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**GLOBAL MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS**  
**Newsletter 2011**  
 (Formerly Milphap-19)



# Global Medical Volunteers To Start Teaching Symposium With Main Sugical Hospital In Hanoi



Orphans in Nha Trang, all under 3 years old

**MILPHAP-19** was the unit I served in Vietnam during the war. This is the reason that I gave my foundation the same name. It is apparent that most of my supporters had trouble making this connection. This year I have changed the name of my foundation to: Global Medical Volunteers and have decided to expand our activities to different countries.

In February of 2012 we had a very interesting visit to Vietnam. I have an American friend who lives in Saigon and whose job is to raise money to finance open heart surgery for Vietnamese children. He informed me that the Minister of health of Vietnam had requested that I visit the Viet Dung hospital in Hanoi. I arrange my visit to start in Hanoi and was surprised when

the hospital staff met me at the airport. The next morning I met with the medical director of the hospital and the Chiefs of all the surgical departments. This hospital is the main surgical referral hospital for the northern 1/2 of Vietnam. They receive cases from the central part of Vietnam to the Chinese border. They perform over 35,000 major surgical procedures a year. They train

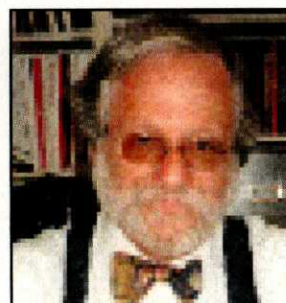


Physicians in Suc Son Hospital, 100 kilometers east of Hanoi

government but was designated an official orphanage. After the age of three these children are then sent to a Catholic orphanage where they stay until the age of 18. The main financial problems he has is buying Pampers, formula, and various toiletries. We then went to a local supermarket where I spoke to the manager and purchased all of these items that they had in stock. We then took several taxis and delivered them. Because I never give money to Vietnamese institutions, I'm trying to arrange a system for regularly having needed items delivered to this orphanage.



Dr Zelikovsky Buying Supplies For Orphanage In Nha Trang



Once again I want to thank all my friends for their support. I now have a website under [globalmedicalvolunteers.com](http://globalmedicalvolunteers.com) and will be arranging for payment through this site. Tax deductible contribution can be made to:

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*Dr Zelikovsky Performing Prostate Surgery In Kontum Province*

We then went to Nha Trang where we've had a program for many years. They've only recently started doing screening for cancer of the prostate and I'm trying to establish a Prostatic Cancer Institute there. It's been a slow process and I would like to establish both a surgical and radiation treatment facility.

**O**ne evening a Vietnamese friend told me of a man who had started his own orphanage. In Vietnam, in addition to abortions, young girls will give birth and leave the newborn babies in churches or hospital lobbies. This man started collecting these babies and taking care of them himself. This intrigued me and we went to visit him. He had over 30 babies under the age of three years old. He also had four newborns. He obtained volunteer help from young girls in his neighborhood. He is not funded by the Vietnamese

surgeons and also teach medical students. Their responsibility is also to go to the distance provinces where they send doctors to aid the local physicians.

**T**he project that they proposed to me was to try to provide surgeons at the higher echelon of their field to teach their physician. They wanted robotic surgeons, laparoscopic surgeons, transplant surgeons, and pediatric surgeons in all fields. They gave me an excellent idea of the types of cases they

## **Surgical Symposium To Take Place In Hanoi On March 2013**

wished to treat. In other words they wanted to improve their degree of excellence in highly technical fields. I'm in the process of arranging the symposium for next year which will be both didactic and practical. The members of my team will perform surgical cases with the Vietnamese doctors.

**W**e also visited a remote province hospital that has very little



*New Born Infants at Nha Trang Orphanage*



equipment and very little surgical expertise. The doctors were very receptive and eager to participate with us. I will be obtaining equipment to donate to Suc Son hospital and then schedule cases with them.

**N**ext went to a province called Kontum which is situated at the junction of the borders of Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam. We had last visited this province hospital in 2005. Because of their location at the junction of the borders of three countries the political situation was a little unstable. Last year we were invited to return. On our first visit I had donated a complete surgical system for doing prostatic surgery including a video set up. The surgeons at that time had no idea of how to do prostatic surgery. To my delight, the doctors had learned the technique and were very expert. Because of their expertise with this procedure, the local government had obtained a laser with which to operate on urinary stones. They now had a very sophisticated knowledge of urology and urologic surgery. We did surgical cases together and It was very gratifying for me to see their progress.



*Patients In Suc Son Hospital*