

# Project Viet Nam Hanoi & Hoa Binh

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Lisa & Nhiem



Lisa posing for my camera at Cheng Kei Shek Airport



Kirk & Anh Quang carrying on a conversation at dinner  
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Here is Lisa training the NIP nurses on Excel & Word applications.



Here's Kathye during one of her training workshop on pre-op & post-op care for little patients with heart problems. Dr. Cong, NIP's cardiologist, is sitting in the back right hand corner.



The nurses from NIP's Surgical Ward are really AWESOME !



Lisa & I in front of the National Institute of Pediatrics gate !



Head Nurse Thanh (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) is really immersed in the topic.



Don't they looked great ?! We had a ball learning together.



One last question before we dismiss class ok ??? !!!



Picking up Jim Brennan @ Noibai Int'l – Monday, 2/17/03.



Posing with the staff of Hien Luong's Medical Commune.



Kathye & Lisa discovering local patients' medical history for hypertensive follow up care.



The children of Cao Son's Commune playing outside the clinic.



Our last stop at Toan Son medical commune on Tuesday, 2/18/03. These nice young men posed for my camera !



Kathye, Dr. Norris-our famous surgeon, Lisa, myself & Jim Brennan.



Welcome to Dan Hoa's medical commune...when we got there at 9am on Wednesday, 2/19/03, the lawn was full of patients waiting for us !



It was crowded! People lined up in on the left side of the room & outside in the lawn while Kathye measured the patients blood pressure. There were over 50 patients at Dan Hoa on 2/19/03.



Our group had to split into 2 groups after we unloaded these milk & vitamins off for the children at Dan Hoa Elementary School.



It was a wonderful treat for us when the children sang and posed for this picture.



Our last day at Hoa Binh, Thurs-2/20/03, with Jim, Trung-our driver, Ninh-Mgr. of Thap Vang Hotel, Kathye, myself & Lisa.



Kirk & Dr. Liem stopped to pose for my camera .....



Dr. Liem's associates - National Institute of Pediatrics



Lisa, Kathye, and Dr. Dung at dinner reception.



Finally, a group picture with everyone and I...together at last!



Lisa, Nurse Ha, Kathye & Nga ... visiting the Psych ward.



The children are playing with toys we brought them the day before.



Lisa, Kathye & I sorting out medical supplies @ Tay Ho's storage.



Gosh, these boxes are a lot heavier than I anticipated !



That would make this box number 142 ??? !!! We would have gotten them done sooner if we'd had known that Dung was available to help...oh well. ☺

**TMC2** Good God, these boxes are heavy !  
Nhiem, 3/4/2003



Art work from the children at Psych ward .... Really adorable !



This is our little cancer patient ... she enjoyed the stuff animals delivered to the playroom on her floor (ward).



These Siamese twins are sleeping sooo soundly! They're due for surgery in March ....



Isn't Kirk great? Cheese .....



NIP's rare sight. The low occupancy rate was due to Tet....usually the sick children are doubled up or tripled up to each bed.

## Ha Noi & Hoa Binh

### Dear Friends,

I cannot tell you how much Lisa & I enjoyed our trip to HN& HB. I started this trip thinking that I'd like to give something of myself to others, but I received an amazing experience instead. This was an unforgettable experience that I will remember forever. Lisa & I have never met Kathy, Dr. Norris nor Jim Brennan before but we had a great time working together all the same and they are really WONDERFUL people!

The experience at NIP left a memorable impression on me because I met quite a number of very intelligent and experienced professionals from the Nurses to the Doctors. They are extremely friendly and dedicated people who are so over-worked it's not funny! Before I left on this trip, I didn't know if I could be of any assistance to the people of VN because of my lack of skills in the medical field. However, once I got there, I realized that my language skill turned out to be quite useful. I helped Kathy with the nurse's seminar everyday the 1<sup>st</sup> week I was in Hanoi and we both learned so much from the nurses! At the same token, I think the nurses on Surgical floor were quite excited and happy to have us around too. A lot of the nurses would not miss any of the training classes at all despite working long hours prior to the classes. While Kathy & I were working together with the nurses, Lisa gave Excel & Word trainings to other nurses within NIP. From what I heard, many were very happy and showed up for the Excel training everyday as well!

Hoa Binh was a different experience. It's natural surroundings was peaceful, quiet and slower paced than Hanoi. Of course along with that is the lack of other amenities readily available at Ha Noi. The ethnic people in Hoa Binh were really sweet and I enjoyed meeting them. The medical communes in Hoa Binh are poor and do not have a whole lot. As evidenced in the pictures you've seen there's much work to be done to help the rural areas of North Vietnam. The children and adults alike are malnourished. If you have an opportunity, please contact Project Viet Nam. YOU can really make a difference in someone's life now! I hope you've enjoyed my pics. nt