Vietnam Ministries

PARTNER MINISTRY PROFILE

Vietnam Ministries comprises a series of strategic church networks, each made up many house churches – hundreds in some instances.

Trained leaders within these networks are engaged in training and send church planters to start new churches among their own people. Church planters from these networks now cover nearly the entire country.

When Vietnam came under Communist rule in 1975, churches were closed and had to go underground, and missionaries were expelled. Then, in 2004, religious meetings in homes were banned by the government.

Under the scrutiny of foreign governments and human rights organisations, the Vietnam government has loosened restrictions on some denominations. These increased freedoms have been extended to groups which the government perceives do not threaten their hold on power, for example Roman Catholic and Buddhist groups.

House churches are still being closed, and Christian leaders in Vietnam continue to face imprisonment. Yet, despite the constant threat of imprisonment and fines, believers continued to meet together discreetly for fellowship, Bible study and worship.

Today, while evangelical Christians number less than 1% of Vietnam's population, interest in the gospel is growing at an incredible pace. Opportunities for supporting Vietnam Ministries through WorldShare exist in the areas of:

- training and sending workers
- transport (eg, motorcycles) to ease access to remoter communities
- support of housing costs for poorer Christian students studying to become future leaders at universities in the cities.