

Case for Support—for Hai Vo and Nguyen Phuong

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Does everyone who wants to serve God have to go overseas?

Do we have to leave the country to find people who've never heard of a loving God?

Does everyone have to go overseas to find God's lost children?

What if He brings them to us?

In January 2009, two Vietnamese students arrived in the US for the first time.

Hai Vo, and his girlfriend, Nguyen Phuong, had been attending the best schools in their home country—like the “Harvard” of Vietnam.

But “every Vietnamese wants to study in the US,” Nguyen Phuong says. “It is their dream.” After waiting over a year, God opened the doors for them to study at Southern Adventist University. Since coming to Southern, Hai has begun work on a degree in computer science; Nguyen Phuong wants to prepare to return to Vietnam and start an English-language school for Vietnamese children.

They have made many, many friends while at Southern—and their grades are still good.

They have also enjoyed learning more about God. When Hai and Nguyen Phuong first came to Southern, they had heard very, very little about the God of the Bible. But after a semester in Southern's spiritual environment, they have grown to love the stories of the Bible, and have asked many serious questions during our numerous Bible studies together.

Hai and Nguyen Phuong just finished their first semester at Southern, but they can't stay without your help. Sure, lots of students have trouble paying for college; but this is different. As international students, they can't get the student loans that most Americans use to fund their college education. They have to pay for classes upfront. Their financial sponsor in Vietnam is unable to support them any more.

Your help is essential for Nguyen Phuong and Hai to keep learning in a Christian environment about God and His plan for their lives. For them to stay at Southern, we need to raise \$23,000 by early June 2009. As of May 18, their friends have already raised over \$2900.

Unless people like you support Hai and Nguyen Phuong, they'll be forced to leave the Christian school and friends they have grown to love. You don't have to go overseas to find God's children; sometimes He sends them to us.

To help Hai and Nguyen Phuong stay at Southern,
Visit advancement.southern.edu, follow the instructions,
and mark your gift for the “Vietnamese couple”.

Nguyen Phuong says, “I know that if God wants us to stay at Southern, that He will bring the money in, so that we can stay.”