

...thoát ly đời gian lao nghèo khó.



Bát Nhom *Lúa Việt*

*"I will speak one language and wear one uniform: **love**"*



God the Father called
Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan home on
September 16, 2002, in the midst of
much love and memory of his family and
friends. He finally reached his
destination on the Journey of Hope but
his legacy to care to the poor and less
fortunate continues in our hearts.

The Sandals for Lepers project is a
continuation of his legacy of
Hope and of Love.

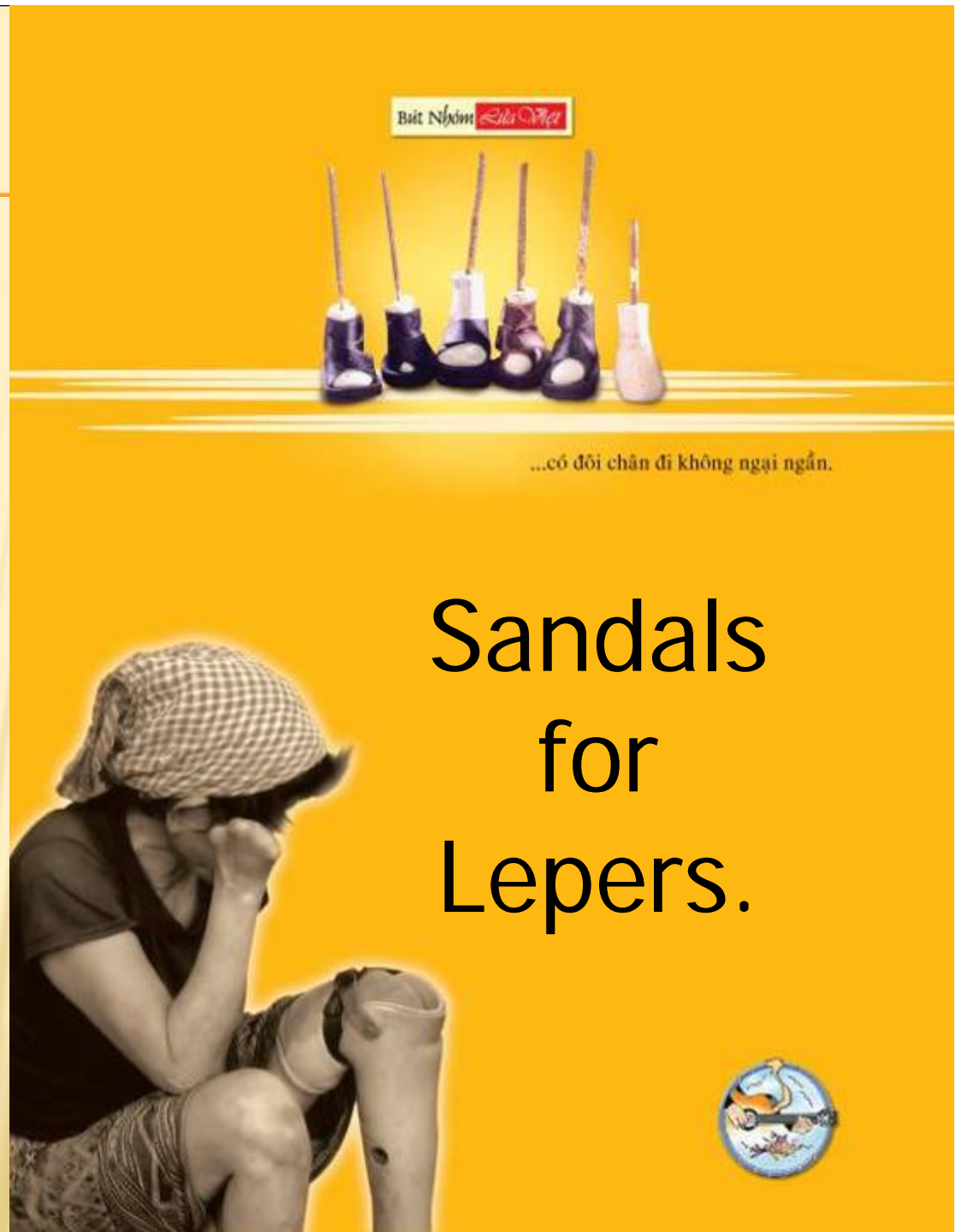




Despite the fact that leprosy is a **curable disease**, many lepers continue to live in the most remote areas of the jungle without access to medical attention needed to overcome the disease.

In a modern society like the U.S., advances in medicine bring us a clear understanding of leprosy. We know that the Hansen's virus of this disease cannot survive outside the blood; therefore the virus cannot live in fruit, vegetable, or utensils.

However, in remote villages in Vietnam, misconceptions about the disease abound and products from leper villages are routinely shunned because of the fear of contracting the disease.







The children of the lepers also live in remote areas – with no school, no access to healthcare. In the future, **our dream is to build homes and schools in these areas.**







For some years now, small teams of volunteers periodically travel for hours deep into the jungles to measure and make molds of the feet of each leper. They also bring with them food, medicine, salt and sugar for their family; and of course, toys and candies for the children.







PHIẾU ĐO GIÀY

Tên: _____ Tuổi: _____ Giới tính: _____
Chiều cao: _____ Cân nặng: _____ Chiều dài bàn chân: _____
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Molding for each foot is necessary as the patients' feet have been deformed









We built this house for the children of the lepers. This is also where the sandals are made after the volunteers have measured the feet and made the moldings.





Each mold and sandal are custom made for the lepers



**1,200 sandals
are made yearly**



**\$10 for sandals.
Our volunteer
will continue
bring them
food, medicine
and candy for
their children.**

Fitting sandals for the lepers





The life expectancy of the sandals is about 6 months, so new sandals are constantly needed, and we need to keep skilled labors







Basic medical care is also provided during each visit.















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During the summer of 2008, a small team of volunteers of college students and young professionals from the US and Viet Nam traveled to these remote areas to assist the poor, provide medical check up, toys and joy to 2,000 people and their children

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*Hãy lau khô giọt nước mắt trong lòng em
bằng tất cả
trái tim con người Việt Nam*

Minh Khang



Bút Nhóm *Lila Met*