

Quang Dien December 3, 2020.

Namo Amitabha Buddha,

The Traditional medicine is an indispensable part of the Vietnamese medicine. It prides itself with countless years of experience in effective and safe disease prevention and treatment.

Depending on the climatic conditions, physical conditions and diseases of each patient, appropriate treatment apply.

In serving people of all conditions, Traditional medicine is closely associated with various cultures, with different ethnic groups throughout the ages. Especially when people severely suffer from natural calamities, the Traditional medicine more intimately involved and proved its incomparable value, function and availability.

The An Yen volunteer group deeply moved when witnessing the victims in the storm and flood area struggling through the worst hardships in recent time.

Economic difficulties, mental crisis, and extreme weather conditions are the main causes of many illnesses.

In Quang Dien district, many lowland communes have been flooded for 2 months, most people had long soak in flood water. Living in polluted environment with unsafe water and food, people face increasingly serious diseases.

Our Team of monastic and lay medical volunteers and doctors includes:

- Team leader, Sister Thich Nu Thong Nhu (Physician Nguyen Thi Nhu Y), at Buu Huong pagoda, working in Tue Tinh Phap Lac clinic, specializing in Traditional medicine.
- Venerable Thich Khanh Son, residing at Thien Ton Pagoda, Hue City,
- Venerable Thich Quang Tam, residing at Phap Hoang Pagoda, Hue City.
- Sister Thich Nu Hue Tuong, residing at Hong Duc pagoda, Hue City.
- Doctor Le Huu Minh Chinh, residing at 600 Le Duan, Hue City, specializing in Traditional medicine
- Physician Nguyen Thi Nhu Binh, residing in Phu Le, Quang Phu, Quang Dien, working in Tue Tinh Phap Lac clinic, specializing in traditional medicine.

We have a free Clinic in Phu Vang District, however far from flood afflicted Quang Dien District.

Therefore, for the convenience of patients who otherwise had to make far and expensive trips, we decided to setup a mobile check-up facility in the calamity area, and chose physician Nhu Binh's house as our First Clinic.

Opening the clinic cannot be easy in arbitrary way, we had a little difficulty in getting permission from local authorities and agencies, but thanks to the Buddha's blessing, the program eventually went smoothly and completely.

According to the initial plan, 100 people will be examined and treated in one week at the total cost of 30 million Vnd, but in only four days, the number of patients had reached more than 200.

Mr. Tran Van Him and his family have happily volunteered to spend 45 million vnd to cover the expenses.

With much care and enthusiasm, the monastic and lay medical team worked hard to give timely and appropriate medicine and treatment.

By word of mouth, from early morning to as late as 8 pm, patients still came and lined up for examination.

On the 6th day, our team had to stop the program, and spent the last 3 days giving Acupuncture and medicine for those under current treatment only.

In 6 days, the medical team have offered examination and treatment for 319 patients, with total cost 65,990,000 Vnd.

The Team has provided 1593 traditional medicine remedies, 162 herbal pill packs, 26 An Than herbal tea packs, 49 stomach medicine bottles and 335 acupuncture sessions.

Completely free of charge, mild patients were given medical examinations, together with vitamins, supplements and herbal medicine.

As for serious illnesses, patients were given multi-session acupuncture and herbal medicine prescriptions to prepare at home.

On average, each patient received 10 herbal packages, worth $10 \times 30,000 \text{ Vnd} = 300,000 \text{ Vnd}$ (equivalent of Usd 13.00 / Cad 16.50).

The Team did not accept any gifts or offerings from patients to give them the peace of mind they need when came for free medical examination and treatment.

We would like to thank our dear benefactors:

- Uncle Tran Van Him and his family in California.
- Mrs. Diep Yen Binh and family.
- Mrs. Dieu Lien - Eyes of Compassion Canada.

Mrs. Dieu Lien has sent me a total of 45,100,000 Vnd for this program and has always strongly supported us throughout the journey of volunteering rescue towards the flooded central region over the past 2 months.

These caring and compassionate outpourings gave us, as young monks and nuns, strength and motivation to serve on the path of love and understanding.

Our deep gratitude for all favorable conditions that help us accomplishes our mission.

Best regards,
Minh Tang.