

Peace and Reconciliation Library Project Committee
Honoring Colonel Chuck Meadows, USMC (Retired)
General Peter Pace, USMC (Retired), Sponsor

Working in partnership with
PeaceTrees VietNam
(www.peacetreesvietnam.org)

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***Retired Marine Colonel. Viet Nam combat decorated veteran.
Mentor. Humanitarian. Friend.***

Those words describe Chuck Meadows. He spent 26 years in the Marine Corps, including two tours in Viet Nam. Since his retirement he has returned to Viet Nam more than thirty times on personal missions of peacemaking and reconciliation.

Chuck is deeply committed to improving the lives of children and families in Quang Tri Province, central Viet Nam. For more than six years he volunteered as executive director of the non-profit PeaceTrees VietNam, a Seattle-based charity dedicated to land and community restoration in Quang Tri Province. Under Chuck's direction large areas of land were cleared of explosive devices, homes were built for 100+ families, thousands of children were educated on the dangers of unexploded ordnance, and schools and libraries were constructed.

Now we have an opportunity to recognize Chuck for his leadership, service, friendship, and for all he has done for the children and families of Viet Nam.

The **Peace and Reconciliation Library** will be built in Quang Tri Province under the direction of PeaceTrees. The building will honor Chuck for his dedicated and ongoing efforts to create peace and understanding with the people of Viet Nam.

General Peter Pace, USMC (Retired), 16th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is sponsoring the library project as a tribute to his friend and former commanding officer.

For the people of Quang Tri, where the average per capita income is less than \$300 per year, a library is much more than just a building with books. It is opportunity. It is a place to read and learn. It is a place for children to study and grow. It is a place for meetings and adult education. It is the focal point of the community. And because the site will be cleared of landmines and other unexploded ordnance by PeaceTrees professionals, it is also a place that is *safe*.

Chuck is delighted by the prospect of a Peace and Reconciliation Library, and has expressed genuine appreciation for the opportunity to be associated with this project.

The fundraising goal for the library is \$20,000. This amount will pay for construction and administrative fees, books, a librarian's salary for one year, furniture, utilities, a playground for the local children, and trees. If excess funds are raised, they will be used to expand the services offered by the library.

Donations will be matched, thanks to the generous support of an anonymous donor. Contributions of any size will make a difference and will be gratefully received. PeaceTrees is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) and all gifts are tax-deductible. A donation form is enclosed; you can also donate online at www.peacetreesvietnam.org; be sure to specify the *Peace and Reconciliation Library* project.

As friends and colleagues of Chuck, we hope you will join us in honoring him by making a donation to the Peace and Reconciliation library. This is *Chuck's library*, a meaningful and permanent way to honor all that he has done and given.

On behalf of The Peace and Reconciliation Library Project Committee, thank you so much for your thoughtful consideration. Chuck has done so much for others – it seems only fitting to honor him by doing something for others, in his name.

Warm regards,
Sue Warner-Bean

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Date _____

To: PeaceTrees VietNam
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Enclosed is a donation of \$ _____ to PeaceTrees VietNam. Please designate this donation to the **Peace and Reconciliation Library** project to honor **Chuck Meadows**.

Thank you.

Name _____

Address* _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

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*A receipt acknowledging your donation will be mailed to the address provided.

Yes **No**

Please add my name to the list of project participants to be shared with Chuck (*donation amounts will remain confidential*).

Please keep me informed about progress on the Peace and Reconciliation Library project, with updates on groundbreaking, construction, and dedication activities.

Note: Donations may also be made and designated online at www.peacetreesvietnam.org