

# Family Guide

February 2023  
Vietnam



“Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,  
and the very ends of the earth as Your possession.”  
— Psalm 2:8, New American Standard Bible 1995



# A One-year Prayer Adventure!

Using this handy family guide, we will travel to a faraway country every month, learn about its people and culture, and pray for them. We will focus on a different least-reached country in every guide. There are 12 family guides covering 12 countries in 2023 – one for every month.

Why do we call these countries “least reached”? Many of the people in these countries have never heard about Jesus, or it’s difficult for them to hear about Him. Even though you won’t get on a plane to each country, when you pray you join our mission to make a difference in the lives of the people in each country.

The best part is you’ll always know what to pray for. This family guide gives you a prayer request for every day of the week. Moms, dads and kids everywhere will be praying for the same thing together too. Let’s get started by learning about this month’s country.

# WELCOME TO Vietnam!



Vietnam is a beautiful place full of diverse landscapes and peoples. Its culture and language are influenced by nearby China and faraway France, two countries who once ruled over Vietnam before it became an independent country in 1975. Join us as we learn about this nation and pray for God's continued work in and blessing on its people.



Vietnam is located in Southeast Asia. China is to the north. Laos and Cambodia are to the west. The South China Sea borders the east and south.

# Fun Facts About Vietnam



In Vietnam it's traditional to cook an entire pig for a feast.



Vietnam is the second largest producer of coffee in the world.



The flag of Vietnam has a golden star in the middle of a red background. Each of the five points of the star represents the youth, intellectuals, workers, farmers, and soldiers. In addition, the red background symbolizes the bloodshed from the wars.



Almost 82% of the population say that they have no religion.



Most viewed websites:

- ▶ Google
- ▶ Youtube
- ▶ Facebook

# Ready to pray for the people of Vietnam?

Vietnam has close to 100 million people. The majority of Vietnamese do not believe in any god. Most have never heard about God and how He sent His son, Jesus, to die on the cross to save us from our sins. That is why Vietnam is one of the top 12 least-reached countries and our focus for this month.

Each week we will have a Bible verse, daily prayer requests to pray and an activity for you to do.

Many people don't have a regular time to pray, except before meals and maybe at bedtime. Do you pray every day? Do you want to pray more? Make a plan with your family for when you will pray for Vietnam each day. One goal for this prayer plan is to help you make time for prayer each and every day.

Your 2023 Prayer Partner,

Lucinda

Please email me, or have a parent email me, if you have any questions or want to share what you are learning about prayer. I'd love to hear from you! [prayer@jesusfilm.org](mailto:prayer@jesusfilm.org)



# 01

Week 1: February 1-7, 2023

*“The Lord is close to everyone who prays to Him, to all who truly pray to Him.”*

— Psalm 145:18, International Children’s Bible



## Week 1 Prayers



### ■ Day 1

Christian workers continue to work together in every province all over the country of Vietnam. Because they have been faithful to share the message of Jesus, many churches have been planted from the work they have done. Praise the Lord for their faithfulness.

### ■ Day 2

Everyone likes a good movie! Pray that films that tell the truth about Jesus would be seen by many in Vietnam through television, and that unbelievers would trust Him with their life.

### ■ Day 3

Being a leader is an important job, and leading others can be a lot of hard work. Pray for safety for Vietnam's leaders and for God to help them lead in a way that promotes peace and well-being for all.

*“You should pray for kings and for all who have authority. Pray for the leaders so that we can have quiet and peaceful lives—lives full of worship and respect for God.”* — 1 Timothy 2:2, ICB

### ■ Day 4

Films are really good tools to use to tell others about Jesus and His gospel story. But some Christians in Vietnam don’t have the equipment they need to share movies with others. Pray for God to provide the equipment they need. May the many groups in Vietnam respond to their kindness by wanting to learn about Jesus.

### ■ Day 5

Christian churches and their activities in Vietnam are restricted in some ways, limiting what followers of Jesus can do in public places. Pray for God’s wisdom to help them know when to speak boldly and joyfully about Jesus with those who haven’t yet heard.

### ■ Day 6

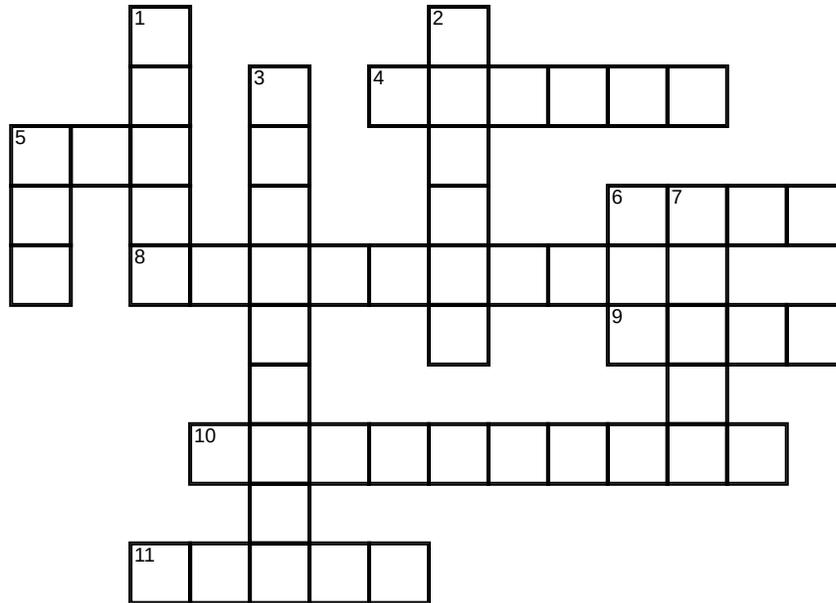
Just before He went back to heaven, Jesus gave His followers instructions to go to all the nations and tell people about Him. They were to teach and train others in the ways Jesus had taught and trained each of those followers.

That’s still happening today, and those instructions were for us too! We can look for people who do not know Him, share the gospel message, then come alongside as a friend, teaching and training the new followers in His ways. Pray that you, your family and Vietnamese Christians would follow Jesus’ call to tell others about Him.

### ■ Day 7

Most Vietnamese children have not heard of the God of the Bible, nor of His son, Jesus. Many follow the religious traditions of their families and the villages in which they live. Let’s pray that God would make Himself known to them and to understand that Jesus died and rose again to set them free.

# Week 1 Activity: Crossword



## Across

- 4 Vietnam's most viewed website
- 5 A common dish, like noodle soup (see recipe)
- 6 A Vietnamese family unit, with lots of family members living together
- 8 Popular animal in Vietnam (see coloring page)
- 9 The shape on the center of Vietnam's flag
- 10 The main language of Vietnam
- 11 The name of the film translated into over 2016 languages

## Down

- 1 Where Jesus died to save us from our sins
- 2 Vietnam is the world's second largest producer of this popular drink
- 3 Twelve \_\_ have almost 75% of the least reached
- 5 Animal that is cooked whole in Vietnam
- 7 The national flower of Vietnam

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# 02

Week 2: February 8–14, 2023

*“There is no one holy like the Lord.  
There is no God but You.  
There is no Rock like our God.”*

— 1 Samuel 2:2, ICB



## Week 2 Prayers



### ■ Day 8

There are few Christians in this country, and they are treated unkindly by their own family and neighbors. Yet they continue to trust Jesus because they have found Him to be worthy, and the church is growing! Ask God to give the Vietnamese a heart that desires to know what is true: that Jesus is loving and kind and offers His free gift of salvation.

### ■ Day 9

Skilled people are making Christian movies that help guide unbelievers toward the truth of Jesus. These filmmakers try to design movies specifically for a people group by including things in their culture that help them understand its meaning. Pray for more skilled movie-makers who can make more Jesus-centered movies, and for people who can show the movies to Vietnamese people.

### ■ Day 10

In some places, there is a mix of older and newer Christian churches in the same area. Ask God to show them how to help each other, especially older ones helping newer ones.

### ■ Day 11

Pray that Vietnamese families will put their faith in Jesus and learn to live God’s way that will help them be a stronger family.

### ■ Day 12

Many students in Vietnam haven’t heard about Jesus. Pray that God will bring Christians to every school and college in Vietnam to tell the students there about Him.

### ■ Day 13

*“[Jesus] said to them, ‘There are a great many people to harvest. But there are only a few workers to harvest them. God owns the harvest. Pray to God that He will send more workers to help gather His harvest.’”*

— Luke 10:2, ICB

This Bible verse says there are many people ready right now to say “Yes!” to Jesus’ invitation to receive Him into their hearts! More Christians and Christian workers are needed who will take the message of Jesus to those who are ready in Vietnam. Let’s go!

### ■ Day 14

In Vietnam, like in most countries, people tend to make their homes in the big cities, where there are more jobs, churches, and activities. Smaller cities have fewer people, fewer churches and fewer activities to attract them. Pray for new Christian workers to do God’s work in the smaller cities, because these people need to hear about Jesus too.

# Week 2 Activity: Recipe

## Chicken Pho Recipe

Marinated lemongrass beef skewers that can be broiled or grilled. This is a traditional Vietnamese dish, best if dipped in Nuaoc Cham sauce.

Prep Time: 10 mins

Cook Time: 30 mins

Total Time: 40 mins

### Ingredients

4 ounces dry Chinese egg noodles  
6 cups chicken stock  
2 tablespoons fish sauce  
4 cloves garlic, minced  
2 teaspoons minced fresh ginger root  
1 tablespoon minced lemon grass  
5 green onions, chopped  
2 cups cubed cooked chicken  
1 cup bean sprouts  
1 cup chopped bok choy



### Directions

#### Step 1

Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil over high heat. Add noodles and return water to boil. Boil until soft, about 8 minutes. Drain and reserve noodles.

#### Step 2

Bring chicken stock, fish sauce, garlic, ginger, lemon grass, and green onions to a boil in a large pot. Reduce to a simmer; cook for 10 minutes. Stir in the chicken, bean sprouts, and bok choy. Cook pho until heated through, about 5 minutes.

#### Step 3

Divide the cooked noodles between 2 large bowls. Pour pho over noodles; serve immediately.

# 03

Week 3: February 15–21, 2023

*“Patience and encouragement come from God. And I pray that God will help you all agree with each other the way Christ Jesus wants. Then you will all be joined together, and you will give glory to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

— Romans 15:5–6, ICB



## Week 3 Prayers



### ■ Day 15

Pray that Vietnamese believers would make good use of the equipment they already have to show films about Jesus to people, giving them a chance to put their faith in Him.

### ■ Day 16

Pray that Christians and churches use the tools and opportunities they have, such as Christian films, social media ads and humanitarian aid, to bring the gospel into all of Vietnam.

### ■ Day 17

When God leads a Christian to become a full-time Christian worker, it takes a whole team of people to help. Each of these people becomes a partner with the worker. Some pray, and some give part of their earnings so the Christian worker gets paid to do his work, too. Thank the Lord for these partners who pray and who give to Christian workers in Vietnam!

### ■ Day 18

Let's pray that people in Vietnam who don't yet know Jesus hear about Jesus, get to know Him and follow Him soon.

*“All people everywhere, follow Me and be saved. I am God. There is no other God.”* — Isaiah 45:22, ICB

### ■ Day 19

Sadly, slavery is common in Vietnam, and those who enslave others mean to harm them. Pray that the country would work hard to fight slavery. May those who enslave others be stopped from doing wrong. May victims of slavery be rescued and cared for and find hope by trusting in Jesus.

### ■ Day 20

Sometimes a group of Christian college students decides to live all in one house or apartment. By doing that, they can learn how to live their faith all together and help each other out. Pray that the students learn well how to live the way God wants them to and how to tell others about their faith in Jesus.

### ■ Day 21

Thank God that 54 language groups in Vietnam now have Christian films and other tools in their heart languages! Now they can hear the gospel story powerfully told in a way they can understand. Pray that each of these resources will be effectively used to share the good news of Jesus in each language group.

# Week 3 Activity: Word Search

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# 04

Week 4: February 22–28, 2023

*“We pray that the Lord will make your love grow more and more for each other and for all people. We pray that you will love others as we love you and that your hearts will be made strong...”*

— 1 Thessalonians 3:12–13, ICB



## Week 4 Prayers



### ■ Day 22

Even after we tell Jesus that we want to accept His gift of forgiveness and follow Him with our lives, we might disobey Him. His Word tells us that we should confess our sins to God, which just means telling God what we did wrong. Let’s pray that we, and Christians in Vietnam, will quickly tell God when we realize we did something wrong.

*“But if we confess our sins, He will forgive our sins. We can trust God. He does what is right. He will make us clean from all the wrongs we have done.”*

— 1 John 1:9, ICB

### ■ Day 23

Christians have a special job wherever they work to be the best representative for Jesus they can be, knowing their co-workers are watching them. Treating others kindly, working hard, doing the best job they can, being truthful—all of these things matter to God and make the world a better place! Pray that the actions of Christians will draw many co-workers to want to know more about Jesus.

### ■ Day 24

People use their computers and cell phones a lot to search for information. Sometimes they discover a Christian article or video—tools that share the message of Jesus. Ask God to lead Christians to use their skills in technology to make Christian tools that will attract the unreached Vietnamese.

### ■ Day 25

When people have grown up believing in false gods, it can be hard for them to accept the ways of God of the Bible, even if they realize His ways are loving, kind and forgiving. Pray that their hearts will know the truth when they hear it and accept that Jesus is trustworthy.

### ■ Day 26

It’s great news that, right now, some Vietnamese Christians are learning how to become gospel-tellers. That’s what they want to do with their whole life! Pray they will learn well so they can join God in the work He is doing in their country.

### ■ Day 27

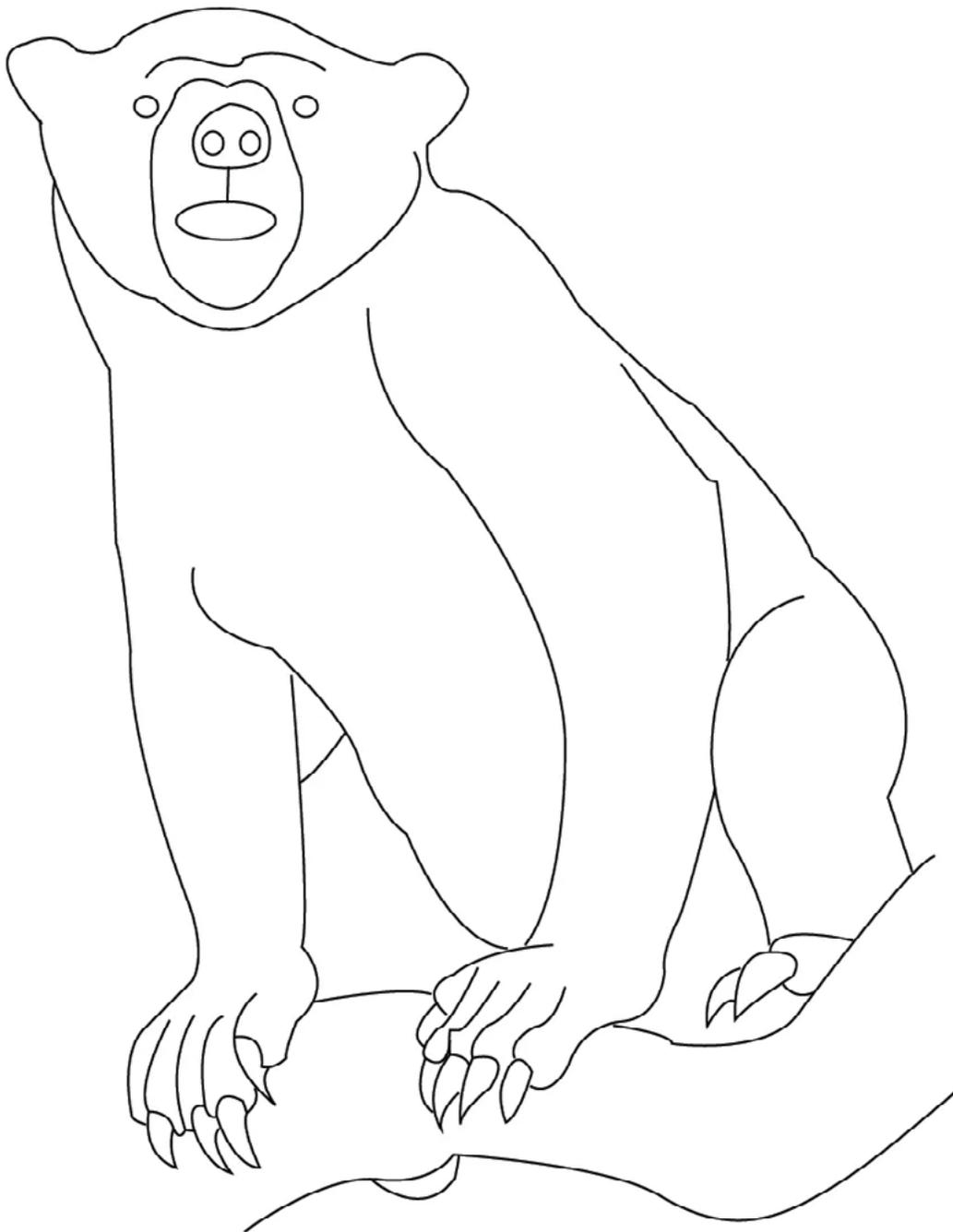
Ask the Lord to watch over each student and to lead them to find wholesome friends who are Christians. Pray they learn who God is, how much He loves them, and how much He wants to be their friend. Pray they learn to love God’s Word and what it means to walk in His ways. May they grow their faith and live for God all the days of their lives.

### ■ Day 28

Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us a chance to pray for Vietnam each day this month. We believe You will continue Your work there until everyone has heard clearly about Jesus and been invited to follow Him. Someday we’ll see how You answered our prayers. May heaven be filled with Vietnamese who started to follow Jesus in part due to our prayers this month. We give you all honor and praise.

# Week 4 Activity: Coloring Page

Sun Bear





# Resources

- ▶ The Joshua Project has a tremendous amount of information about every country. This link will take you to Indonesia.  
<https://joshuaproject.net/countries/VM>
- ▶ PrayerCast has great prayer videos.  
<https://www.prayercast.com/vietnam.html>
- ▶ A great way to help someone learn more about Jesus is to share the *JESUS* film in their heart language. We have the film in over 2,016 languages on our website.  
<https://www.jesusfilm.org/watch/jesus.html/english.html>
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<https://www.jesusfilm.org/watch.html>
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