHEET

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Ha Nam Orphanage

Dear PSBI Sponsor,

On behalf of Pearl S. Buck International and our Country Office in Vietnam, we are very pleased to introduce Tran Lam Cuong and his foster family to you. It is called foster family as Cuong lives in an orphanage that cares for orphans and displaced children. Tran Lam Cuong was born on May 18th 2005 at Phu Ly city, Ha Nam province, Vietnam. He was born out of wedlock and his mother cannot afford to raise him so she sent him to live in Bao Loc temple to become a monk and then she went away. Due to frequent travel, the monks were not able to stay in the temple and take care of him properly. Also the area where the temple is located is a place with many social evils. Therefore, the head of the temple turned him over to the orphanage so he can get the nursing and education he deserves. Cuong has been living in Ha Nam orphanage since 17th October 2014.

Tran Lam Cuong is now 16 years old with a weight of 114 lbs and a height of 5'46". He is in grade 9th at Thi Son Secondary school, which is 2.5 kilometers far from where he lives. He goes to school by bicycle from Monday to Friday together with other friends in the orphanage and he is a good student. Among school subjects, he enjoys Literature and Physical Education most while Math does not draw his interest. In his spare time, Lam Cuong likes playing sports with his foster siblings. Furthermore, he often helps housemothers with household chores such as watering vegetable, cleaning house and taking care of younger foster siblings. He is an active, well-behaved and friendly boy.

Established in 1997 at Van Lam village, Liem Tiet commune, Phu Ly city, Ha Nam province – 37.3 miles away to the South of Hanoi, Ha Nam Orphanage is a cozy home for 24 orphans who are from the province from a few months old to 22 years old. The orphanage has 3 establishments: the main establishment has 6 buildings with administration office, functional rooms: kitchen, dining room, etc. It has a really large front yard and the children live in a two-storey building which has bedrooms, study room and a room for collective activity. Each room has 2 beds, a closet for clothes and personal supplies, study table and chairs for the children. There is no library, computing room or supplies and equipments for training sports, entertaining and rehabilitation for the children yet. The second establishment of the orphanage has 5 one-storey buildings. There are 2 to 3 children living in 1 room and facilities for their living life are also in poor quality. Binh Luc orphanage – the third establishment has a 2-storey building and 1 one-storey building for the children's living space. In between the 2 buildings, there is a kitchen, dining room and a garden for the housemothers and children to plant vegetable in order to partly meet their daily need. Water supply is from 2 sources including a drilled well for washing and rain water for drinking. There are a total of 47 staffs in which 16 housemothers and caregivers from the 3 establishments. Government provides USD.50 per child to cover 3 decent meals and sparing daily expenses. The limited amount is not enough to cover nutritional expenses with 3 frugal meals per day and tuition fee for the children. Despite many difficulties and lack of material support, the Orphanage manages to bring the best things for these disadvantaged children. Ha Nam Orphanage highly appreciates charity and donation from different organizations and individuals to support the children.

With support from the housemothers and the Ha Nam Orphanage, Lam Cuong is very happy to share his life at the orphanage with you. We hope that you will establish an everlasting and meaningful relationship with him and the rest of the children in the Ha Nam Orphanage. Thank you for your commitment to support Ha Nam Orphanage and Lam Cuong in particular.

Yours sincerely,

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