



**World Change Starts
With Educated Children**

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Vietnam

Population 78 million

% of Pop. (Rural) 76%

% of Pop. (Under 15) 32%

Per Capita GDP \$401

Source

UN Population Division (2000)

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Language Room (Establishing Language Labs in Vietnam)

Room to Read's Language Lab

In Vietnam, a background in foreign languages is a key to opportunity. The English language in particular opens doors ranging from world trade and foreign investment to tourism, technology, medicine and environmental protection. In many cases, mastery of English can be a ticket out of poverty for under-privileged children, providing a strong edge in today's competitive marketplace.

Although the Vietnamese Government strongly encourages students to learn foreign languages while in school, the quality of instruction varies dramatically throughout the country. In poor areas, few teachers have ever interacted with native speakers and many lack the simple resources to teach. Even the best effort to teach and communicate can be unsuccessful.

Opportunity: Empower Teachers to Teach and Students to Learn.

In Vietnam, Room to Read works directly with schools to make foreign language instruction a top priority. We do this by establishing language labs where students and teachers can access audio and video lessons. The labs are used as a supplement to regular language classes with students rotating through the lab once or twice a week.

For a contribution of \$10,000, you can partner with Room to Read to establish a full-service language lab that will benefit hundreds of children each year. Your support will translate directly into equipment and technology, empowering students to make

language central to their education. For a country in which 50% of the population is under 20 years of age, the educational system is particularly burdened.

Results: What Will Be The Impact Of My Contribution?

From the moment of installation, the language lab becomes a central fixture in each school. Because the need for language instruction is a constant, your contribution will affect the lives of generations of children. Expect the following:

Selection Community commitment is central to our philosophy. Communities are selected on the basis of specific criteria including need and dependability.

Technology Each language lab is equipped with 40 interactive lab modules. A main control unit houses the power supply unit, cabling, television and a computer.

Dedication A commemorative plaque will be permanently installed as a thank you for your generosity. You select the wording on this plaque and dedicate it to a loved one.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION NEEDED TO ESTABLISH A LANGUAGE LAB: \$11,000



What is Room to Read? Our mission is to provide under-privileged children with an opportunity to gain the lifelong gift of education. Founded on the belief that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and taking control of one's own life, we currently focus our efforts on Cambodia, India, Nepal and Vietnam. Room to Read is a dynamic, results-oriented organization. Since our inception as a non-profit entity in 2000, we have impacted the lives of over 120,000 children by building 50 schools, establishing over 500 school libraries, shipping over 200,000 books and funding over 200 long-term girls' scholarships. Over 90% of donations go directly into programs.