Vietnamese Scholarships 2021

For several years, Stephane Phoumasone and his wife, Hong Thuy, in conjunction with the Saigon Church of Christ, have assisted more than 60 young children to attend public schools by providing school tuition and supplies assistance slightly in excess of \$18 per month. During the spring of the year, the WestArk family historically has participated in a fund drive to contribute thirty scholarships of \$225 each (12 months times \$18.75 per month). During March and April of this year, you may assist in the Saigon program by providing one or more of the scholarships by your contribution payable to the WestArk Church of Christ identified as being for Vietnamese scholarships.

Below you will find bios of the scholarship recipients.



Duong Ngoc Thuy Duong— alias Kitty- A 21 year old girl from district 8. She is in 3rd year in a foreign language university. Her brother Vinh finished school already and starts working in a car company. She has been supporting by Mike Tune. She has one year and a half to go. Her favorite subject is watching drama and reading poetry. Her concern is to find a job after graduation and she wants to work in a foreign company.



Huynh thi Tuyen. A 21 year old girl from district 7. There are three of them in her family. She is also in third year in a foreign language university. She has been supporting by Mike Tune. She has one year and a half to go. She loves traveling and wants to work in a Japanese company later like her female cousin.



Huynh VanTai. A 13 year old boy from district 7. He will be in 8th grade for this school year. With the covid-19 disease, they are not sure to start school by this September; there is a big concern for many parents. His favorite thing is watching Cartoon Tom and Jerry and eating pizza. When he grows up, he wants to open a pizza restaurant.



Chau Thi Thuy Tien . A 12 years old girl from district 7. She will be in 7th grade for the school year 2020-2021. Her mom is a Cambodian country girl. She lives in a boarding house with her parents not so far from our place. Her dad is a motorcycle taxi driver. Her mom works as cleaning lady in a local school. Her favorite meal is sunny side up eggs with bread. She loves watching discovery channel about animals. When She grows up; she wants to become a vet.



Do Van Cuong . A 11 years old boy from district 7. He has a sister who is 13 year old. Her mom abandoned his dad for more than 5 years. A Mister mom raises the two kids alone. He is a rickshaw driver and delivers fruits for merchants. They live in a boarding house next to our church. His dad works only on night shift from 8 p.m to 5 a.m. He will be back home by 6 a.m and take their kids to school by 6:30 p.m. They often arrived to school late. His favorite thing is to watch UFC events. He often beats all his classmates at school and the head school master threatened to send him back home many times. He will be in a 6th grade for this school year 2020-2021. He wants to be a boxer later.



Do Thi Mi. A 13 year old from girl district 7. She is the sister of Do Van Cuong just mentioned above. She will be in 8th grade for this school year. She is very good at school. She is a Top 5 student in her class. Her favorite thing is watch comic movies. She wants to be an English teacher when she grows up.



Dang Le Tan Trung . A 15 year old boy from district 10. This is son of Phi. Phi has glaucoma from the left eye. He is half blind, he only sees from the right eyes. **Tan Trung** is the elder son. He still has two brothers who were born with cleft lips. The two of them were received surgery and the operation went well for them. Phi's second son is 3 years old and the last son is 11 months old. **Tan Trung** will be on the 10th grade for this school year 2020-2021. His favorite things is to raise fish. He raises about a hundred of small fish in his room. He wants to be a doctor when he grows up. His concern is how to get into a medical school later, because the medical school recruits only best students with very high grades.



Dinh Thi Xuan Hien A 16 years old from district 4. Her mom is a cleaning lady who works in a small hotel. She is unemployed right now because of the Covid-19. The hotel does not have clients anymore. Her dad is a construction worker. She has a brother. She will be in the 11th grade for this school year. Her favorite thing is she loves decor. She wants to be an interior designer later.



Dinh Ngoc Khanh . A 12 year old boy from district 4. He is the brother of **Xuan Hien** just mentioned above. He will be in 7th grade for this school year 2020-2021. His favorite thing is to eat fried chickens with French fries. He is very tall for a boy of his age. He wants to work in a bank later. His dad told him to study well at school first and his dream may be come true.



Duong Thi Thuy Tien A 17 year old girl from district 4. There a 5 people in her family. Her dad is a motorcycle taxi driver and her mom works as a cleaning woman. She will be in 11th grade for this school year. Her favorite things to watch fashion TV, she wants to become a fashion designer later. Her concern is how to make this reality come true?



Duong Van Tin from district 4, He is 12 years old. He will be in 7th grade for this school year. He loves swimming and goes to the swimming pool almost every day. He wants to be a swimming coach later.



Pham Duc Hieu. A 16 year old boy from district 4. He has no brother, no sister. His dad left home when he was 5 years old. He is raised alone by his mom. She sells sticky rice on a cart for a living. She pushes the cart throughout the district 4 every day. They live in a slum area. He will be in 11th grade for this school year. His favorite thing is to watch the rescue mission. He wants to be a fire fighter or works in a red cross society later.



Ho Thu Thuy – A 21 year old girl from district 4. She used to live with her aunt in a slum area in district 4. Now she lives with an old female friend of her deceased mom in a boarding house in district 8. She studies in an university of finance. She will be in the third year for this year. Her favorite thing is to watch stock market news. She wants to work in a joint-stock company later.



Ho Van Minh – A 15 year old boy from district 4. There are 3 people in his family. His dad is a motorcycle taxi driver, his mom work as a waitress in a local restaurant. He will be in 10th grade for this school year. His favorite thing is to play soccer. He wants to be a soccer player later.



Hoang Thi My Linh— A 18 years old girl from district 4. Dad and Mom were divorced years ago. Her Mom sells sticky rice on a cart. She used to sell lottery ticket and tobacco after the school. They live in a small room in a boarding house. She will be in 12th grade for this school year. Her favorite thing is to watch animals world. She wants to become a vet later. Her concern is how to get into a medical school next year. It will be a very difficult mission for her but she does not lose hope yet.



Hua Thi Kim Ngoc A 21 year old girl from district 4. She has two older sisters who are working in a clothing store in Ben Thanh market which is famous for tourists. Her dad died of cancer when she was 3 years old. She studies in a hotel management school. She will be in the 3rd year for this school year. Her favorite thing is to play with puppies. She wants to work in a hotel later.



Nguyen Thi Ngoc - A 16 year old girl from district 4. Her mom is a seamstress and works for a local company in district 4. Her dad is taxi driver. Now people don't take often taxi because of the covid-19 disease. Her dad is unemployed right now. They live in an attic in a small house. She will be in 11th grade for this school year. Her favorite thing is to play monopoly. She wants to work in a real estate company after graduation.



Nguyen Van Dong - A 7 year old boy from district 7. His mom works in a restaurant as an assistant cook and his dad is a motorcycle taxi driver. He will be in 2nd grade. He loves eating especially Chinese noodle with a very big bowl. His uncle calls him a future Sumo champion.



Le Kim Ngoc . A 9 year old girl from Nha Be District, a close suburb of Ho Chi Minh city. Her single mom works in construction site. Her dad abandoned her since ages ago. She will be in 4th grade for this school year. Her favorite thing is to watch Muppet Show Frog. She loves eating Cantonese rice.



Le Kim Nhung– A 13 year old girl, her mom and sister were mentioned just above. Kim Nhung and Kim Ngoc are sisters. She will be in 8th grade for this school year. Her favorite thing is to read poetry. She does not know yet what she would become later. She still has a lot of time to change her mind.



Doan Ngoc Tam Doan alias Dorcas, she lives with my in-laws. She just passed the exam with success. She will be in 10th grade for this school year. She does not like mathematics; she loves literature and adores pizza. She wants to be an air hostess later in life.



Nguyen Thi Thu Hang alias Maeng. A 22 year old girl from district 4. She is one of the first six members when we first started the church in HCM city with Tom. Normally she should be finishing the school last June 2020, the school closed the door by February 2020 because of the Covid-19. She will start school again in a few weeks. She will be in the 4th year in the university. She studies accountancy. She loves raising small dogs like chiwawa. Her favorite thing is to eat ice cream and listen to music. She wants to work in a hotel later.



Nguyen Thi My Huong A 22 year old girl from district 4. She has a younger sister. Dad died long time ago. Mom sells vegetables on a cart. She is in the 4th year in the university and will finish the school by June of this year. She studies about food safety. She likes vegetarian food and loves watching cartoon and listen to folk music. She wants to become a food inspector later in life.



Nguyen Thi Hoang Thanh She is 16 year old. Her sister My Huong is just mentioned above. She will be in 11th grade for this school year. Her favorite thing is to watch Discovery channel about killer documentary crime forensic. She loves reading about police romances. She wants to be a journalist later.



Nguyen Thi Lien A 23 year old from district 4. Her parents were all dead. She lives with her grandma, and two aunts. Her aunts works as seamstress in a Taiwanese company. She will finish the school by June of this year 2021. She studies about hotel management. She loves raising birds, she has two parrots at home. She wants to work in a grand hotel later.



Dang Van Beo. A 14 year old boy from district 7. His dad is a taxi driver and is unemployed right now. His mom works in a grocery store. He will be in 9th grade for this school year. He loves French fries, pizza and likes watching movies with English subtitles. He wants to be English teacher in the future.



Dang Thanh Trung An 8 year old boy from district 7. His brother is just mentioned above Van Beo. He will be in 3rd grade for this school year. His favorite thing is to watch animal Kingdom on TV. He loves pets and likes eating chickens with French fries. He wants to become a doctor later.



Nguyen Thi Nau A 11 year old girl from district 7. She has an older brother. Her mom sells sticky rice on the street and Dad is a Grab taxi driver. Since Covid-19 disease, many taxi drivers are out of work. People are still afraid of this disease, they don't take taxi any more. She will be in 6th grade for this school year. Her favorite thing is to eat beefsteak with french fries. She wants to work in a cosmetics laboratory later when she grows up.



Nguyen Van Boy A 14 year old boy from district 7. His sister is just mentioned above. He will be in 9th grade this school year. His favorite thing is to watch Western movie especially about the Spaghetti Western. He loves playing games on Internet like DOOM. He adores pizza and wants to become an IT worker later in life.



Phan Thi Thu Hoa A 10 year old girl from district 7. She is the only child. Dad cleans sewer on different streets of district 7. Mom sells sticky rice in a local market. She will be in 5th grade for this school year. She loves sport. Her favorite thing is to ride a bike every night with her dad. She has no ideas for now what she would do later when she grows up.



Vo Thi Kim Ngan A 17 year old girl from district 4. She is also the only child. Her Dad is a motorcycle taxi driver. Her mom collects scrap iron and plastic bottles for a living. She will be on the 11th grade for this school year. Her favorite meal is Cantonese rice. She loves animals; she wants to be a Chinese teacher later in life.



Tran Tri Tinh A 8 year old boy from district 7. He is raised by a single mom. Mom is selling vegetables in a local market. He will be in 3rd grade for this school year. His favorite meal is spaghetti. He wants to become a policeman later.



Tran Tri Toan A 13 year old boy from district 7. His is the only child. His family lives in a boarding house. His mom takes care of small kids in a Kindergarten nearby. His dad works in carpentry. He will be in 8th grade for this school year. He is rather obese if he does watch his diet. He loves fast food and French fries. He wants to become a cook later in a grand hotel.



Tran Trung kien A 9 year old boy from district 7. He is the only child. Her mom sells frogs on street next to a local market and Dad is a night security guard. He will be in the 4th grade for this school year. His favorite thing is to watch cartoons. He loves eating frogs and snakes. He wants to become a container driver later.



Nguyen Ty Ny A 6 year old girl from district 8. She has a younger brother. Her mom is a seamstress and Dad is a Grab motorcycle taxi driver. People order food from restaurants and he will deliver food for them. She will be in 1st grade for this school year. She loves eating pizza and watching Smackdown Women's Champions. She wants to be a nurse later taking care for the sick and infirm.



Nguyen Tina A 5 year old boy from district 8. Her sister is just mentioned above. Her mom wanted a girl when she was pregnant, but things did not happen as she wanted. After the baby was delivered, it was a boy. That's why this guy has a girl name instead. He is very happy indeed at the Kindergarten and will be in 1st grade next school year. He loves singing Kindergarten songs.



Le Ngoc Hoai Nhi (alias Bae Nhi) A 21 year old girl . She used to lived in district 4 but now their parents move to district 8. She is also one of the first six members when we first started the church in HCM city with Tom. She will be in 3rd year in an university of pedagogy in HCM city. She will become later a teacher. Her favorite thing is to watch TV on Discovery channel. She does not like pork meats, she loves fish and vegetables.



Le Van Khien fA 13 year old boy from district 8. He is the brother of Bae Nhi just mentioned above. Mom works in a restaurant and Dad is an electricity worker. He will be on 8th grade for this school year. He does not like animals. He loves eating noodles and spaghetti. He wants to become an IT Worker later in life.



Pham thi Uyen A 21 year old girl from district 7. Her mom sells fruits on a cart, Dad is a tailor, he is a person with a lame leg, he is lame from birth. She will be in 3rd year in an university, her major is accountancy. She loves puppies, she would like to work in a foreign company later.



Dang Van Ken A 14 year old from district 7. Her mom is a saleswoman in a cell phone boutique and Dad is working in a printing shop. He will be in 9th grade for this school year. He loves playing Soccer and watching Europa League every week-end. He knows all the Soccer celebrity. He wants to become a doctor later.



Nguyen Lan Son A 8 year old boy from district 7. His is the only child. His dad abandoned him when he was 2 years old. His mom sells cosmetic products and beauty products Online. He will be in 3rd grade for this school year. He loves egg rolls and egg roll noodles. He wants to become a doctor later.



Nguyen Tan Phong A 9 year old boy from district 7. He is the only child. Mom is selling noodles and sandwiches on a cart, his Dad cleans and install air conditioner for clients. This boy loves playing soccer with my son Kevin in a waste ground next to our place. He will be in 4th grade for this school year. He loves cookies, pizza and French fries. He wants to become a teacher later.



Nguyen Tan Phu A 14 year old boy from district 7. His mom sells Lottery tickets and Dad is a night security guard in a local bank. He will be in 9th grade for this school year. He loves fried chickens with sticky rice. He loves watching animals on Discovery channel and wants to become a Vet later in life.



Le Thanh Hien – A 16 year old girl from district 4. She is raised by her aunt who is a seamstress. They live together in a small room. She will be in 11th grade for this school year. Her favorite thing is to watch documentary films. She wants to be a journalist later in life.



Le Tran Bao Ngoc A 19 year old girl from district 4. Her mom peels garlics and delivers them to a local restaurant every day. She will be 1st year in a university. She studies about food safety. Her favorite thing is to eat fruits, legume and fresh diet meals. She does not like meats. She wants to become a food inspector later..



Nguyen Thach Thi Nga -A 6 year old girl from district 7. She is raised by her grandfather and her grandmother. The grand father used to be a high rise window cleaner, but now only the grandmother works, she is selling lottery tickets in district 7 and district 4. This little girl will be in the 1st grade for this school year. She loves watching cartoon.



Phan Van Loc - A 15 year old boy from district 7. His dad is a construction worker but unemployed right now, and his mom is a cleaning lady. He is an only child. He will be in 10th grade for this school year 2020-2021. His favorite thing is to watch football and eating French fries . He wants to become a cook later in a grand hotel.



Duong Thi Sang A 14 year old girl from district 7. Her hometown is from Dong Thap, about 90 miles away from HCM city. Her dad passed away 3 years ago, and her mom is a seamstress in district 4. She lives in a small room with her mom next to our place. She is not very good at school, last year she had to repeat a class. She will be in 7th grade for this school year. Her favorite thing is to take care of animals. She has a cat and a dog at home. She wants to be a folk singer later.



Duong Thi Meng A 6 year old girl from district 7. Her dad is a worker in a print shop and her mom sells lottery tickets. She will be in 1st grade for this school year. She loves watching cartoon movies.



Luu Tran Ngoc Quynh A 18 year old from district 4. Her mom works as a seamstress in a Taiwanese company, and her stepfather is a security guard in district 7. She will be in 12th grade for this school year. Her favorite thing is to watch Chinese sword fighting movies. She wants to work later in a nursing home in HCM city.



Ngo Thanh Phong A 21 year old boy from Binh Chanh district. His dad left his mom when he was 15 years old. He has a younger sister. His mom works as a seamstress in a local company. He will be in 3rd year in a mechanic College. His favorite thing is to watch F1 Grand Prix races. He wants to work later in a Japanese automobile factory.



Ngo Thi My Giau A 15 year old girl from Binh Chanh district. Her brother was just mentioned above. She will be in 10th grade for this school year. Her favorite thing is to listen to western music movie. She does not have yet a vision for her future career and she is very carefree.



Nguyen Thi Thanh Thuy A 16 year old girl from district 4. Her parents collect scrap iron and plastic bottles, and resell them to a local agency. She has a drug addicted brother. She will be in 11th grade for this school year. Her favorite thing is to make a butterfly collection. She wants to open a butterfly collection boutique later.



Nguyen Gia Huy A 17 year old boy from district 4. His dad works as a motorcycle taxi driver. His mom sells the sticky rice on a cart. She moves around the district 4 and district 7 every day. He will be in 11th grade for this school year. His favorite thing is to watch animal kingdom TV. He wants to be the head of security guards in a big supermarket later.



Nguyen Mai thanh Ngoc A 12 year old girl from district 4. Her dad is a taxi driver. She is raised by a single father (Mister Mom). Her mom left her when she was 2 years old. She will be in 7th grade for this school year. Her favorite thing is to read celebrity magazine. She is not very good at school. She hopes she can reach the 12th grade later at least.



Nguyen Ngoc Thuy Dung A 17 year old girl from district 4. Her dad is a taxi driver and mom is a cleaning lady. She will be in 12th grade for this school year. She loves dogs and cats. She wants to become a vet later in life. Her concern is how she can get into a medical school later.



Nguyen Ngoc Thuy Duong A 22 year old girl from district 4. Her sister is just mentioned above. Thuy Duong and Thuy Dung are half-sister. They have the same dad, but different mother. She will be in 3rd year in a university. She wants to be an accountant in a factory later. She loves going to a local circus to watch clowns, acrobats, magicians perform their show.



Nguyen Minh Chau A 9 year old girl from district 7. Her dad works on green job. He looks after trees for the local committee, trims and cuts them off when branches are too long and entangle electrical wire on the road. Her mom works in a canteen. She will be in 4th grade for this school year. Her favorite thing is to sleep in, (oversleep), she loves French fries.



Nguyen Huu Phuc A 7 year old boy from district 7. His dad and sister are just mentioned above. He is Minh Chau's brother. His nick name is Tom. Everybody calls him Tom because he loves watching the cartoon Tom and Jerry. He wants to become an airplane pilot later. He will be in 2nd grade for this school year.



Nguyen Van Cuong- - A 7 year old boy. He is originally from Dong Thap province, his parents are divorced and he is raised by an aunt who works as a seamstress in district 7. He loves playing mobile games. He wants to be a bus driver later in life.



Dang van Bun A 6 year old boy from district 7. His parents are also divorced. He is raised by her grandfather and grandmother, he has a younger brother who lives with his mom in Binh Thuan province (central part of Vietnam). He loves to play with plastic swords, He runs on streets and practices his fencing every day.



Bui Thi Lan An eleven year old girl from district 7. Her dad works in a factory which makes ice cube, ice in large chunk. He loads them in a rickshaw and delivers them to different restaurants in district 4 and district 7. She loves watching animals on discovery channel. She wants to become a vet later in life.



Bui Viet Thang- An eight year old boy from district 7. His dad and sister are just mentioned above. He will be in 3rd grade for this school year. He loves playing soccer. He plays soccer with others kids everyday on a dead-end-street. He wants to become a coach later in a gymnasium.