

MISSION MOMENT

God's Compassion Flows Through You

*Nobody hungry, nobody thirsty,
shade from the sun, shelter from the wind,
For the Compassionate One guides them,
takes them to the best springs.*

— Isaiah 49:10

Hanh and her mother live in a poor rural village about 135 miles northwest of Vietnam's capital, Hanoi. When Week of Compassion partner CWS first met Hanh, she had never lived in a place where people had toilets. In fact, Hanh had never even seen a toilet. Hygiene facilities are also scarce in communities like hers, where few people have access to or familiarity with regular hand-washing.

This situation is all too common in many places in rural Vietnam, and across southeast Asia. That's why Week of Compassion partners are working with Hanh's school, the Khuon Pong village kindergarten, to change this situation for young children.

In September of 2018, CWS began supporting latrine and water supply improvements at the school. Since then, Hanh and her friends have had an exciting time experiencing modern latrines and clean water taps, and learning how these conveniences lead to better hygiene and, ultimately, better health.

Hanh's mom, Tiep, was pleased to see these improvements at the school, in addition to a safe new school kitchen. Tiep was also grateful for the community information sessions and what she learned about sanitation and hygiene—including the importance of washing hands with clean water, for the sake of Hanh and her 100 schoolmates.

Since Tiep wanted to make the most of the assistance and learn as much as she could, she joined information sessions about biosand water filters and sanitary toilet models for homes. She has now signed up to build a latrine at her home and buy a biosand filter with help from our partners. Soon, Tiep and Hanh will have clean water to drink at home and a safe, clean place to relieve themselves. With your help, they are among the 170 families in Trung Ha Commune who are changing their lives for the better.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us many things about what it means to be a global community. One of the most basic things we've been constantly reminded of is the importance of washing our hands in the battle to prevent disease.

When you give to Week of Compassion, you are providing clean water for drinking and sanitation for children like Hanh and her schoolmates. As God's compassion flows through you, your gifts bring the promise of better health to children who are precious members of our global family. Please give generously to support community livelihood and "let love flow" through springs of clean water.

Hanh and her friends have fun washing their hands, because you "Let love flow."
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