

Addendum to *A Vietnam Presence*

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Brief Vietnam Time Line – Mennonite Ministries – 1954-1975

- 1954 Jul 21 Geneva Accords signed ending French Indochina War 1946-1954
- Aug 13 Orie Miller arrives in Saigon, welcomes first MCC worker Delbert Wiens on Aug 16
- 1955 Oct 23 Ngo Dinh Diem proclaims Republic of Vietnam with himself as President
- 1956 Apr 5 Willard Krabill signs agreement with C&MA to work at Ban Me Thuot Leprosarium
- 1957 May 30 James and Arlene Stauffer arrive as first EMBMC missionaries
- 1959 Jan Refused elections to unite, Hanoi changes “political struggle” to “armed struggle”
- 1960 Mar 1 MCC signs agreement with Evangelical Church to begin Nha Trang medical program
- 1961 May 28 First Mennonite baptism
- 1962 Feb 8 U.S. forms Military Assistance Command, Vietnam to direct conduct of war
- May 30 Daniel Gerber, Archie Mitchell and Ardel Vietti kidnapped
- 1963 Nov 1 President Ngo Dinh Diem ousted in military coup and is assassinated
- 1964 Jul 22 Mennonite Mission rents Gia Dinh property and opens Community Center
- Aug 2 Tonkin Gulf “incident” leads to U.S. bombing North Vietnam
- 1965 Mar 8 First U.S. combat troops (Marines) arrive at Da Nang
- Apr 19 Nine persons baptized at Community Center; congregation forms
- Dec 8 Mennonite missionaries release “Statement of Concern” about U.S. fighting the war
- 1966 Jan 6 CWS, LWR and MCC sign agreement forming Vietnam Christian Service
- Dec 21 VNCS group meets with Billy Graham
- 1967 May 15 CORDS formed, placing all official U.S. activities under military direction
- Nov/Dec Mennonite missionaries send “Letter from Vietnam to American Christians”
- 1968 Jan 30 Tet Offensive brings war to the cities
- Mar 31 President Lyndon Johnson limits bombing, proposes negotiations
- May 13 Paris Peace Talks begin
- May 25-Jun 7 Warfare in area near Mennonite Community Center
- 1969 Jan 18 Paris Peace Talks resume with four parties
- Jan 20 President Richard Nixon inaugurated, develops strategy of Vietnamization of war
- Mar 16 Tran Xuan Quang ordained pastor of Mennonite Church
- 1970 Oct 17 Luke and Dorothy Beidler begin ministry in Can Tho
- 1971 Apr 26 VNCSer Ted Studebaker killed in Di Linh attack
- 1972 Mar 30 North Vietnam launches major offensive across Demilitarized Zone
- 1973 Jan 1 MCC resumes ministries independent of VNCS
- Jan 27 Paris Peace Accords signed
- Feb 18 Dedication of new Mennonite Church and Community Center
- 1974 Aug 8 Richard Nixon resigns U.S. presidency following Watergate scandal
- 1975 Mar 10 North Vietnam forces attack Ban Me Thuot, beginning ARVN rout
- Apr 30 Saigon government surrenders; four MCC persons voluntarily remain

Vietnam Timeline Fact Sheet - With special reference to Mennonite involvement

- 1945 Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos were colonialized by France in the late nineteenth century. Various independence movements flourished during the early twentieth century. During World War II Japan occupied Vietnam. After Japanese surrender, Ho Chi Minh proclaims independence on September 2. French refusal to grant independence leads to the French Indochina War.
- 1954 MCC enters Vietnam. The Geneva Accords of July 21 end the war with a provisional division of North and South Vietnam at the seventeenth parallel. MCC executive secretary Orie O. Miller on August 16 welcomes to Saigon Delbert Wiens, the first MCC volunteer. MCC staff provide relief assistance to displaced persons from the North. In 1956 Willard Krabill signs an agreement to work with the Christian & Missionary Alliance leprosarium in Ban Me Thuot. C&MA missionary work, beginning in 1911, led to the establishment of the Evangelical Church in Vietnam (ECVN). The Roman Catholic Church had been active in Vietnam since the seventeenth century.
- 1957 Eastern Mennonite Missions (EMM), then called Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions & Charities, begins work in Vietnam. Arlene and James Stauffer arrive in May, followed by Margaret and Everett Metzler in November. While involved in intensive language study, they support the witness of the C&MA and the ECVN.
- 1960 MCC begins a joint medical program with the ECVN, developing a clinic and hospital at Nha Trang which continued until 1975. EMM's Vietnam Mennonite Mission (VMM) secures a headquarters' property in Saigon across the street from the Binh Dan Hospital and develops a student center, offering English and Bible classes. Another witness center opens in Saigon's Dakao area. EMM missionaries baptize first believer on May 28, 1961. Failure to organize elections to unify North and South Vietnam in 1956 gives rise to the formation of the National Liberation Front (NLF) in December 1960.
- 1962 EMM sends four additional missionary personnel in September. MCC's Daniel Gerber and C&MA's Archie Mitchell and Ardel Vietti are taken captive by NLF soldiers May 30 and never return. The United States sets up the Military Assistance Command-Vietnam to direct U.S. military actions. (President Harry Truman sent the Military Assistance Advisory Group in 1950). Two advisors killed in July 1959 are considered the first American deaths in the U.S. War.
- 1963 EMM sends two more missionaries in September. Political strife leads to the military coup against Republic of Vietnam's President Ngo Dinh Diem and his assassination on November 1.
- 1964 The Gia Dinh community center is established in September with day care nursery, English classes and preaching services. Later the Dawn Primary School is established. The Vietnam Mennonite Mission receives official government authorization. American military involvement increases with the Tonkin Gulf "incident" in August; U.S. planes bomb North Vietnam. The U.S. Congress authorizes military action in Southeast Asia.
- 1965 Nine persons baptized on Easter at the Gia Dinh center symbolize the formation of the Vietnam Mennonite Church. The American War expands with sustained bombing of North Vietnam and the arrival of Marines to Da Nang in March. MCC expresses to President Lyndon Johnson "deep concern over the enlarging war . . . with its consequent toll of human suffering." Mennonite missionaries prepare a statement of concern about the American War.
- 1966 On January 1 Mennonite Central Committee, Church World Service, and Lutheran World Relief begin Vietnam Christian Service (VNCS), a joint service program administered by MCC. Dozens of

- new personnel arrive to serve in many new locations, primarily in Central Vietnam. *Gospel Herald* and *The Mennonite* in January publish a special Vietnam issue. EMM sends two more personnel to Vietnam.
- 1968 The Tet Offensive on January 30 brings the war to the cities and towns, and tempers America's optimism about the war's outcome. Several C&MA missionaries die in Ban Me Thuot. President Johnson on March 31 halts bombing of the North and proposes peace negotiations. Paris Peace Talks begin May 13. In May another military offensive devastates the area adjacent to the Gia Dinh community center; missionaries and VNCS staff work together to assist war victims.
- 1969 Tran Xuan Quang is ordained pastor of the Mennonite church on March 16; he had assisted in the teaching and visitation ministry of the church since August 1965.
- 1972 The war continues with intermittent peace talks. In March North Vietnam launches offensive over the Demilitarized Zone, seizing Quang Tri province. In late December the U.S. heavily bombs Hanoi and Hai Phong. MCC sends first shipment of medical supplies to North Vietnam.
- 1973 In January MCC leaves Vietnam Christian Service to again administer its own programs. The Paris Peace Accords signed January 27 ends U.S. troop involvement in war. (Total military and civilian deaths were 1.5 to 3.5 million, including more than 58,000 Americans). Prisoners of war are exchanged. The last American soldiers leave in March, but the U.S. leaves thousands of civilians to support the Saigon armed forces. Military activity between Viet Cong and Army of Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) continues.
- 1975 North Vietnam forces seize Phuoc Long province in January. In March they attack and seize Ban Me Thuot, leading to the withdrawal of ARVN forces. By the end of March Viet Cong forces control Central Vietnam. Most MCC personnel leave the country. Most VMM personnel, many due for furlough, leave Vietnam early April. Defeat of ARVN forces at Xuan Loc April 21 ends ARVN resistance. Saigon surrenders to Viet Cong forces on April 30. Four MCC persons are the only foreign Mennonite personnel remaining in Vietnam. An MCC delegation to Hanoi in November reaffirms MCC's commitment to continue relief assistance to war victims. MCC continues its programs to Vietnam from a base in Bangkok, opening an office in Hanoi in 1990.
- Post-75 The country is reunited in 1976. The people struggle through a difficult decade of economic deprivation with limited political and religious freedoms. The Mennonite Church facilities were confiscated in June 1978. Nguyen Quang Trung and Ngo Thi Bich begin occasional Bible study, worship and fellowship meetings in their home in 1983. The government initiates new freedoms in 1987. EMM assigns Donna and Gerry Keener to Vietnam in 1997 with Gerry relating to the Vietnam Mennonite Church. Representatives of the North American Vietnamese Mennonite Fellowship also visit Vietnam in 1998 and initiate a relationship with an independent group led by Nguyen Hong Quang.
- 21st C In July 2003 the various Mennonite groups formed the united Vietnam Mennonite Church. In July 2004 both Trung and Quang were ordained. In late 2004 the Church separated into two groups. Trung led the one group to full official registration on September 29, 2007; the first organizing conference of the Vietnam Mennonite Church took place November 15-17, 2008. It became a member of Mennonite World Conference in 2009. The Church began organized leadership training courses in January 2006. In March 2010 twenty-six pastors were ordained. In November 2014 twelve students graduated from the bachelor of theology program. The other Mennonite church experienced repeated harassment for several years. This group also carries out an extensive training program. Both groups continue to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Glossary of Vietnamese Words

Vietnamese diacritics are provide here for the names, places and other terms listed in the text according to Vietnamese alphabetical listings. The consonants D and Gi are pronounced as a “z” in the northern dialect and “y” in the southern dialect.

aó dài	Cần Được	Đào Văn Hoa
An Lộc	Cầu Bông	Đạo
An Lợi	Cây Quéo	Đạo Dừa
Áp Bắc	Chánh Hưng	Đắc Tô, Đắc Tô
Âu Trường Thanh	Chân Tín	Đặng Thái Hùng
Ba Tơ	Chẩn Y Viện Tin Lành	Đặng Thị Thu Hương
Bà Chiểu	Châu Hồng Lược	Đặng Văn Lược
Ban Quản Trị	Chi Lăng	Đặng Ngọc Phúc
Bàn Cờ	Chí Hòa	Đặng Thị Hiền
Bạc Liêu	Chị Bảy	Điện Biên Phủ
Ban Đại Diện	Chiêu Hồi	Đình Văn Nam
Ban Mê Thuật	Chính Luận	Đình Ngọc Châu
Bảo Đại	Chợ Lớn	định
Bảo Lộc	Chợ Quán	Định Quán
Báp-tít	Chúa	Đoàn Thanh Liêm
Bà Giang	Chùa Ân Quang	Đoàn Văn Miêng
Bến Tre	Chương Thiện	Đông Hà
Bệnh Viện Bình Dân	Cô Chín	Đố Đức Trí
Biên Hòa	Cô Do	Đỗ Hữu Nghiêm
Bích Liên	Cô Hai	Đỗ Vĩnh Thành
Bình Dương	Cô Khuyên	Đồng Khởi
Bình Lợi	Cô Ký	Đồng Nai
Bình Long	Cô Nam	Đồng Ông Cộ
Bình Phước	Côn Sơn	Đồng Khởi
Bình Xuyên	Công Lý	Đồng Xoài
Bông Sơn	Cường Để	Đức Phổ
Bùi Chu	Cựu Trắc	Đức Trí
Bùi Đình Đạm	Dân Chủ	Đức Chúa Trời
Bùi Công Đồng	Dầu Tiếng	Êm Đềm
Bùi Quang	Di Linh	Gia Định
Bùi Thi	Diên Khánh	Giải Phóng
Bùi Hoàng Thử	Do	Gió Nam
Bùi Thị Xuân	Duy Cách Lâm	giường
Cà Mau	Dương Thành Châu	Gò Vấp
Cai Lậy	Dương Cẩm Chương	Hà Nội
Cái Sắn	Dương Văn Minh	Hai Bà Trưng
Cam Ranh	Đa Nhim	Hải Dương
Cam Phú	Đạ Hoa	Hải Phòng
Cần Thơ	Đà Nẵng	Hàm Nghi
Cao Đài	Đà Lạt	Hàng Xanh
Cao Văn Viên	Đakao	Hậu Giang
Cao Thắng	Đào Văn Diệu	Hậu Nghĩa

Hiền Vương	Lê Duyên	Ngô Đình Diệm
Hiếu	Lê Ngọc Cần	Ngô Đình Thị Hiệp
Hoa	Lê Văn Duyệt	Ngô Đình Nhu
Hòa Hảo	Lê Thị Hai	Ngô Bá Thành
Hòa Hưng	Lê Ngọc Hương	Ngô Đình Thục
Hòa Khánh	Lê Quang Định	Nguyễn Thị Bảy
Hoàng Đức Nhã	Lê Văn Lộc	Nguyễn Bật
Hoàng Kim Phúc	Lê Hoàng Phu	Nguyễn Văn Anh
Hoàng Quang Tùng	Lê Đình Sung	Nguyễn Châu Ân
Hòn Chồng	Lê Vĩnh Thạch	Nguyễn Văn Bình
Hồ Huệ Bá	Lê Văn Thái	Nguyễn Văn Bông
Hồ Thu Cúc	Lê Văn Thảo	Nguyễn Đam Cúc
Hồ Chí Minh	Lê Đức Thọ	Nguyễn Hữu Cương
Hồ Trung Tý	Lê Khắc Tuyển	Nguyễn Thị Đệ
Hội An	Lê Thị Vân	Nguyễn Văn Độ
Hội Dục Anh	Lê Thị Ý	Nguyễn Thị Hai
Huế (city)	Lê Lợi	Nguyễn Văn Hai
Huệ (name)	Lịch	Nauyễn Nam Hải
Hùng	Liên Khương	Nguyễn Văn Hiếu
Hưng	Lò Voi	Nguyễn Thanh Hòa
Huỳnh Thị Dung	Long An	Nguyễn Thị Hoàng
Huỳnh Kim Luyện	Long Bình	Nguyễn Văn Học
Huỳnh Tấn Mẫm	Long Hải	Nguyễn Thị Hồng
Huỳnh Tấn Phát	Long Kiển	Nguyễn Huệ
Huỳnh Minh Ý	Long Mỹ	Nguyễn Văn Hương
Hứa Hớn Long	Long Thành	Nguyễn Phi Khanh
Hương	Long Xuyên	Nguyễn Khánh
Khàm Thiên	Lộc Ninh	Nguyễn Cao Kỳ
Khánh Hòa	Lương Thí Luồng	Nguyễn Ngọc Lan
Khánh Hội	Lương Bảo Thái	Nguyễn Hữu Lắm
Khe Sanh	Lý Trà	Nguyễn Linh
không sao	Minh	Nguyễn Thành Long
Khúc Kim Bên	Mạnh Tường	Nguyễn Thị Loan
Kiến	Minh Quý	Nguyễn Tấn Lộc
Kiều Công Thảo	Mỏ Cà	Nguyễn Thanh Mạc
Kiều Toản	Mộ Đức	Nguyễn Thành Nam
Kim Ngân	Mục sư	Nguyễn Muồng (Bật)
Kinh Đô	Mỹ Lai	Nguyễn Văn Mỹ
Kính	Mỹ Tho	Nguyễn Văn Mục
Kỳ Phú	Nghĩa Hành	Nguyễn Văn Ngay
Lái Thiêu	Nghiệp	Nguyễn Như Nguyên
làm lạnh lánh dữ	Ngọc	Nguyễn Thúy Nguyệt
Lao Bảo	Ngô Thị Bích	Nguyễn Hậu Nhương
Lăng Ông	Ngô Đình Cẩn	Nguyễn Văn Ninh
Lâm Lễ Trinh	Ngô Du (Dzu)	Nguyễn Thị Oanh
Lê Văn Ái	Ngô Công Đức	Nguyễn Xuân Oanh
Lê Du/Đu	Ngô Đình Cẩn	Nguyễn Hữu Phiên
Lê Duẩn	Ngô Tùng Châu	Nguyễn Thanh Phong

Nguyễn Văn Quan	Phan Văn Khai	Tân Trạch
Nguyễn Phúc Quế	Phan Tuyết Nga	Tất Niên
Nguyễn Phú Sanh	Phan Đình Phùng	Tây Ninh
Nguyễn Thị Sen	Phan Bá Phước	Tết
Nguyễn Kim Sơn	Phan Huy Quát	Tết Nguyên Đán
Nguyễn Thiện Sỹ	Phan Rang	Tết Trung Thu
Nguyễn Thị Tâm	Phan Ri	Thái Văn Nghĩa
Nguyễn Chánh Thi	Phan Khắc Sửu	Tháng Bình
Nguyễn Văn Thiệu	Phan Thiết	Thái Vị Thủy
Nguyễn Kim Thịnh	Phan Văn Tranh	Thanh Niên Cơ Đốc Xã Hội
Nguyễn Hữu Thọ	Phan Văn Trị	Thạnh Lộc Thuật
Nguyễn Ngọc Thơ	Phan Văn Xuyên	Thầy
Nguyễn Thiện Thuật	Phát Diệm	Thị Nghè
Nguyễn Văn Tiến	Phật Giáo	Thích Quảng Độ
Nguyễn Đình Tín	Phật Giáo Việt Nam Thống	Thích Giám Đúc
Nguyễn Văn Tốt	Nhất	Thích Nữ Nhất Chi Mai
Nguyễn Văn Trỗi	Phú Nhơn	Thích Pháp Lan
Nguyễn Quang Trung	Phú Nhuận	Thích Trí Quang
Nguyễn Thành Trung	Phú Thọ	Thiên Mục
Nguyễn Văn Tự	phúc âm	Thông Nhứt
Nguyễn Văn Vạn	Phúc Âm Yếu Chỉ	Thời Lập
Nguyễn Văn Vệ	Phước Long	Thu Bồn
Nguyễn Lưu Viên	Phước Lương	Thủ Đức
Nguyễn Xuân Vọng	Phương Nam	Thủ Dầu Một
Nguyễn Văn	Plêiku	Thủ Thiêm
xuyến	Quan Âm Tự	Thủy Phương
Nha Trang	Quang Trung	Thừa Thiên
Nhà Bè	Quảng Nam	Tiền Giang
nhà cho thuê	Quảng Ngãi	Tin Lành
Nhunf	Quảng Trị	Tổ Chức Xã Hội Tin Lành
Nội Bài	Quế Sơn	Tôn Thất Thiện
Ông	Qui Nhơn	Trà Vinh
Ông Văn Huyền	Quốc Hận	Trại định cư
Phạm Xuân Ân	quốc ngữ	trắng đen
Phạm Văn Đồng	Rạch Giá	Trần Như Chương
Phạm Thị Luận	Rạng Đông	Trần Văn Chương
Phạm Văn Lục	Rừng Lãng	Trần Hưng Đạo
Phạm Quang Minh	Sa Đéc	Trần Văn Đệ
Phạm Quang Tâm	Sài Gòn	Trần Văn Đôn
Phạm Văn Năm	Sóc Trăng	Trần Xuân Hỉ
Phạm Huy Quát	Sông Vệ	Trần Văn Hương
Phạm Văn Thiện	Sư Vạn Hạnh	Trần Văn Khoa
Phạm Văn Thịnh	Tam Kỳ	Trần Thiện Khiêm
Phạm Thị Xuân Hương	Tâm Giáo	Trần Thị Lý
Phạm Xuân Tín	Tân Định	Trần Văn Mỹ
Phan Tư Dung	Tân Hiệp	Trần Thượng Nhơn
Phan Thanh Giản	Tân Sơn Nhất (Nhứt)	Trần Phương
Phan Thị Phương Hằng	Tân Nhất Tiều	Trần Thự Quang

Trần Xuân Quang
 Trần Thị Quang Hạnh
 Trần Thanh Sơn
 Trần Hữu Thanh
 Trần Quốc Toàn
 Trần Quang Thuận
 Trần Thị Thuận
 Trần Đình Tự
 Trần Cao Vân
 Trần Văn Văn
 Trần Lệ Xuân
 Trí Nguyên
 Trịnh Đình Thảo
 trung tín
 Trung tâm dương lão
 Truyền đạo
 Trương Minh Giảng

Trương Thị Kính
 Trương Thị Ngọc Sa
 Trương Văn Sáng
 Trường Chinh
 Tự Do
 Tự Đức
 tươi
 Vạn Kiếp
 Văn Tiến Dũng
 Viện Hóa Đạo
 Việt Cộng
 Việt Minh
 Việt Nam
 Việt Nam Cộng Hòa
 Việt Nam Dân Chủ Cộng Hòa
 Việt Nam Muôn Nam
 Vĩnh Bình
 Vĩnh Long

Việt Nam Cộng Hòa
 Việt Nam Dân Chủ Cộng Hòa
 Việt Nam Muôn Năm
 Vĩnh Bình
 Vĩnh Long
 Vĩnh Phước
 Vịt nam muốn nằm
 Võ Thị Bé Hai
 Võ Văn Hoa
 Võ Nguyên Giáp
 Võ Hồng Liễu
 Vũ Văn Cự
 Vũ Thị Quý
 Vũ Hữu Sĩ
 vui lắm
 Vũng Tàu
 Vườn Chuối
 Vườn Lài
 Vương
 Xá Lợi
 Xóm Chiếu
 Xóm Giá
 Xuân Lộc
 Xuân Thủy

Persons Who Served with Mennonite Central Committee

Ackerman, Ronald William	8/69-9/72	Agriculturalist	Dat To
Beechy, Atlee	2/66-8/66	Director	Saigon
Beechy, Winnifred	5/66-8/66	Volunteer	Saigon
Blair, Joy	11/71-6/74	Teacher	Nha Trang
Blair, Norman	11/71-6/74	Physician	Nha Trang
Bowman, James	4/66-4/69	Material Aid Adm.	Nha Trang, Saigon
Brenneman, Fred	2/66-4/66	Physician	Nha Trang
Byrne, Kevin Thomas	3/69-3/71	Community Develop.	Dong Ha
Byrne, Maurice Andrew	8/68-11/70	Refugee Assistance	Tam Ky
Cressman, Lois (Ford)	7/58-8/59	Nutritionist	Saigon
DeWarle, Gary James	9/65-9/67	Material Aid Adm.	Saigon
Dick, Hildegard	8/59-6/62	Hostess	Ban Me Thuot, Nha Trang
Dick, John B.	8/59-6/62	Physician, Director	Ban Me Thuot, Nha Trang
Eby, Roy Z.	11/54-2/56	Material Aid Adm.	Saigon, Da Lat
Ediger, N. Max	7/71-4/76	Director, Com. Dev.	Quang Ngai, Saigon
Ewert, Adam	11/54-1/57	Material Aid Adm.	Saigon, Da Lat
Ewert, Ann Noel	1/73-4/75	Nurse	Nha Trang
Ewert, Anna	11/58-10/60	Hostess	Ban Me Thuot
Ewert, Claire	7/73-4/75	Nutritionist	Pleiku
Ewert, Wallace	7/73-4/75	Agriculturalist	Pleiku
Falk, Anne	8/66-8/69	Nurse	Tam Ky, Saigon
Fast, Margaret V.	7/70-11/72	Physician	Pleiku
Gehman, Linford	4/65-9/68	Physician	Nha Trang
Gerber, Daniel D.	8/61-5/62	Maintenance Per.	Ban Me Thuot
Gingerich, Jessie	6/66-4/68	Home Economist	Pleiku
Goering, Donald	8/57-8/58	Physician	Ban Me Thuot
Goering, Loua	8/57-8/58	Lab Technician	Ban Me Thuot
Good, Leland	8/58-9/61	Mechanic, Mainten.	Ban Me Thuot
Gregory, Fredric	8/66-11/68	Refugee Assistance	Quang Ngai, Di Linh, Saigon
Harshbarger, Eva G.	11/54-9/56	Hostess	Da Lat, Saigon
Hasselblad, Marva Elaine	2/62-7/65	Nurse	Nha Trang
Hershey, Jean H.	2/71-4/75	Nurse	Nha Trang, Pleiku
Hiebert, Linda	7/73-4/75	Nurse	Nha Trang
Hiebert, Murray	7/73-4/75	Hospital Coordinator	Nha Trang
Hochstetler, Alan	7/58-1/61	Construction Superv.	Ban Me Thuot, Nha Trang
Hochstetler, Harlan	9/67-3/68	Agriculturalist	Hue
Hochstetler, Pauline	9/67-3/68	Home Economist	Hue
Hostetter, Douglas	6/66-6/69	Refugee Assistance	Tam Ky
Hostetter, Patricia	6/66-5/69	Refugee Assistance	Quang Ngai
	10/73-4/75		Quang Ngai
Hurst, Carl D.	2/57-8/58	Material Aid Adm.	Saigon
Ichikawa, Yoshihiro	6/69-10/76	Refugee Assistance	Tam Ky, Quang Ngai, Saigon
Jantzi, Lowell James	10/70-11/73	Hospital Coordinator	Nha Trang

Janzen, Margaret	4/56-6/59	Nurse	Ban Me Thuot
Kaufman, Carl	8/ 65-9/67	Hospital Maintenance	Nha Trang
Keefer, Kenneth	4/66-4/69	Mechanics Teacher	Hue
Keim, Wayne	9/67-9/70	Hosp. Coord, Com. Dev.	Pleiku, Dong Ha
Kennel, Paul Charles	2/66-4/69	Community Develop.	Hue
Kimmel, Chris David	11/65-11/67	Agriculturalist	Hue
Klassen, James Reed	10/72-0/76	Admin., Teacher	Saigon
Kooker, Harley	7/66-8/69	Agriculturalist	Hue
Krabill, Grace	9/55-7/58	Hostess	Ban Me Thuot
Krabill, Willard	9/55-7/58	Physician, Director	Ban Me Thuot
Kraybill, Esther	7/66-8/69	Hostess	Nha Trang
Kraybill, Harold	7/66-8/69	Physician	Nha Trang
Leatherman, Loretta	7/66-7/68	Teacher	Saigon
Leatherman, Paul	7/66-7/68	VNCS Director	Saigon
Lefever, Esther	8/56-8/59	Hostess	Ban Me Thuot, Saigon
Lefever, Harry	8/56-8/59	Mat. Aid Ad, Youth	Ban Me Thuot, Saigon
Lenzmann, Emma	9/65-9/68	Nurse	Nha Trang, Pleiku
Lichti, Elda	8/61-8/64	Hostess	Saigon
Lichti, Rudolph	8/61-8/64	Director	Saigon
Lind, Jonathan	9/67-9/68	Mat. Aid Adm.	Saigon
Lind, Ruby	4/ 69-10/69	Secretary	Saigon
Longacre, Doris	8/64-6/67	Hostess	Saigon
Longacre, Paul	8/64-6/67	Director	Saigon
Luez, Christopher	8/65-4/68	Physician	Pleiku
Luez, Lois	8/65-4/68	Nurse	Pleiku
Maddimadugu, Devadoss	2/68-2/70	Lab Technician	Nha Trang
	3/73-4/75	Lab Technician	Nha Trang, Pleiku
Maddimadugu, Doris	3/73-4/75	Hostess	Nha Trang, Pleiku
Martin, Earl	2/66-5/69	Refugee Assistance	Quang Ngai
	10/73-7/75	UXO	Quang Ngai
Miller, Jean	8/68-6/71	Volunteer	Saigon
Miller, Robert W.	8/68-6/71	VNCS Director	Saigon
Neufeld, David	2/66-3/68	Social Worker	Quang Ngai, Saigon
Neufeld, Sue	2/66-3/68	Nurse	Quang Ngai, Saigon
Neufeld, Elfrieda	10/58-8/61	Nurse	Ban Me Thuot
Newkirk, Jonathan	8/66-4/68	Community Develop.	Dak To
Nyce, Carolyn B.	6/66-4/68	Nurse	Saigon
Pauls, Mary	2/66-2/69	Nurse	Pleiku
Peters, Katherine	9/67-9/70	Nurse	Nha Trang
Preheim, Gayle Orlo	8/66-8/69	Community Develop.	Dong Ha, Saigon, Di Linh
Rock, Martin	12/69-6/72	Administrator	Saigon
Roggli, Elisabeth	6/68-10/71	Nurse	Nha Trang
Rutt, Clarence	8/58-10/58	Physician	Ban Me Thuot
Rutt, Helen	8/58-10/58	Nurse	Ban Me Thuot
Sandoz, Jerry Eugene	8/66-7/68	Refugee Assistance	Hue, Da Nang
Sauder, June	8/66-4/68	Home Economist	Tam Ky, Hue
Sawatzky, Frieda	8/69-8/72	Community Develop.	Ban Me Thuot
Sawatzky, Kurt	8/69-8/72	Community Develop.	Ban Me Thuot

Schmidt, Clara	1/72-4/72	Volunteer	BMT, Nha Trang, DaLat
Sebus, Juliette	4/56-10/58	Nurse	Nha Trang
Snavelly, Helen	8/66-8/68	Nurse	Saigon
Spicher, Thomas Allen	8/69-5/72	Adminis.; Com. Dev.	Nha Trang, Dong Ha
Sprunger, Joseph Alan	7/68-9/70	Adminis.; Com. Dev.	Nha Trang, Tung Nghia
Stauffer, Sanford Richard	4/66-4/69	Com. Dev.; Logistics	Quang Ngai, BMT, Saigon
Steiner, Mary Ellen	6/59-1/60	Volunteer	Ban Me Thuot
Steiner, James	6/59-1/60	Physician	Ban Me Thuot
Strayer, Marilyn	11/66-7/68	Physician	Saigon
Strayer, Martin	11/66-7/68	Architect	Saigon
Stoltzfus, Geneva	8/57-4/60	Hostess	Saigon
Stoltzfus, Glenn	8/57-4/60	Director	Saigon
Stuckey, Allen	8/69-6/72	Physician	Nha Trang, Pleiku
Stuckey, Jeanie	8/69-6/72	Hostess	Nha Trang
Swartzendruber, Duane	2/57-8/59	Construction Super.	Ban Me Thuot
Tiessen, Elizabeth	8/66-2/68	Nurse	Di Linh
Troyer, Dana	2/67-5/67	Physician	Nha Trang
Voth, Donald	8/58-8/61	Administration	Ban Me Thuot, Saigon
Weaver, Elnora	3/59-3/62	Nurse	Ban Me Thuot, Nha Trang
Weber, Marcie	1/69-8/71	Nurse	Nha Trang, Q. Ngai, Pleiku
Weidner, Mark	11/66-5/68	Teacher	Hue
Weidner, Susan	11/66-5/68	Volunteer	Hue
Wiens, Delbert	08/54-8/57	Director	Saigon
Willms, J. Frances	12/74-4/75	Nurse	Nha Trang
Willms, John	12/74-4/75	Physician	Nha Trang
Wyse, Donald	6/73-6/74	Physician	Nha Trang
Wyse, Joyce	6/73-6/74	Teacher	Nha Trang
Yano, Teruko	9/70-9/73	Nurse	Nha Trang
Yoder, John E.	10/67-4/68	Administration	Saigon
Yoder, Carl	7/62-8/65	Physician	Nha Trang
Yoder, Phyllis	7/62-8/65	Nurse	Nha Trang
Yoder, Ruth LaVerne	2/66-7/72	Nurse, Instructor	Nha Trang, Saigon

(Dates are within one month—may refer to total term or only time present in Vietnam).

Persons Who Served with Vietnam Mennonite Missions

Beidler, Luke and Dorothy	8/66-7/69 9/70-4/75	Teaching, Student Work	Saigon Can Tho
Bishop, Duane Bishop, Duane and Pat	7/73-4/75 8/74-4/75	Teaching, Student Work	Can Tho Can Tho
Bucher, Paul and Esther	8/70-3/73 4/73-7/74	Teaching, Student Work, Administration; VNCS Hostess	Saigon, Can Tho Saigon
Kennel, Paul	6/73-4/75	WRC administration	Da Nang
Martin, Luke and Mary	9/62-7/67 9/68-6/72 7/73-4/75	Evangelistic work, teaching, administration, women's ministry	Saigon
Metzler, Everett & Margaret	11/57-9/62 3/63-8/66 8/67-7/69	Evangelistic work, teaching, student work, administration	Saigon
Metzler, James and Rachel	9/62-8/66 8/67-9/70	Evangelistic work, teaching, student work, literature; nurse	Saigon
Mininger, Mark & Ruth Ann	1/74-3/75	Teaching, student work; nurse	Saigon
Peachey, Titus	9/70- 7/73	Teaching, student work	Saigon
Sensenig, Donald and Doris	8/63-6/68 8/69-6/73	Evangelistic work, teaching, student and community work	Saigon
Shirk, Maynard	9/70-7/73	Maintenance work	Saigon
Stauffer, James and Arlene	5/57-3/62 9/62-1/65 8/66-7/70 8/71-4/75	Evangelistic and pastoral work, teaching, student and community work; administration; women's ministries	Saigon

VNCS Expatriate Personnel 1966-1975

More than two hundred persons served with Vietnam Christian Service, including seventy-one MCC personnel. Others were recruited through Church World Service (CWS) and Lutheran World Relief (LWR). MCC personnel who served from 1966 through 1972, part of the VNCS contingent, are listed elsewhere.

Aaker, Gerald & Judy - LWR
 Allan, Mona E. S. - CWS
 Allyn, Margaret - CWS
 Armstrong, Jeanne – CWS
 Barnes, Gunnar - LWR
 Batalden, Abner & Martha – LWR
 Batoon, Ireneo - LWR
 Beane, Douglas - CWS
 Bonnette, Terry - CWS
 Brenden, Neil & Marta - LWR
 Brumbeck, Lee - LWR
 Burgess, John
 Cabbage, Lynn - CWS
 Callahan, Virginia - CWS
 Campbell, Ernest & Alfie – CWS
 Carlson, Barbara - CWS
 Carpenter, Anne - CWS
 Casebolt, Ralph - CWS
 Castet, Michel & Dominique - CWS
 Channon, Carl & Hazel - CWS
 Chaperon, Sue - CWS
 Clark, Katherine - CWS
 Collins, Jane - CWS
 Cook, Douglas & Virginia - CWS
 Cribby, Phyllis - CWS
 Dahl, Leif & Carol - CWS
 Dangers, Skip - CWS
 Danielson, Judy - LWR
 Dewitt, Helen - CWS
 Dickason, Jean - CWS
 Dodge, William & Marge - CWS
 Dove, Doris - CSW
 Downs, Cynthia - CWS
 Downs, Peter - CWS
 Dybing, Aase - LWR
 Elwood, Margaret - CWS
 Faulkner, Margaret - CWS

Foster, Wayne - CWS
 Getz, Roger & Genevieve - CWS
 Gould, Rebecca - CWS
 Gribler, Susan - CWS
 Gross, Marcie
 Gutshall, Jeanne - LWR
 Hale, Douglas - LWR
 Hall, Wayne - CWS
 Hancock, R. Dean & Margaret - CWS
 Helstern, Mary Sue - CWS
 Hendersen, Martha - LWR
 Herman, Stewart - LWR
 Herod, William - CWS
 Hope, Sam & Nancy - CWS
 Horn, Ursula - LWR
 Johnston, Lela - CWS
 Jones, Brennon - CWS
 Jones, Douglas - CWS
 Keltie, Patricia - CWS
 Kimberly, Salli - CWS
 Kimmel, Christopher - CWS
 Kleinbach, Grace - CWS
 Kleinbach, Russel - CWS
 Knepp, Joan - CWS
 Landhuis, Jesse - CWS
 Lap, Margriet - CWS
 Lewis, Patricia - CWS
 Lewis, Zelma - CWS
 Luken, William - CWS
 Marentek, Geysje
 McConnell, Tharon - CWS
 Matern, Richard & Wilhelmina - LWR
 Maw, Thelma - CWS
 McCoard, Douglas - CWS
 Metzger, Dennis - CWS
 Milk, Richard & Juliet - CWS
 Miller, Robert L. - CWS

Moomaw, Ira & Mabel - CWS
Neal, Thomas & Mei Hwa - LWR
Newlon, Camille - CWS
Niska, Patricia - LWR
Noteboom, Glen - CWS
Orr, Ross - CWS
Petre, Rufus - CWS
Pilburn, Marvin & Carolyn - CWS
Reardon, Dorothy
Redlin, Gloria - LWR
Richison, George -CWS
Rose, William - CWS
Roth, Larry & Clarice - LWR
Scahill, Anne - CWS
Schmidt, R. John & Clara - CWS

Schulze, Linda - CWS
Selnes, Levie - LWR
Smith, Perry E. H. - CWS
Smith T, Joanne - CWS
Stallwood, Barbara - CWS
Stivers, Willard - CWS
Stoffel, Alfred - CWS
Studebaker, Ted - CWS
Thompson, Everett & Zora - CWS
Verduin, Jan - CWS
Vogel, Betty - CWS
Vogel, Lynn - CWS
Williams, Dwaine & Becky Williams - CWS
Woodruff, Lance - CWS
Workman, David & Dorothy - CWS

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The primary materials for this book came from archival materials and private collections of personal letters. The MCC Archives are located at Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, PA. The EMBMC materials are at Eastern Mennonite Missions, Lancaster, PA. Vietnam materials and archival notes used in preparation of this book will be deposited at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Rd, Lancaster, PA 17602 as “Luke S. Martin, 1933- , Personal Papers.” The personal letters and journals of Arlene and James Stauffer, Rachel and James Metzler, Margaret Metzler, Mary and Luke Martin, Paul Longacre, Esther and Paul Bucher were invaluable; these are privately held.

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Bowman's *Almanac of the Vietnam War* is very helpful in locating the various political and military developments from 1932 to 1984.

Fredrik Logevall's *Embers of War*, for which he won the Pulitzer Prize, and his earlier work, *Choosing War*, are carefully researched and documented. Stanley Karnow's *Vietnam* was published to accompany the acclaimed PBS Television Series.

Topmiller's book provides helpful insights into the little understood Buddhist opposition to the war. Nick Turse documents the savage ferocity of the war.

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Metzler describes the climate in which missionaries sought to share the gospel of Jesus and emphasizes the importance of a valid orientation for ministry.

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Violet James shows how Alliance missionaries viewed the war differently than Mennonite missionaries and MCC persons.

Nguyen, a Pulitzer Prize author, writes about how the ethical questions of the war should be remembered. Tran, also a young Vietnamese scholar, engages the war theologically in thought-provoking conversations.

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