

Family Guide

September 2022
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

Welcome to Vietnam!

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



Fun facts about Vietnam.

Motorbikes are the most common form of transportation in Vietnam.



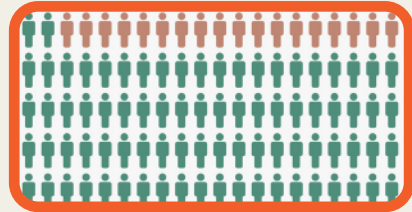
Sepak Takraw is a very popular team sport with 2-4 players per side on a badminton-like court. The players may only use their feet, knees, shoulders, chest and head to touch the ball—no hands.



Extended families or clans often live together in one house called a longhouse. Often, you might find three or four generations living together in one home. Do you have a grandparent or other family member living with your family?



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



Lotus is the national flower of Vietnam. What is your favorite flower? Does your state or country have a state or national flower?



Ready to pray for the people of Vietnam?

Welcome to month nine of For the Least Reached: A Year of Prayer. Each month we are focusing on a different “least-reached” country. These 12 countries need to hear the gospel message the most. We call them “least reached” because many of the people in these countries have never heard about Jesus, or it’s difficult for them to hear about Him. Nearly 75% of all the world’s unreached (or least-reached) people—a whopping 3.6 billion people—live in these 12 countries. Pretty amazing.

Think back through the months you have joined us. Can you remember some of the interesting facts about each country? Can you remember any of the prayer requests? We provide a prayer request for each day but you can go back and pray any of them again. God tells us that it is okay to keep asking Him for things in prayer.

“Then Jesus used this story to teach His followers that they should always pray and never lose hope.” —Luke 18:1, International Children’s Bible

Have you learned something about prayer by using these family guides? You might have learned the importance of having a set time to pray every day, or how to pray through a verse of Scripture. Maybe you’ve learned to pray for your family, friends, classmates, neighbors, leaders and even strangers halfway around the world or you’ve used a written list of requests to help guide you and keep you focused as you pray. You don’t have to use fancy words to pray—God just wants to hear from you and speak to you.

I’d love to hear what you are learning about one of our top 12 countries and about prayer.

Your 2022 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



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Week 1: September 1-7, 2022

“Lord, all the nations You have made will come and worship You. They will honor You.”

— Psalm 86:9, ICB



Week 1 Prayers



> In the early days of COVID-19, few Vietnamese people got sick, thankfully. But the restrictions that leaders placed upon the country made it really hard for businesses to stay open. Many people lost their jobs and can no longer buy necessary things. Pray that Christians help in practical ways, like bringing food and supplies, which can create opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with those they help.

> In Vietnam, like in most countries, people tend to make their homes in the big cities, where there are more jobs, churches, and activities. Big cities have more jobs and 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.

> 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.

> Everyone likes a good movie! Pray that people in Vietnam see films on television that tell the truth about Jesus, and that unbelievers would trust Him with their lives.

> 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.

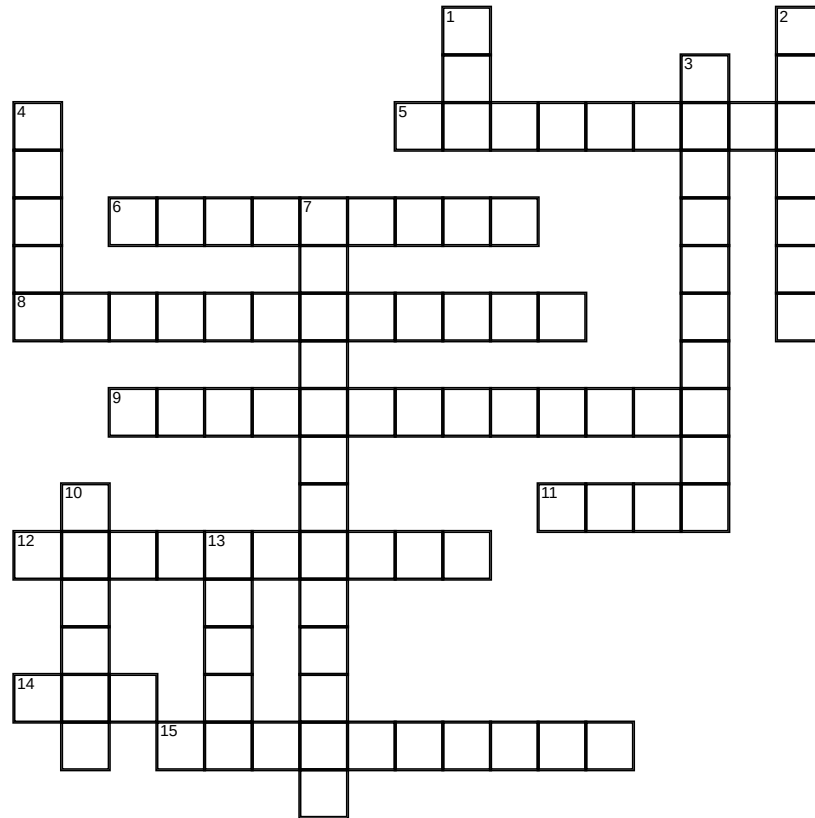
> Today we are praying this verse for every Christian in Vietnam.

“Lord, teach me what You want me to do. And I will live by Your truth. Teach me to respect You completely.” — Psalm 86:11, ICB

When praying Scripture, you can simply add names or whole groups of people into the verse. Like this: “Lord, teach Christians in Vietnam what You want them to do. May they live by Your truth. Teach them to respect You completely.” This is another great verse to pray for yourself, your family and friends.

> Usually, we think of church as a place where Christians gather. Some Christians in Vietnam gather at a building they call church. Others gather at someone’s home and call it church. In both places, people worship and learn about God. Guess what? The word “church” also means “the people who gather”. If you are a follower of Jesus, then you are one of the many people who are part of God’s church. Pray that all Vietnamese Christians would see one another as part of God’s family and treat each other with love and respect.

Week 1 Activity: Vietnam Crossword



Across

- 5 Most common way to get around
- 6 A common headpiece for Vietnamese men and women
- 8 A popular sport, also called kick volleyball
- 9 The national animal of Vietnam
- 11 This shape is in the center of the Vietnam flag
- 12 Common house holding 3 or 4 generations of one family
- 14 Background color of the flag
- 15 Official language

Down

- 1 A common dish, like noodle soup
- 2 The country we are praying for this month
- 3 The number of ethnic groups in Vietnam
- 4 The national flower of Vietnam
- 7 A popular art form in Vietnam
- 10 A product exported from Vietnam
- 13 Capital city of Vietnam

WORD LIST:

COFFEE
FIFTY_FOUR
HANOI
LONGHOUSES

LOTUS
MOTORBIKE
PHO
RED

SEPAK_TAKRAW
STAR
STRAW_HAT
VIETNAM

VIETNAMESE
WATER_BUFFALO
WATER_PUPPETS

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Week 2: September 8–14, 2022

“Then all the people of the world will know the Lord is the only true God.”

– 1 Kings 8:60, ICB



Week 2 Prayers



> Over the summer, a group of Christians visited Vietnam, wanting to learn about the culture and make Vietnamese friends. Some told their new friends about Jesus, and some of them became followers of Jesus! Pray that these new believers would connect with other Christians and grow in their faith.

> In the verse below, the writer Paul clearly encourages us to pray for everyone. That includes your family, your friends, your neighbors, your classmates, the people in your city, state, nation and all the people of Vietnam. Does this seem impossible? It doesn't have to be. Make a plan. Pray for one group each day.

“First, I tell you to pray for all people. Ask God for the things people need, and be thankful to Him. ... God wants all people to be saved. And He wants everyone to know the truth.” – 1 Timothy 2:1, 4, ICB

> It's great news that right now Vietnamese Christians are learning how to become gospel-tellers—people who tell everyone about the love of Jesus. 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.

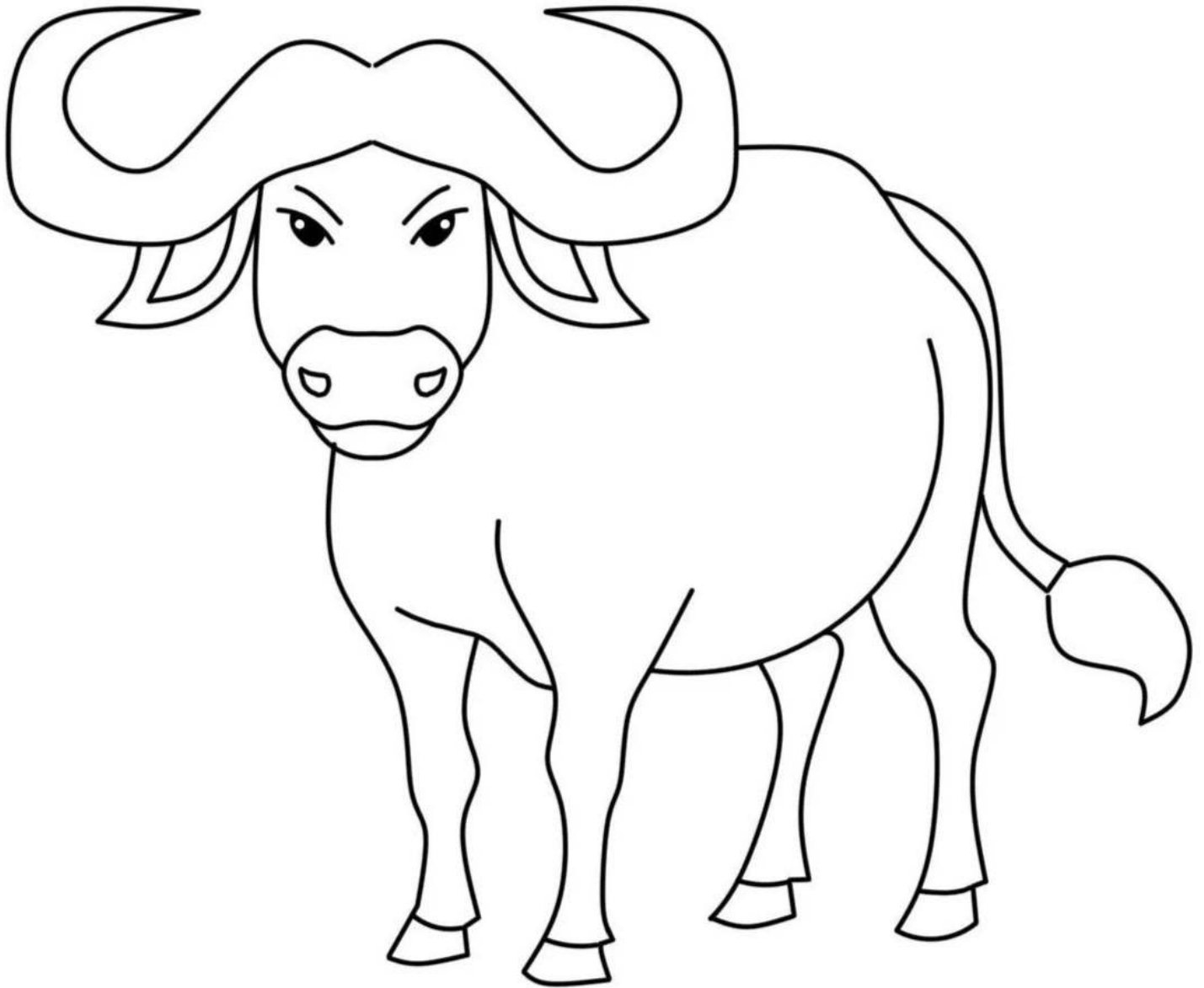
> People use their computers and cell phones a lot to search for information. Sometimes they discover a Christian article or a link to a film—tools that share the message of Jesus. Ask God to lead Christians to use their skills in technology to make tools that will attract Vietnamese people who don't know Jesus.

> 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.

> Just before He went back to heaven, Jesus gave His followers instructions to go to all the nations and look for people who want to know Him. They were to teach and train others in the way He taught and trained them. That's still happening today, and those instructions were for us too! We can look for people who want to know Him, share the gospel message, then come alongside as a friend, teaching and training the new followers in His ways.

> Pray Christian workers in Vietnam will keep up the good work, asking God to guide them in all they do. May they joyfully work and live with the comfort and encouragement that Jesus is always there with them.

Week 2 Activity: Water Buffalo Coloring



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Week 3: September 15–21, 2022

“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper. He will give you this Helper to be with you forever. The Helper is the Spirit of truth. ... He lives with you and He will be in you.”

— John 14:16–17, ICB



Week 3 Prayers



> In many 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.

> 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.

> 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.

> 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 moviemakers who can make more Jesus-centered movies, and for people who can show the movies to Vietnamese people.

> Join with me in praying this prayer written by Paul. In the Bible, he was praying for the Christians in Ephesus. Today, we are praying for Christians in Vietnam.

“I always pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ—to the glorious Father. I pray that He will give you a spirit that will make you wise in the knowledge of God—the knowledge that He has shown you.” — Ephesians 1:17, ICB

> 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, 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!

> 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.

Week 3 Activity: Word Search

Vietnam Word Search

X P L M O T O R B I K E Q P F
V D Y L O N G H O U S E S W V
I G G R E D N D P Q I U J A P
E I H W A T E R P U P P E T S
T N F A W A P D Q M A E T E S
N F I X A B C K P H O R D R T
A A W N F P C O F F E E G B R
M S G S T A R T L O T U S U A
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Y S E P A K T A K R A W M U B
O O D C G U O L Z F C E A M C

WORD LIST:

COFFEE	LOTUS	SEPAKTAKRAW	VIETNAMESE
FIFTYFOUR	MOTORBIKE	STAR	WATERBUFFALO
HANOI	PHO	STRAWHAT	WATERPUPPETS
LONGHOUSES	RED	VIETNAM	

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Week 4: September 22–28, 2022

*“God, have mercy on us and bless us.
Show Your kindness to us.
Then the world will learn Your ways.
All nations will learn that You can save.”*

— Psalm 67:1–2, ICB



Week 4 Prayers



> 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.

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

> Join me in praying that all Vietnamese Christians will read the Bible to learn what God wants them to do, then obey His teaching every day.

“So you must fully obey the Lord our God. You must follow all His laws and commands. You must continue to obey in the future as you do now.”

— 1 Kings 8:61, ICB

> 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.

> Christians recently showed a children’s film full of the Bible’s truth about Jesus on television in Vietnam! Pray that the seeds of the gospel planted in children’s hearts would be watered, take root, and grow into a beautiful trust in Jesus.

> Christian workers continue to work together in every province all over the country of Vietnam. They’re helping people who just met Jesus find a new church to attend in their own neighborhood. Praise the Lord for their faithfulness.

> 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.

Week 4 Activity: Bo Nuong Xa

Bo Nuong Xa Lemongrass Beef Skewer 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: 20 mins

Cook: 10 mins

Additional: 4 hrs

Total: 4 hrs 30 mins

Servings: 6

Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons white sugar
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 stalks lemongrass, minced
- 2 teaspoons sesame seeds
- 1 ½ pounds sirloin tip, thinly sliced skewers
- 12 leaves romaine lettuce
- fresh cilantro for garnish
- fresh basil for garnish
- fresh mint for garnish
- thinly sliced green onion for garnish



Directions

Step 1

In a medium bowl, mix the sugar, soy sauce, pepper, garlic, lemon grass, and sesame seeds. Place the meat in the dish, and stir to coat. Cover, and refrigerate for 4 hours.

Step 2

Preheat the grill for high heat. Discard marinade, and thread meat onto skewers accordion style.

Step 3

Brush grill grate with oil, and discard marinade. Arrange skewers on the grill. Cook 5 minutes per side. Serve hot from skewers, or remove from skewers and serve on lettuce leaves. Garnish with cilantro, mint, basil, and sliced green onions.

From: <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/16190/bo-nuong-xa/>

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Week 5: September 29–30, 2022

Week 5 Prayers



> Pray that Christian workers have what they need to do their work well: a close friendship with God, a family and home that are cared for and co-workers who can help with the work.

> Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us a chance to pray for Vietnam each day in September. 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 people who started to follow Jesus in part due to our prayers this month. We give you all honor and praise.

Resources

The Joshua Project has a tremendous amount of information about every country. This link will take you to Vietnam.

<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 1,900 languages on our website.

<https://www.jesusfilm.org/watch/jesus.html/english.html>

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