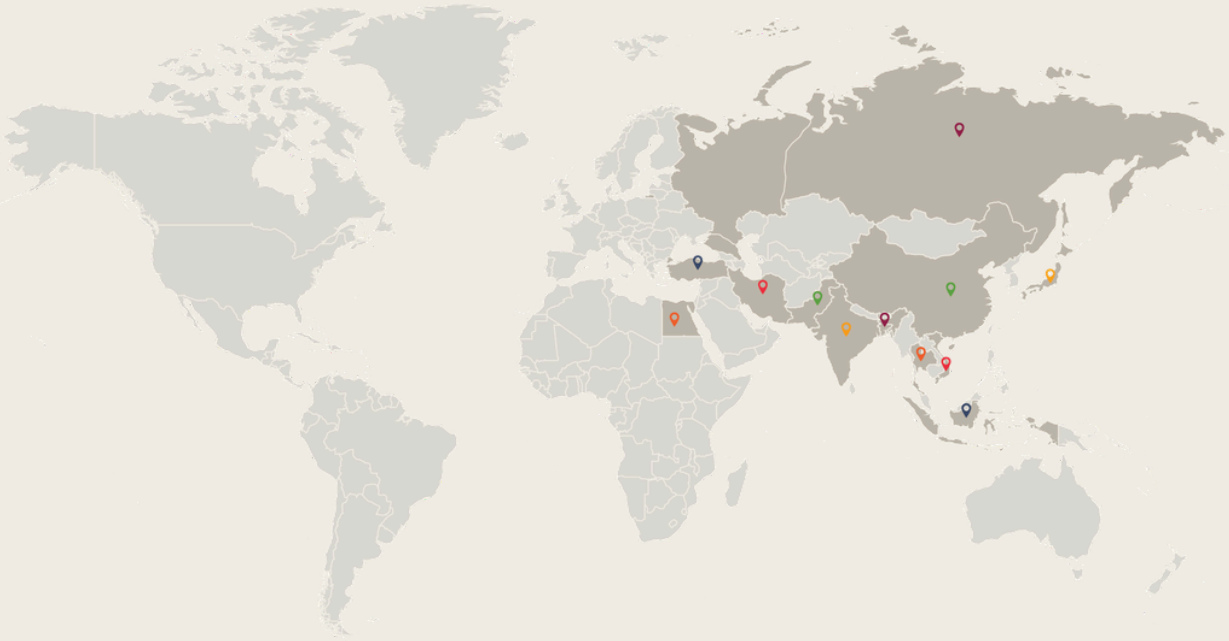
Jesus Film Project®
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Family Guide

Vietnam





A One-Year Prayer ADVENTURE!!

Using this handy family guide, we will travel to a faraway country every month, learn about its people and culture and pray for them. We will focus on a different least-reached country in every guide. There are 12 family guides covering 12 countries this year—one for every month.

Why do we call these countries "least-reached"? Many of the people in these countries have never heard about Jesus, or it's difficult for them to hear about Him. Even though you won't get on a plane to each country, when you pray, you join our adventure—our mission to make a difference in the lives of the people in each country.

The best part is you'll always know what to pray for. This family guide gives you a prayer request for every day of the week. Moms, dads and kids everywhere will be praying for the same thing together too. Let's get started by learning about this month's country.

WELCOME TO

Vietnam!





Vietnam is in Southeast Asia and is home to marvelous places like Ha Long Bay with its emerald green waters, many forests with precious and rare animals and plants, and 3,000 islets (tiny islands) in the Tonkin Gulf. More than two-thirds of Vietnam is mountainous. Its history includes long-ago Bangladeshi kings and also times when other countries were in charge. Nowadays, ancient traditions are mixed with newer ones.



Let's explore Vietnam together and pray for God to continue working in and blessing the Vietnamese people.

Fun Facts About Vietnam



Vietnamese people love their motorbikes. You might see families of three or more riding on a single motorbike, which is also used to transport groceries, animals, or whatever else needs to be carried.



A traditional, artistic way to entertain Vietnamese families is with a really cool puppet show on water–a pool or pond or in a theater equipped for this. The puppets tell stories set to music of the country's people and their legends. The puppeteers are hidden behind a screen in the water while their puppets perform.



In a place called the Mekong Delta, people sell things from their boats. Early in the mornings, sellers steer their boats filled with fruits, veggies and other goods to the "floating market." They hang samples on long poles to show what they have. Buyers look for which boats to buy from, and goods are passed from boat to boat using long sticks.



In the Vietnamese city of Da Nang is a bridge famously known as the Dragon Bridge. Made to look like a dragon, it is a spectacular sight during the day, even while it takes cars and pedestrians over the Han River. But after dark on certain evenings, it becomes an even more spectacular fire-and-water-breathing dragon!



Vietnamese people wear a special hat called Non La. It is shaped like a cone and made from palm leaves. The Non La is not just for shade; it's also a symbol of their culture. Each hat takes a long time to make because it must be carefully woven.

Ready to pray for the people of Vietnam?

At Jesus Film Project ®, we're working hard to translate the *JESUS* film into thousands of languages for people around the world. Our hope and prayer is that people everywhere can get the Bible and other Christian materials in a language they can understand. It's even better when people hear about Jesus in what we call their "heart language." Heart language means the language a person learned as a child. Your heart language is the language you know best.

What is your heart language? Do you speak any other languages? Do you know people who speak more than one language?

Watch a few minutes of *JESUS* in Vietnamese, the language many speak in Vietnam (if you understand Vietnamese, choose another language that you don't know).

This is what many people experience when they watch a movie in a language they can't understand.

Did you watch it? And could you understand what was being said? Now, if you watch *JESUS* in English, or in your heart language, can you understand it? That's why at Jesus Film Project, we work so hard to get films like *JESUS* recorded into more languages. We want everyone to have a chance to see and hear the story of Jesus in a language they can really understand. As of today, we have translated the movie into more than 2,000 languages.

Please email us, or have a parent email us, if you have any questions or want to share what you are learning about prayer. We would love to hear from you! prayer@jesusfilm.org

FOR THE LEAST REACHED
A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 1 REQUESTS

"The Lord is close to everyone who prays to Him, to all who truly pray to Him."

— Psalm 145:18, International Children's Bible



☐ Day 1

Christian workers continue to work together in many provinces all over the country of Vietnam. They have been faithful to share the message of Jesus, and their work has led to many new churches being planted. Praise the Lord for their faithfulness.

☐ Day 2

May the Lord continue to spark interest in all who saw *JESUS* on TV. May they continue to think about and even dream about what they saw, so they will pursue knowing more about Jesus.

☐ Day 3

Christian churches and their activities in Vietnam are restricted in some ways, which can limit what followers of Jesus can do in public places. Pray for God to give His followers wisdom to help them know when to speak boldly and joyfully about Jesus with those who haven't yet heard about Him.

☐ Day 4

Most Vietnamese children have not heard of the God of the Bible, nor about His son, Jesus. Many follow the religious traditions of their families and the villages in which they live. Let's pray that God would make Himself known to them and that they would understand that Jesus died and rose again to set them free from sin.

☐ Day 5

Films are great tools 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.

☐ Day 6

Being a leader is an important job, and leading others can be a lot of hard work. Pray for the safety of Vietnam's leaders and for God to help them lead in a way that promotes peace and well-being for all.

"You should pray for kings and for all who have authority. Pray for the leaders so that we can have quiet and peaceful lives—lives full of worship and respect for God." — 1 Timothy 2:2, ICB

☐ Day 7

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. He told His followers to teach and train others in the same ways He taught and trained each of them.

That's still happening today, and Jesus meant those instructions for all Christians! We can look for people who want to know Him, share the gospel message, then come alongside them as a friend, teaching and training the new followers in His ways. Pray that you, your family and Vietnamese Christians would follow Jesus' call to tell others about Him.

Week 1 Activity: Trace John 14:6 in Vietnamese

‘Chúa Giê-xu đáp,
“Ta là đường đi, chân lý, và sự sống.
Ta là Con đường duy nhất dẫn đến Cha.”

Giăng 14:6 (Vietnamese Bible: Easy-to-Read Version)

Jesus answered, “I am the way. And I am the truth and the life. The only way to the Father is through Me.”
—John 14:6, ICB

WEEK 2 REQUESTS

"There is no one holy like the Lord.
There is no God but You.
There is no Rock like our God."

— 1 Samuel 2:2, ICB



☐ Day 8

Ask God to give the Vietnamese people hearts that desire to know what is true: that Jesus is loving and kind, and that He offers His free gift of salvation to everyone.

☐ Day 9

In many places in Vietnam, there is a mix of older and newer Christian churches close to one another. Ask God to show them how to help each other (especially older ones helping newer ones).

☐ Day 10

Skilled people are making Christian movies that help guide people toward the truth of Jesus. These filmmakers design movies specifically for a people group by including things from their culture that help them understand the gospel. Pray for more skilled movie-makers to make more of these kinds of movies for the people of Vietnam.

☐ Day 11

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 about Him.

☐ Day 12

Pray that Vietnamese families will put their faith in Jesus and learn to live God's way.

☐ Day 13

"[Jesus] said to them, 'There are a great many people to harvest. But there are only a few workers to harvest them. God owns the harvest. Pray to God that He will send more workers to help gather His harvest.'" — Luke 10:2, ICB

This Bible verse says there are many people ready right now to say "Yes!" to Jesus' invitation to follow Him! More Christians and Christian workers are needed who will take the message of Jesus to those who are ready in Vietnam. Let's go!

☐ Day 14

In Vietnam, like in most countries, people tend to make their homes in the big cities, where there are more jobs, churches and activities. Smaller cities have fewer people and fewer churches. Pray for new Christian workers to do God's work in the smaller cities, because the people living in these places need to hear about Jesus too.

Week 2 Activity: Coloring Page



WEEK 3 REQUESTS

"Patience and encouragement come from God. And I pray that God will help you all agree with each other the way Christ Jesus wants. Then you will all be joined together, and you will give glory to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

— Romans 15:5-6, ICB



☐ Day 15

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.

☐ Day 16

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

☐ Day 17

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 that worker. Some pray and some give money so the Christian worker gets paid to do his work, too. Thank the Lord for these partners who pray and who give!

☐ Day 18

Sadly, slavery is common in Vietnam. Pray that the country would work hard to fight slavery. May those who enslave others be stopped from doing wrong. May victims of slavery be rescued and cared for and find hope by trusting in Jesus.

☐ Day 19

Sometimes a group of Christian college students will decide to live together in one house or apartment. By doing that, they can learn how to live out their faith all together and help each other out. Pray that Christian students learn well how to live the way God wants them to and how to tell others about their faith in Jesus.

☐ Day 20

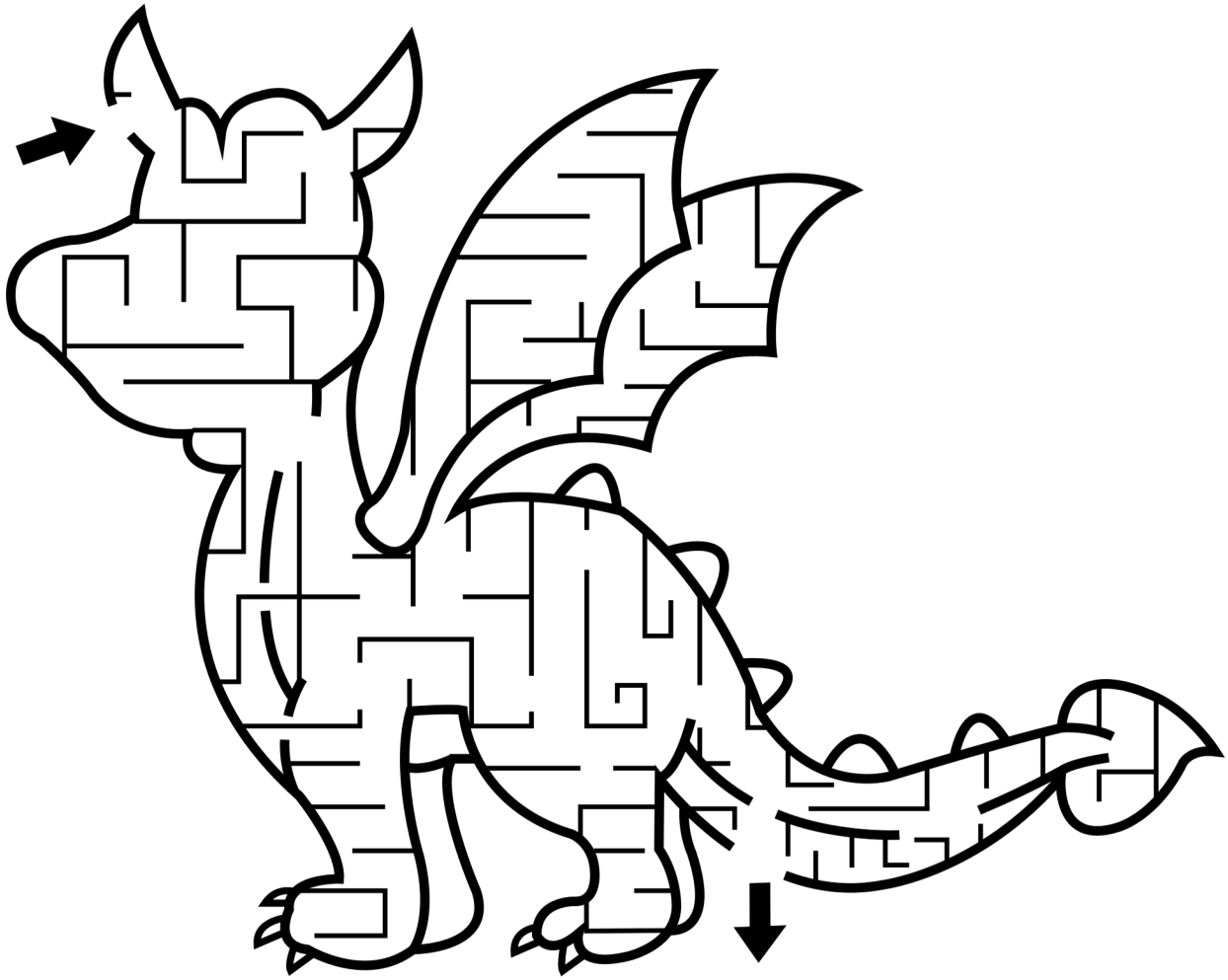
Let's pray that people in Vietnam who don't yet know Jesus will hear about Him, get to know Him and choose to follow Him soon.

"All people everywhere, follow Me and be saved. I am God. There is no other God." — Isaiah 45:22, ICB

☐ Day 21

Thank God that 54 language groups in Vietnam now have some Christian films and other tools in their heart languages! Now they can hear the gospel story in a way they can understand. Pray that each of these resources will help to share the good news of Jesus in each language group.

Week 3 Activity: Dragon Maze



WEEK 4 REQUESTS

"We pray that the Lord will make your love grow more and more for each other and for all people. We pray that you will love others as we love you and that your hearts will be made strong..."

— 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13, ICB



☐ Day 22

Christians have a special job wherever they work to be the best representative for Jesus they can be. Treating others kindly, working hard, doing the best job they can and 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 people to want to know more about Jesus.

☐ Day 23

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

☐ Day 24

When people have grown up believing in false gods, it can be hard for them to accept the ways of God of the Bible, even if they realize His ways are loving, kind and forgiving. Pray that their hearts will know the truth when they hear it and that they will accept that Jesus is trustworthy.

☐ Day 25

Ask God to provide *JESUS* film translations so that Vietnam's biggest people groups will each have it in their heart language. Praise God that it is already in 33 languages, with another 21 left to go!

☐ Day 26

It's great news that, right now, some Vietnamese Christians are learning how to share the gospel with others for a living. That's what they want to do with their whole lives! Pray they will learn well so they can join God in the work He is doing in their country.

☐ Day 27

Even after we tell Jesus that we want to accept His gift of forgiveness and follow Him with our lives, we might disobey Him. His Word tells us that we should confess our sins to God, which just means telling God what we did wrong. Let's pray that all Christians, including Christians in Vietnam, will quickly tell God when they realize they did something wrong.

"But if we confess our sins, He will forgive our sins. We can trust God. He does what is right. He will make us clean from all the wrongs we have done."
— 1 John 1:9, ICB

☐ Day 28

Ask the Lord to watch over each student in Vietnam and to lead them to find 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.

Week 4 Activity: Word Search

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WEEK 5 REQUESTS



☐ Day 29

A province is an area of land in a country, similar to one of the states, like Florida, in the United States. There are 63 provinces in Vietnam. Pray God raises up Christian workers in every Vietnamese province to share the gospel and plant churches.

☐ Day 30

Everyone likes a good movie! Pray that many Vietnamese people will see films that tell the truth about Jesus through television broadcasts and that those who don't yet know Jesus would choose to trust Him with their life.

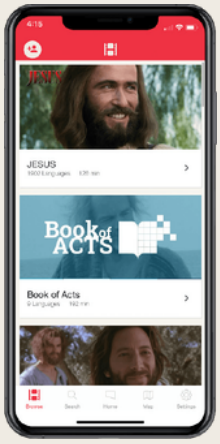
☐ Day 31

Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us a chance to pray for Vietnam each day this month. 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.

Note: These guides can be used throughout the year so we are including 31 requests in each guide.

Resources

- Joshua Project has a tremendous amount of information about every country. This link will take you to information about Vietnam. *joshuaproject.net/countries/VM*
- Prayercast has great prayer videos. *prayercast.com/vietnam*
- 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 2,000 languages on our website. *jesusfilm.org/watch/jesus*
- We also have multiple other films and short films available. *jesusfilm.org/watch*
- For more Jesus Film Project® prayer resources—including access to each month's family prayer guide—visit the prayer page on the Jesus Film Project website. *jesusfilm.org/pray*



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