

THUAN AN EDUCATION CENTER FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

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Dear Ms. Paige Stringer,

I am writing to you on behalf of the participants who have attended the summer workshops and Mobile Missions from 2010 to 2012 to share with you my thoughts of The Deaf Education Program which has been running in Thuan An Education Center for Disabled Children.

As far as we have worked, we have cover most of the objectives of this program that is preparing teachers, medical teams, and families with the expertise to help young children with hearing loss develop listening and spoken language.

From 2010, you (The Global Foundation For Children With Hearing Loss) and me (The Thuan An Education Center for Hearing-Impaired Children) are collaborating on the summer workshop on Audiology, Early Intervention, Auditory Verbal Education and Speech Language Pathology with many new things for more than 100 Vietnamese teachers and parents of children with hearing loss.

After the summer courses, as you could see in the evaluations, all of them wanted to have more knowledge and skills to work in this field. They have got a certain level of helping children with hearing loss i.e they knew what it was, how it was functioning, they knew that children should have appropriate hearing aids, they knew that they should work with the families and the audiologists in a team, . . .

The second Summer workshop of last summer has been conducted with more experts, more questions and answers. It was very helpful.

During the school years of 2011 and 2012, we run two Mobile Missions to some schools where the participants came from. Following the Mobile Missions, the teachers realized that they should work more closely aligned with the strategies to get as good results as you got in the USA. Especially, in Thuan An center, the head of the early intervention block and the teachers have raised several suggestions to change the works here for highly efficient results.

From 2011, you started with Hearing Aid Distribution. Lots of children get benefit from it. The families are very happy because their children can hear with the hearing aids. Do you remember the young boys from Sr. Thuy's Hoa Hong school in Dong Nai and the Sao Mai school in Nha Trang who got hearing aids from you? They are now in mainstreaming and can be on a phone with a basic conversation.

I think we have set good and appropriate goals to combine the lectures of knowledge on Audiology and Teaching Strategies. I appreciate your help and the experts' expertise to support the teachers of children with hearing loss in Viet Nam. We would be grateful for the continuing of the program so our children with hearing loss will have good life.

Warm regards,



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