



Dear friend(s),

You will find below the minutes of our general meeting held on June 25, 2022.

Moral report presented by Tu Van VU-COMONT, President

Life of the association: As you know, I used to go with François (my husband) to visit the Duc Son orphanage, each year, on January, during our private trip in Viet Nam. This stay allows us to see how the children are doing, to check that the funds sent by the association are used correctly. Considering the pandemic related to COVID 19 and the closure of Vietnam's borders, it has now been three years since we have not been able to go to the orphanage. We have, of course, remained regular contact with the Reverend Mother. According to the various messages received since our last general meeting on November 19, 2021, here are the news from the orphanage :

In December 2021, the orphanage acknowledged receipt of the 2000 euros that had been sent to it and indicated that traveling was severely restricted due to the sharp rise in COVID cases; the temple was almost completely closed, the children were not going to school and had to study online again. As the epidemic situation worsened, everyone's life was more difficult. Photos of the children were attached to the message.

On February 23, 2022, the Reverend Mother specified that the weather was very cold and that the Covid pandemic, still spreading very strongly in the agglomeration of HUE. In this still difficult context, she warmly thanked our association to keep on helping the children of DUC SON. On March 3, 2022, the orphanage reported that the children had returned to school. With the COVID still present, 10 children had contracted it and were put in quarantine. The Nuns and children over 16 had received 3 vaccine injections. The younger ones were registered and waiting their turn. The Reverend Mother renewed her wish that we maintain our monthly aid.

On April 9, 2022, the Reverend Mother sent new photos which showed that the children were doing well. On May 12, 2022, she specified that at the orphanage, a normal life was again possible, the children were back to school. As the COVID is still present, it was still necessary to protect them and respect barrier gestures. In order to reduce bank transfer costs and given the complexity of the transfer, we asked the Reverend Mother if we could send her our contribution, no longer monthly, but every two months. She told us of her wish to maintain a monthly rhythm, thus allowing the nuns to manage better the expenses necessary for the well-being of the children.

In her message of June 17, 2022, the Reverend Mother pointed out that thanks to our involvement and our help for all these years, the children of Duc Son had a much better daily life. The 2021-2022 school year had come to an end. She was preparing for the next 2022-2023 school year and will give us the needs.

In March 2022, the orphanage welcomed 112 children, 2 lesser than in October 2021 (for the record in 2020 there were 119). Here is the breakdown :

Babies	Nursery	Primary	College	High School	University	Apprentices	Disabled children
4 including 1 disabled	10	26	20	19	6	13	14

The youngest of the boarders is a few months old ; the oldest, a disabled, is 44 years old.
26 of them are over 20 years old including 6 students, 13 apprentices and 7 disabled.

Those, classified in the "apprentice" category, are not apprentices in the sense we understand it in France. Some are unemployed and struggling to find work. Others had work but their wages are too low. In Viet Nam, the minimum wage is around 100 euros per month. The cost of living is very high. Hence, the boarders have no choice but to stay at the orphanage to live there. All have arrived at the orphanage as babies.

Among the disabled, two are elderly (30 and 44) :

- the 30-year-old arrived at the orphanage at the age of a year and a half. His mother died of an accident. His father did not know how to take care of the child : disturbed by his cries, he gave him sleeping pills so he won't cry anymore. This overdose severely handicapped the baby. Following this painful event, the father dropped off the child at the orphanage. He declined his responsibility and rebuilt his life with another woman.
- the 44-year-old boarder was adopted from another orphanage by Vietnamese. At the age of 6, the parents discovered that the child was mentally handicapped. Then they entrusted her to DUC SON. Faced with these two situations, we see that the orphanage remains a family for the children who, having become adults, cannot stand on their own

Among the 6 students, one is studying medicine, the others : computer science (1), studying to be a teacher (1) and to be a caregiver (3).

The actions carried out by our association since the last general meeting :

The board of directors has met twice since the last general meeting of November 19, 2021.

As in previous years, the gift packages were wrapped at the Leclerc Cultural Center throughout the month of December 2021, alternating with the Enfance et Partage association. Financially, this operation is still very important for the association since it allows us to collect a substantial sum : thanks to all the volunteers who participate in this operation. Their help is essential.

During the EKIDEN organized by the ASPTT on April 3 2022, our assistance was provided for the maintenance of the supply stand. The organizers support our association and pay it 5 euros per team as well as any donations made by runners or partners. All our thanks to the EKIDEN team for always associating us with their event.

The garage sale scheduled for June 18 was canceled by the organizers, due to the heat wave.

With the sums collected, we essentially financed the food and the most common needs of the orphanage. We also sent money for the purchase of 4 computers.

The moral report was submitted to the vote of the assembly and approved unanimously

Financial report presented by Mado BABONNEAU, treasurer Year ended: year 2021

REVENUE		EXPENSES	
Contributions:	1,100.00 €	Insurance :	131.17 €
Donations :	6,839.28 €	Transfer fees:	84.00 €
Garage sales:	740.00 €	Payments to the orphanage:	12,585 €
Gift packages:	2,436.50 €		
TOTAL:	11,115.88 €	TOTAL :	12,800.17 €

Details of payments made for the benefit of the orphanage: current food aid: 9,600 €, additional aid for the winter: 1,185 €, purchase of computers: 1,800€

Estimated budget: year 2022

	from 01/01 to 06/23/2022	from 06/23 to 12/31/2022	to 12/31/2022
Bank balance as of 01/01/2022	9 353,16 €		
REVENUE			
Contributions	900,00 €	300,00 €	
Donations	2 765,04 €	3 200,00 €	
EKIDEN	725,00 €		
Garage sales		1 500,00 €	
Sale of shawls	90,00 €		
Gift packages		2 400,00 €	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	4 480,04 €	7 400,00 €	11 880,04 €
EXPENSES			
Insurance	136,08 €		
Bank charges	51,00 €	51,00 €	
Orphanage payments	4 800,00 €	5 950,00 €	
TOTAL EXPENSES	4 987,08 €	6 001,00 €	10 988,08 €
Bank balance			10 245,12 €
Fund cash	71,40 €		71,40 €

The budgets were submitted to the vote of the meeting and unanimously approved
Discharge was given to the Board of Directors on its accounting management

Elections to the Board of Directors

Newly elected: Jean Louis PATH.

All other outgoing board members were re-elected.

Orientation report presented by Monique DESVEAUX-OUVRARD, secretary

As a new wave of the COVID epidemic is currently underway, the health situation may once again determine our future actions.

Hoping that it will not deteriorate too much, we propose:

- to carry out several garage sales: registration made for the garage sale of June 26th at the Parc d'Orbigny in La Rochelle. Two others can be done in September: September 4 at Tasdon and September 18 at La Genette in La Rochelle.

- to do the gift wrapping in December 2022. A request will be sent to the director of Leclerc Culturel in July. In principle, the operation takes place from December 1st until Christmas Eve; this year, we will ask the director of Leclerc culture to continue the operation between Christmas and the first of the year, that is to say from December 28 to 30. Customers may be interested in New Year's Eve gift wrapping. A few more days can allow us to raise a little more money.

- to ask to participate in the Solidarity Festival which is held in La Rochelle from November 18 to December 4, 2022. An article presenting our association appeared in the May 2022 magazine of the Actions Solidaires collective. During this event, the latest clothes from Vietnam can be sold.

We hope to participate in the next EKIDEN in April 2023.

Faced with the decrease in our members, we propose to examine the reasons for this decrease and to seek ways to increase their number.

With regard to the amount of aid to be given to the orphanage, the two important elements for the Reverend Mother are recalled:

- the regularity of our aid: she appreciates being able to have a sum of money every month. She prefers less substantial but lasting financial aid. We must therefore maintain a monthly aid

- participation in the purchase of food and basic necessities. We must therefore continue to help them improve their daily lives.

Given the funds we have, it has been decided to significantly increase the monthly aid by 100 euros and bring it to 900 euros. The still uncertain health situation weighing on our projects, if we want to be able to meet specific needs such as the start of the school year and the vagaries of the weather, we must keep a financial reserve.

For the month of June, we plan to send them in addition to the monthly aid, 1185 euros necessary to buy the school material indicated in their last message (notebooks, textbooks, calculators, fabric to make the uniforms).

The orientation report was submitted to the vote of the assembly and approved unanimously.

The general meeting ended in conviviality and friendship with an aperitif dinner offered by the members of the board of directors.

**Thanks to your membership in our association or the payment of donations,
we were able, again this year, to help the children of DUC SON
FOR THEM, A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO YOU**

If you are sensitive to our action, consider renewing your membership.
Moreover, given the still uncertain health context which may weaken our
future cash-generating actions, your donations will allow us to be able to
continue to help the orphanage and meet their needs

Membership form to be returned to: Les Enfants de Duc Son 11 rue de Suede – 17000 LA ROCHELLE
I, the undersigned Mr. - Mrs.:

join the Association Les Enfants de Duc Son:

Address:

CP: Municipality: Telephone:

E-mail:

Annual contribution (25€ / person): Additional donation:

Date Signature

Our website: www.duc-son.org