百万

MILLIONS

2026 年九月至十二月 | September – December 2026



Khải tượng cho Việt Nam

A Vision for Vietnam

Heart for Asia. Hope for Billions.

We are OMF International, founded by James Hudson Taylor in 1865 as the China Inland Mission. We serve the Church and share the good news of Jesus Christ in all its fullness with the people of East Asia.

Millions comes out three times a year and is free for supporters. It started life as *China's Millions* in 1875, the title highlighted the numbers of people without the hope of Christ. In 2000 we changed the name to reflect East Asia's growing population. Today we still want to help all Christians get involved in God's global plan and to pursue every avenue to reach East Asians for Jesus.

Subscribe to get the magazine by email at
omf.org/sg/resources/millions-magazine

編者的話

From the Editor

'From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.' (Ephesians 4:16)

God has given each of us different gifts according to his grace. Yet we are reminded that it is 'from him' that the body is built up, Christ joins his people together and causes the body to grow. As each member faithfully fulfils the role they have been given, the whole body is built up in love.

As remarkably diverse as Vietnam's geography, culture, and society are, so too are the spiritual needs of its people. Throughout this issue, we explore some of the opportunities and challenges involved in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in Vietnam. In doing so, we give thanks that Christ remains the head of his church, joining and holding his people together as he builds his body in love.

The work of the gospel is carried out by many people in many different ways. Some serve through preaching and teaching, others through discipleship, professional work, or faithful prayer. Yet behind every ministry effort stands the same Lord, who causes his church to grow. As you read this issue, please join us in praying that many more people in Vietnam would come to know the love of Christ and become part of his growing body.

Hannah Li
Editor
uk.commsmgr@omfmail.com

Australia
18–20 Oxford Street,
Epping
New South Wales 2121
Tel +61 2 9868 4777
Fax +61 2 9868 5743
au@omfmail.com

Malaysia
3A Jalan Nipah
Off Jalan Ampang
55000 Kuala Lumpur
Tel +60 3 4257 4263
Fax +60 3 4251 4313
my.cd@omfmail.com

Singapore
2 Cluny Road
Singapore 259570
Tel +65 6510 3130
Fax +65 6474 0727
sno@omfmail.com

International
2 Cluny Road
Singapore 259570
Tel +65 6319 4550
Fax +65 6472 2398
omf.org/about-omf/contact
www.omf.org

Design: sparks-studio.com

Ms Koh Yong Hong
Chief Editor of
OMF Singapore

Singapore 259570

目錄

Contents

News	3
A Missiological Perspective on Vietnam	4
As He Sees Them	5
Church Planting in ~~Athens~~ Vietnam	7
Bringing the good news to Vietnam's peoples	9
Student Ministry in Vietnam	11
Sharing Stories: Following Jesus in Everyday Life	12
Building Business, Building the Church	13
A Growing Vision for Vietnam	15

AS HE SEES THEM Pg 5

BUILDING BUSINESS, BUILDING *the Church* Pg 13



STUDENT MINISTRY *in Vietnam* Pg 11

新消息

News Updates

Kids Exploring East Asia – Vietnam Adventure

Looking for something to keep younger explorers entertained? Kids Exploring East Asia takes children on exciting audio and video adventures through the people, places and cultures of East Asia. Join Chris as he journeys across Vietnam, from the mountains of the north to the bustling streets of Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, discovering fascinating people, delicious food, incredible wildlife and amazing stories along the way. Perfect for children—and curious adults too!



Uncover Japan

What comes to mind when you think of Japan? Bullet trains, cherry blossoms and bustling cities? In Uncover Japan, Chris Watts travels more than 500 miles across the country, meeting OMF workers and Japanese Christians who are sharing Jesus in one of the world's least-reached nations. Across four episodes, explore the realities of ministry in Japan, hear stories of faith and perseverance, and discover what God is teaching his people through patient gospel witness. A thought-provoking series that may reshape how you think about mission, success and following Christ.

Stories Rediscovered

An out of the blue call at the new OMF UK Manchester office. It was Sarah. She and her sisters were in the midst of sorting and readying their mother's house before a move. Among the precious things their mother owned were items that belonged to her great-grandfather, Joshua Vale, one of the earliest CIM (later named OMF) missionaries to leave for China. Could OMF help to sort through the items that had once belonged to Joshua?

Well, this is just the kind of request that makes being OMF UK's part-time archivist very exciting! It's a great example of how archiving gives one a rich taste of the much bigger, grand story of what God is doing among East Asian people, and my own small, and yet significant, place in that.

I travelled down to London to meet Sarah and her sisters, and to look through the material. As we stood around Sarah's kitchen table and reverently handled each item that had been carefully kept since the early days of the CIM, it was special indeed. A richly designed, Chinese-language, four-panel hand-painted poster illustrating the foolishness of sin and the wise way of the cross. An impeccably drawn map, hand-designed on canvas, scientifically documenting China's population by province. Scrupulously composed sepia photos of serious-minded men in Chinese dress, patiently posing for a rare photograph. Beautifully handwritten letters and documentation. We were touching history.

On the drive back up to Manchester I remained in awe at what I was transporting in the car. I was so thankful for the 'cloud of witnesses', including Joshua Vale, who have heard and joyfully obeyed God's call to take his gospel to the precious people of East Asia, and for those who came after and recognised the significance of this and preserved a truly amazing heritage. This is not only to be stored but also shared with everyone as a memorial of God's faithfulness and encouragement to continue looking to and following him in all he has for us.

Tim Walker
Comms, Archive and Returnee Prayer Facilitator



Một góc nhìn truyền giáo về Việt Nam

A Missiological Perspective ON VIETNAM



The mythical union of the Dragon King from the sea, (Lac Long Quan) and the beautiful fairy princess from the mountains, (Au Co) resulted in the birth of a people who have an indomitable spirit.

Their ability to 'resist and assimilate'[1] argues Nyguen, is what enables them to maintain their unique identity despite multiple periods of foreign oppression. The Vietnamese have always resisted total domination and have managed to assimilate what is beneficial to their culture and context from their oppressors. This, argues Nyguen, is potentially why Christian contextualization efforts have been less effective than hoped and why among the majority Viet Kinh population, fewer than 0.5% are evangelical Christian.



Almost all religion in East Asia is syncretistic. A Filipino can practice a veneer of Roman Catholicism interwoven with traditional animistic beliefs. The majority of Japanese people practice Shintoism and Buddhism. A Vietnamese person can engage in a plurality of religions – Daoism, Confucianism and Buddhism, all assimilated with local indigenous belief. The challenge of sharing the gospel in this context is twofold: firstly, overcoming the foreign messenger and their ability to articulate the gospel in a way that is easily understood, and secondly, presenting the uniqueness of Christ who must be the sole object of their worship. In a culture used to evading submission to a single ruler and cherry-picking what seems useful to their culture and context, it seems an impossible task.

As we pray for those who carry the gospel to this culture, let us remember that God is already at work in the world, and we are invited to participate in what he is doing. This is called Missio Dei[2]. Let us pray that for them as they do the hard work of understanding the Vietnamese culture into which they are speaking: the pluralism, the syncretism and the ancestor worship that dominates every aspect of life. Will you pray that the Vietnamese will come to know God the source of all life? Will you pray that those who share the gospel can communicate that he alone is worthy of all worship?

Irene McMahon
OMF UK National Director

1. KimSon Nyguen (2019) Cultural Integration and the Gospel in Vietnamese Mission Theology: A Paradigm Shift. Langham Monographs. Location 471 of 8536 (Kindle Edition)
2. Bosch, D, (1991) Transforming Mission, p391.

Theo cách Ngài nhìn họ

AS HE SEES THEM



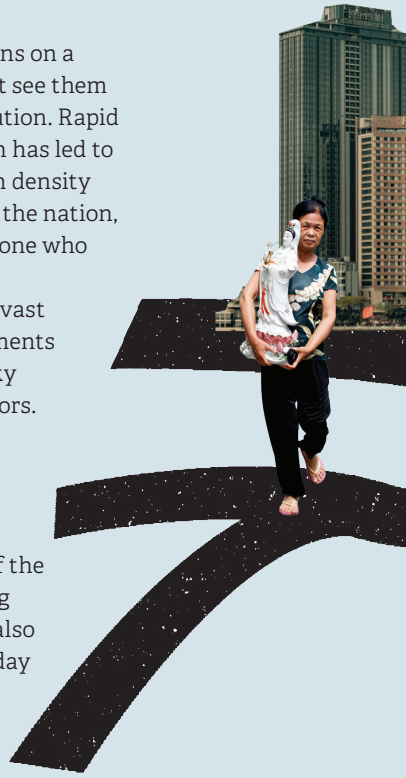
Standing at one of my favourite spots in our city I see many people. It's not on a busy street corner. I'm high above the rooftops on the 62nd floor of the tallest building of our city. There are cars and motorbikes moving in every direction as they flow through the main arteries of the complex urban road network. Houses and apartment blocks surround me and stretch for miles around. I don't often get to this spot, but when I do it's always meaningful. From this vantage point it feels as if representatives of the peoples of Vietnam are spread out in front of me.

The Vietnam of today is a striking fusion of ancient and modern. Cultural traditions passed down across generations now live alongside new trends which have arrived almost overnight via successful influencers on social media. Areas of the city we live in which were once small villages are now consumed by large tower blocks and urban housing developments.

Perhaps when you think of Vietnam, images of war come to mind. The legacy of these conflicts certainly exists and there are plenty of museums where you can find out about what took place. However, today's Vietnam is not a war-ravaged nation. It is a rapidly developing economy with big aspirations in the region and the wider world.

Come back with me to my vantage point above the city. Looking north and west I can see the mountain ranges of Ba Vi and Soc Son. These mark the beginning of a vast geographical region where many of Vietnam's minority peoples live. Across the nation there are 53 unique minority people groups, with their own language and cultural heritage. Most of these peoples don't yet know the wonderful news of Jesus. Often these areas are difficult to travel to, making it harder for these communities to hear the good news of Jesus.

However, I'm picturing the mountains on a good day. More often than not, I cannot see them in the distance. Here's the reason; pollution. Rapid economic growth and urban expansion has led to increased consumption and population density within urban areas. This is true across the nation, and it is an everyday challenge for anyone who calls these cities home.



Look out again and you will see the vast urban sprawl. Modern high-rise apartments and office buildings strike out to the sky with the sun glistening off glass exteriors. Various shades of red and green from the metal roofs of older town houses which surround them. It's places like this where the majority people, the Viet Kinh, call home. Making up 85% of the population, they are the people shaping modern Vietnamese society. They are also normal families getting on with everyday lives, seeking to make a living so that one day their children will have the opportunity to go to a prestigious university or find a career that will provide for their families in the future.

Why is this one of my favourite spots? Because I am reminded of all the people. People with unique stories. People made in the image of God. People who don't yet know all that God has done for them in Jesus Christ.



"SHEPERD-LESS SHEEP ARE PRECISELY WHO *Jesus has come for.*"

God is at work and has been drawing people to himself in Jesus. Over the last 100 years, protestant churches have been seeking to share his good news, and we join together in praising God that there are believers to be found in various places across the nation. Growth, however, is small. And this is particularly true amongst the majority Viet Kinh people.

As the church seeks to minister the gospel in contemporary Vietnam, many new challenges present bold opportunities to share the love of Christ. The traditional thought world of Confucianism and the current flavour of communism are crashing against the rising tide of the market economy. Struggles for positions of power and financial prosperity can lead to high stress levels and unwise choices. Sheperd-less sheep are precisely who Jesus has come for.

While the church may be small and there are many people who don't yet know Jesus, we don't look at this as an obstacle. Surely, we must see this as a wonderful opportunity to see peoples in the villages and the cities rejoicing in praise to God. As you read, allow the Lord to give you a vantage point to see the peoples of Vietnam as he sees them.

Martin P
Theological educator in Southeast Asia

Nhân rộng Hội Thánh tại Việt Nam

CHURCH PLANTING IN ~~ATHENS~~ VIETNAM

An Athens moment

'It was just like Paul in Athens!'

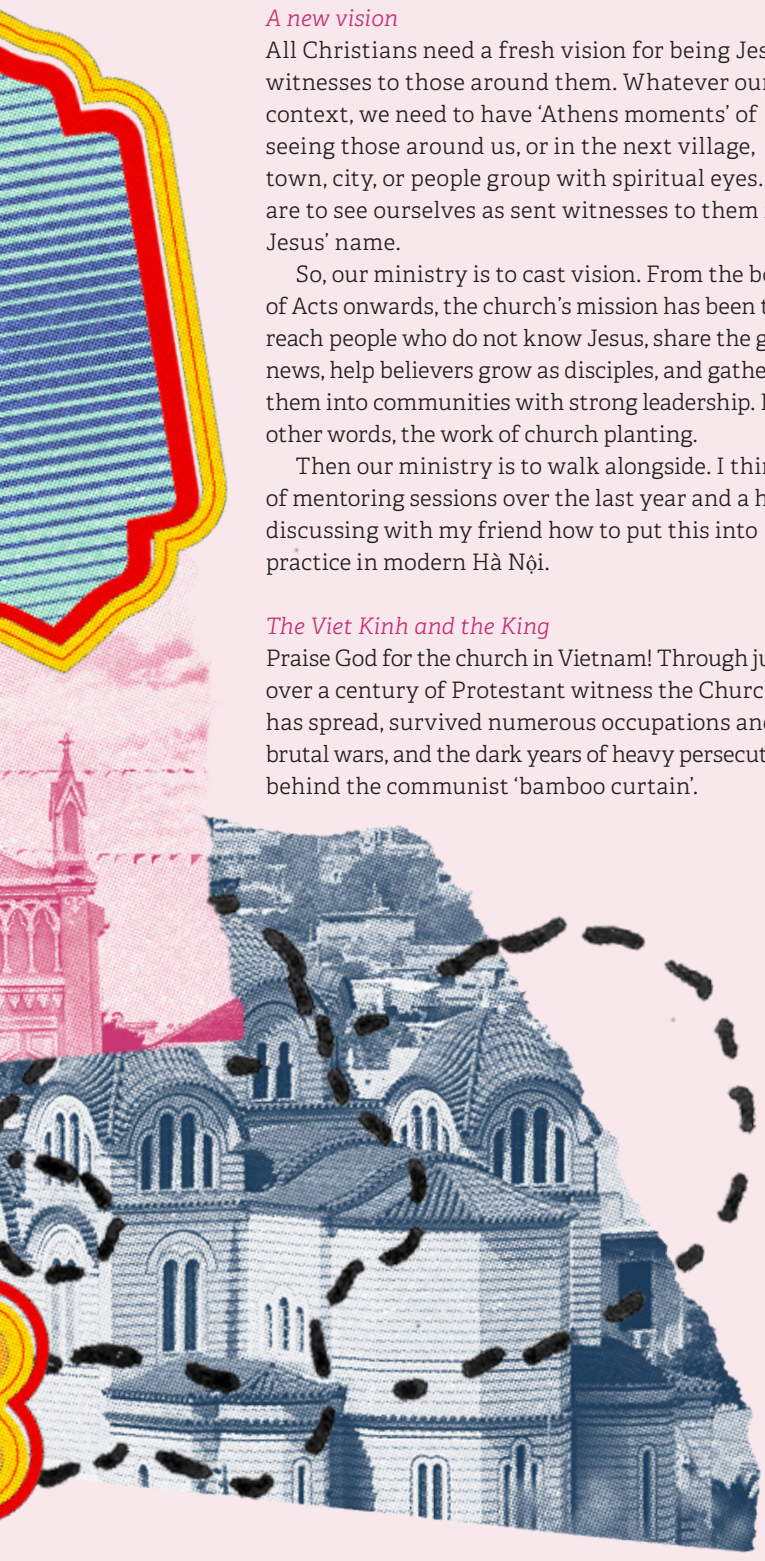
It wasn't Athens. It was a crowded, bustling neighbourhood in Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam. Hiển had just been prayer walking with a small team of fellow Vietnamese believers who'd been sent by their churches to start a new, outreach focussed 'pioneer church'. There, Hiển had lived in that neighbourhood for 10 years, but something was different now.

We had done some training together on how Paul, in Acts 17, walked around the city of Athens with his spiritual eyes open. He entered the community, understood the religious beliefs around him, and cared deeply, distressed by the idolatry he saw. He then preached the gospel in a way that made sense to his hearers. We wanted to do the same.

We immediately went out and put our lesson into practice as we entered a familiar community, but this time with our spiritual eyes open: 'I didn't realise how many temples there were around my house, how much worship is going on.' Like Paul, Hiển saw how 'religious' his neighbours were. Hiển and his family have committed to live in that neighbourhood, sow the seed of the gospel, and seek to make and mature new disciples who can be gathered into new churches.

"I DIDN'T REALISE HOW MANY TEMPLES THERE WERE AROUND MY HOUSE, *how much worship is going on.*"





A new vision

All Christians need a fresh vision for being Jesus' witnesses to those around them. Whatever our context, we need to have 'Athens moments' of seeing those around us, or in the next village, town, city, or people group with spiritual eyes. We are to see ourselves as sent witnesses to them in Jesus' name.

So, our ministry is to cast vision. From the book of Acts onwards, the church's mission has been to reach people who do not know Jesus, share the good news, help believers grow as disciples, and gather them into communities with strong leadership. In other words, the work of church planting.

Then our ministry is to walk alongside. I think of mentoring sessions over the last year and a half, discussing with my friend how to put this into practice in modern Hà Nội.

The Viet Kinh and the King

Praise God for the church in Vietnam! Through just over a century of Protestant witness the Church has spread, survived numerous occupations and brutal wars, and the dark years of heavy persecution behind the communist 'bamboo curtain'.

And yet the majority people group, the Viet Kinh, remain largely unreached. Making up 85% of the 100 million national population, only around 1% of the Viet Kinh in the south and 0.05% in the north are evangelical believers.

Persecution at family and community level remains in many places, and laws are stacked against religious freedom. The internet is bringing myriad ideas and influences to a tech-engaged younger generation. Viet Kinh Christians have often told me that a centuries old commitment to ancestor worship and appeasing of the spirits, mixed with Buddhism and framed by a Confucian world view, makes the Viet Kinh 'hard to the gospel'. Yet, many younger urbanites are loosening their spiritual roots while diving deep into education and entertainment. Furthermore, there's a discipleship problem, with the Viet Kinh church shrinking in numbers in some areas.

What can the Viet Kinh church do in 21st Century Vietnam? Empowered by the same Spirit of the days of Acts, like Paul in Athens, the Viet Kinh church needs a fresh encounter with their fellow Viet Kinh as ambassadors of The King. What do ambassadors of King Jesus do? They plant the gospel seed which leads to new churches, who plant the gospel seed in new places which leads to new churches, who... you get the idea!

Open hands of partnership

I thank God today for our ministry partners. They have a God -given burden to continue the church planting that began in Acts. And they have open hands of partnership to outsiders, like our team, who share their heart.

Our role is to return with them to the streets of Athens; to learn from Scripture about why and how to witness. Then, through mentoring, training and modelling, we head out together onto the streets of Hà Nôi, into our neighbour's homes in Hué, or to communịty football pitches in Hung Yên. Toġether we sow, we water, but God makes it grow.

PT

Church Planter in Vietnam

Mang Tin Lành đến cho các dân tộc của Việt Nam

BRINGING THE GOOD NEWS TO VIETNAM'S PEOPLES

Vietnam stretches over 1,000 km of mountains and coastline, and is home to more than 54 distinct peoples. Yet for over 40 of those groups, the good news of Jesus remains unheard. Allen shares what God is doing – and how you can be part of it.

Historically the good news spread widely among a few minority groups living in the central mountains of Vietnam, and these people make up a large part of the national church. In the north, there was also a significant turning to the Lord among the H'mong people during the 1980s and 1990s through radio ministries. Today, there are more believers among these ethnic minority peoples than there are among the majority Vietnamese people, especially in the north of the country.

Currently, vibrant communities of Christians exist in some places, but in other areas, there may not be a single church or gathering of believers – and many have had very little opportunity, if any, to hear about Jesus.

We long to see the good news spread to the millions of people who have never had a chance to hear about the Lord's love for them, and we sense that the Lord is opening doors to make his name known in these places. In the past it was very difficult for people to move around the country and for outsiders to live beyond the largest cities. As Vietnam modernises, this situation is changing. Many people from previously isolated communities are moving to new places to study in universities or to find jobs, and there is more opportunity to engage with them than ever before. It is now possible to move to smaller cities where many of them live, becoming neighbours who can bring the good news for the first time. Visiting villages, sharing meals, and inviting people into our homes has never been easier!

A ministry trip to a village typically involves going together with one or two local believers, picking up a couple of chickens or ducks on the way, and then going out to spend the day with a family and their neighbours. Everyone contributes to prepare a meal together using ingredients from their gardens and we enjoy the day together. Often there are openings to learn about their needs, pray for them, and share the gospel. We have seen several people learn about and trust in Jesus through these times. Because a group of Christians are involved, it is easier for them to connect with a church community and grow in Christ.

"VISITING VILLAGES, SHARING MEALS, AND INVITING PEOPLE INTO OUR HOMES HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER."

Another exciting development has been seeing the Lord begin to call more of the nearby Christians from other ethnic groups to take notice and reach out to their neighbours in need of Christ. Even though they live close by and in some cases have some cultural similarities, they also must cross cultural boundaries to share the gospel and live as 'Christ's ambassadors' (2 Corinthians 5:20). Many new opportunities to work alongside them have risen recently, and there is an urgent need to help equip them for cross-cultural ministry within their own villages.

Reaching the many peoples still living without the hope of Jesus is an enormous task! We rely on the Lord in faith as he continues to open doors and call workers from many places around the world and from within Vietnam itself. Millions of people still live without the knowledge of Jesus, and have yet to have the chance to hear of the Saviour who has given himself to forgive sins and bring us into relationship with God.

Many more workers are needed who will come with a humble heart and a desire to explore the needs of the different people groups of Vietnam. The Lord is doing new things among them in recent years. Who will be willing to join a multi-national team of their brothers and sisters in Christ to invest their lives to bring the greatest news of all to those who have never had the chance to hear about him? Come and join us!

Allen



Mục vụ sinh viên tại Việt Nam

STUDENT MINISTRY *in Vietnam*



Students in Vietnam are navigating questions of identity, purpose and belonging, while facing pressures familiar to young people around the world. We spoke with a worker involved in student ministry in northern Vietnam about the opportunities and challenges of sharing life and faith with students.

How did you get involved in student ministry?
I always felt drawn to serving young people. Through a friend, I began joining student gatherings in Hanoi, and later a teammate connected me with the general secretary of VFES (Vietnam Fellowship of Evangelical Students). When VFES formed a team in northern Vietnam, I was invited to join and help grow the ministry there.

Can you give us a sense of what students in Vietnam are searching for or interested in spiritually?
Like young people from other countries, many Vietnamese students are searching for identity, belonging, purpose, and emotional support amid academic and social pressure. Many feel isolated, anxious about the future, and disconnected from family or close friendships, while also being strongly influenced by digital culture and individual self-expression.

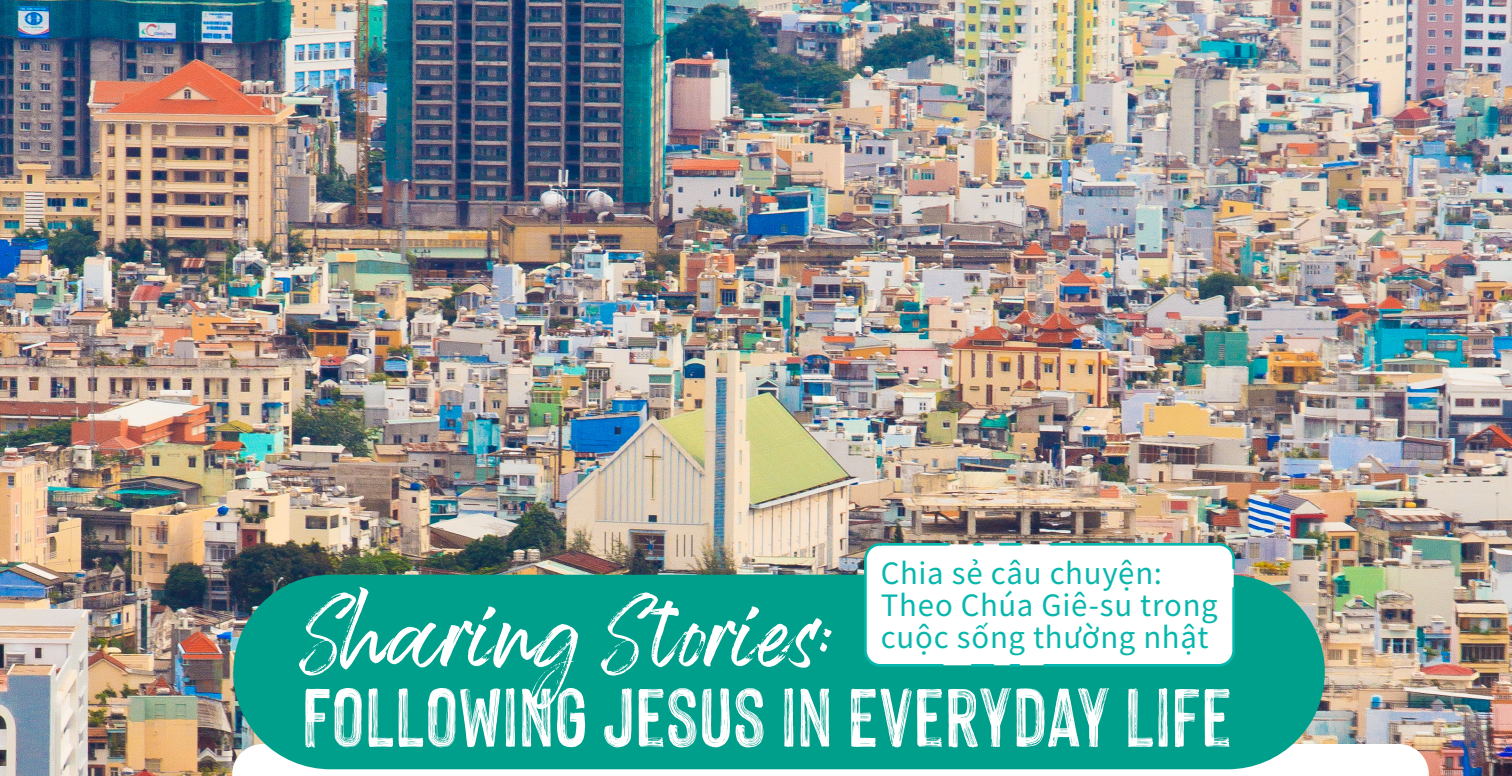


What does student ministry look like in Vietnam?
Just as Jesus modelled, we mainly disciple individual students and small groups, training them through real life and trusting them to lead. We also aim to engage with non-Christian students through sports and English ministries.

What unique opportunities or challenges does student ministry in Vietnam involve?
Key opportunities include providing faith communities with purpose, emotional support and genuine relationships through walking alongside students. Main challenges are busy schedules, strong digital influences and the difficulty Christian students face living out their faith in a secular environment.

What would you say to someone considering student ministry in Vietnam?
Are you available and flexible (enough) to spend time with young people and genuinely journey with them? Do you want to see a society transformed by the gospel? Then student ministry in Vietnam could be a great fit for you!

How can we pray for this ministry?
Please pray that God would strengthen and expand the movement of students following Jesus in Vietnam.



Sharing Stories: FOLLOWING JESUS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Chia sẻ câu chuyện: Theo Chúa Giê-su trong cuộc sống thường nhật

Coming to faith while studying abroad changed Minh Anh's life and direction. Now serving in Vietnam, she shares how God has worked through family, work and church life, and the opportunities and challenges of following Jesus there.

Can you tell us a little about how you came to know Jesus?

Growing up in Vietnam, I didn't know any Christians and was unfamiliar with the name of Jesus. When I was 17, I moved to Canada for school and lived with a Canadian host family who took me to church and shared the love of Christ with me. After about 6 months of reading the Bible and praying, I decided to place my faith in Jesus as my Lord and Saviour, by God's grace.

What does it look like for you as a follower of Jesus in your workplace?

In my experience, Vietnamese people are generally keen to build friendships at work. I see this as a great opportunity to get to know my colleagues and share my faith with them. When I tell my colleagues that I go to church on Sundays, I find that many of them are genuinely curious to know what church is like. I also try to be a good witness through the quality and timeliness of my work.

What does life in your local church look like?

My church, like many churches in Hanoi, was planted a few years ago and is growing fast. We seek to put God's word at the centre of everything that we do, and desire to proclaim the gospel in Hanoi, in Vietnam, and beyond. It is a very exciting time for the church, with many people coming to faith and getting baptised. Please pray for the church to navigate this period of growing with wisdom, as well as for a larger meeting place.

How can Christians be praying for your city?

Many Christians in Hanoi are the first and the only believer in their families, and often face persecution from their own families for their faith. Please pray that God would help them to endure the opposition and soften the hearts of their family members. Please also pray for the people of Hanoi – that amid the rich traditions and family bonds that shape their lives, they would come to know God's love and grace personally, and find in Jesus someone who meets them in the deepest places of their hearts.

BUILDING BUSINESS, BUILDING *the Church*

In conversation with Joshua, he shares how a business consulting framework is opening doors to one of Vietnam's least-reached groups – and why patience, trust, and genuine service are at the heart of the work.

What first led you to focus on reaching businesspeople in Vietnam with the gospel?
I felt called into missions at the age of nine, and in my pre-teen and teenage years I was deeply influenced by a Chinese family friend who pointed me toward business as missions. I went on to build a career in financial analysis in my 20s, but it was not until I was 30 that missions abroad became a reality.

Over the past several years in Vietnam, I have served on a church planting team that helped establish what is now a thriving church of over 50 people, while also running my own small business. During that time, I saw how God uses businessmen and women to meet very practical needs within the church, especially finances and legal cover.

Business professionals can be difficult to reach, as their relationships tend to form around shared ventures and experiences. Even so, their strategic importance to the Vietnamese church, combined with their limited gospel engagement, drew me to focus here. My own business background, time in Vietnam, and lessons from both ministry and business failures left me well placed to try.

> "WE NEED TO IDENTIFY COMMON OBJECTIONS RAISED BY MEN *and set out the gospel alternatives* "

What vision is shaping this new ministry venture, and what are you hoping to see happen through it?
The vision is to see businessmen and women come to faith in Christ and become connected to healthy local churches. We pursue this by providing a genuine business service that adds real value to our clients.

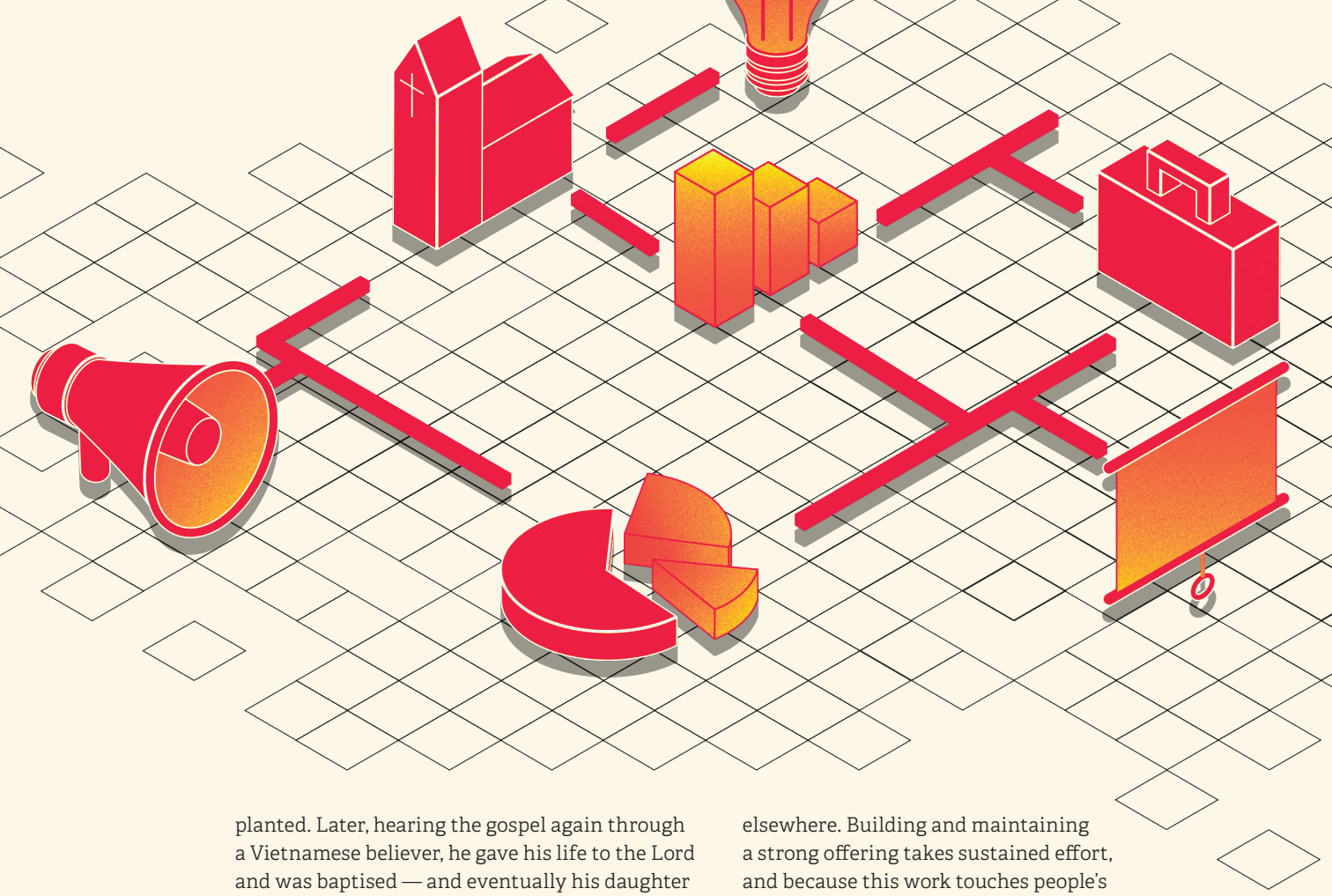
For perspective, our city is home to 8 million people, yet only about 7,000 are Protestant Christians – just 0.09%. A small fraction of those believers are business owners, yet they make it possible for many existing churches to function. Imagine how God might use them to multiply the church in Vietnam as more come to faith!

Our approach is to serve companies through a consulting framework that strengthens their operations while naturally intersecting with biblical principles. These touchpoints create opportunities for spiritual conversations and, as relationships develop, introductions to Vietnamese Christian business professionals.

In our experience, most adult Vietnamese who come to faith do so through the influence of another Vietnamese believer. Because of this, building relational bridges to local Christians is central to what we hope to see happen.

What does the ministry look like in practice—can you share a typical example or story?
Our consultations follow a structured framework helping businesses improve operations by focusing on fundamentals that drive long-term success. Many of these principles align closely with biblical truth – good business practice often reflects the design of its Creator. The framework itself is not explicitly evangelistic, but the people delivering it are, and we proactively pursue conversations about faith.

One example is a man named C, who first encountered the gospel through this ministry. He did not come to faith immediately, but the seed was



planted. Later, hearing the gospel again through a Vietnamese believer, he gave his life to the Lord and was baptised — and eventually his daughter followed. At one point he told a group of 10 fellow businessmen that the greatest value he received from our consultations was salvation!

What unique opportunities—and challenges—come with engaging business communities in Vietnam?
One of the greatest opportunities is the depth of relationship that can be built through business. Relationships never begin in a vacuum – most people form meaningful connections through shared values, interests, or work, and business provides a natural context for all of these. When understood as creating mutual value where both parties benefit, it becomes a meaningful way to serve both practical and spiritual needs, building trust that is fertile ground for deeper conversations about faith.

The challenges are just as real. Running a business and delivering genuine value requires significant time, effort, and skill. It is important that the service we provide is truly helpful and not a poor substitute for what clients could find elsewhere. Building and maintaining a strong offering takes sustained effort, and because this work touches people's livelihoods, it must be handled with care.

How can we be praying for and supporting this work?
Two things come to mind. First, be patient with missionaries working in unfamiliar models – meaningful impact often requires significant groundwork before fruit is visible. Second, consider how this model creates new opportunities for involvement from home. We regularly engage retired business professionals whose experience adds credibility, gives them a direct role in reaching an under-reached group, and can reinvigorate their Great Commission focus.

Pray that God would prepare hearts to receive the gospel and guide the right people to engage with this work. Pray for a harvest of souls and for lasting blessing to the church in Vietnam as a result.

Một khải tượng ngày càng lớn mạnh về Việt Nam

A GROWING VISION *for Vietnam*



Vietnam is a vibrant country of over 100 million people, but the church is relatively small, particularly among the ethnic Vietnamese and in the cities. Among the 53 ethnic minority groups there are a few where the number of Christians is much higher, but their strength tends to be in rural areas – a challenge in a country that is urbanising.

We long to see more churches in Vietnam, especially in the North and Centre and among the Viet Kinh people, the ethnic Vietnamese. Churches are needed in both cities and rural areas, and among all the ethnic groups and every sector of society. Much of that work needs to be taken forward by local Christians, with OMF workers and other foreigners investing incarnationally in relationships and sharing vision. Prayer is vital as opportunities are sought to equip and encourage brothers and sisters with a heart and passion for this kind of ministry.

There is huge scope for God's word to be applied in the local context. We long to see the Lord raising up Vietnamese theologians and preachers with a passion to 'feed their sheep', grappling with God's word and the issues their people are facing. This is an area where members could model and encourage engagement with God's word, walking alongside those God is calling to this kind of ministry. Some are already working with Langham in taking this kind of work forward. Many Christians in the country are first-generation believers and are hungry for help in applying biblical principles to marriage, family life and many other areas of life.

God has used social media to start at least one church in Hanoi, but there is so much potential to develop media ministries. Who will come and use their skills in this area in partnership with local brothers and sisters?

God loves all the peoples of Vietnam: young and old, rural and urban. Who will bring the skills and experience God has given them to work alongside local brothers and sisters, as well as those from other nations in seeing the good news shared in all its fullness, and churches established? This is the future of ministry in Vietnam. Come and be part of it!

"GOD LOVES ALL THE PEOPLES OF VIETNAM: *young and old, rural and urban*"

Anne-Marie Prescott
Beyond Borders worker
With co-authors