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Subject:

Status Narrative, August 1, 1975

OPERATION HEARTBEAT ministries continued at the Guam, Pendleton, Chaffee, Eglin and Indiantown Gap processing centers and Montreal.

Under the Spirit's direction and with God's leading, the sponsorship ministries began to phase out at Eglin and Indiantown Gap. On Guam, refugees were departing in increasing numbers. In Canada, the first C&MA-related refugees from the small band in Pusan, Korea (Narrative of June 27) arrived in Vancouver. Since the previous narrative, another 125 souls have been harvested and 90 new believers have been baptized -- 2,493 conversions and 634 baptisms so far,

Additional unanticipated opportunities were given to form Vietnamese Alliance churches in Boise, Idaho; El Cajon, San Francisco, Rancho Cordova and Chula Vista, California, and Vancouver, B.C. Final plans and preparations have been made for the Vietnamese Pastors Conference in Nyack, August 4-8. HEARTBEAT funds reached \$413,584. And the first Vietnamese radio program in North America was taped by the Central Pacific District as a cross-cultural and gospel ministry by the district. This opportunity came as a result of an alert and concerned pastor and superintendent and the broadcast will be on a family radio station (KFAX, San Francisco) each Saturday afternoon. The potential listening audience is over four million -- Bay Area, North and South Bay Areas, San Jose and Oakland areas.

Previous narratives have stressed the providential obedience to the Spirit's leading in various regions/districts at exactly the right time. Words fail to adequately express the resounding joy which has been the Alliance's as widely spread churches and individuals continue to pour out their love as givers, sponsors, and in prayer. The undiminished labors and vision of Rev. Clark Gardner, Rev. Ralph Shellrude, Rev. Leo Berreth, Rev. Elmer Fitch, Rev. Paul

Edwardson and Rev. Barry Van Hoogen most recently has accounted for the resettlement of large numbers of Vietnamese refugees -- approximately 200, 85, 115, 75, 65, and 35, respectively, based upon reports through mid-July plus projected resettlements. There is a danger in citing specific districts and churches -- for example, one overlooks Rev. Warren Thompson in the South Pacific District (180 refugees), Rev. Paul Alford and the Florida churches (60), Rev. Carl Measell in the Central Pacific District (60), all of whom have provided key resettlement at critical times. So, as admonished by Scripture, we give God the glory. We thank God for each and every member of the Alliance family who has permitted the love of the Spirit dwelling within to live out as Jesus Christ commanded: "Inasmuch as ye did it...."

This narrative provides an opportunity to present a recapitulation of statistics to date. Overall the C&MA has assisted in varying degrees 4,078 refugees -- over three percent of the 130,866 involved in the U. S. Government programs. About 1,500 of our former Vietnamese and Cambodian churchmen have been sponsored. Costs were \$61,209.66 through June 30. Averaging indicates a per-C&MA-related refugee cost as \$40.89. Even if final cost should cause this figure to double (\$80), the cost will be less than one-fifth of the lowest reported (\$457) by those sponsoring groups receiving government funds. The failure rate for C&MA sponsorships has been 0.6 percent -- and these failures were not the fault of the sponsoring church or of OPERATION HEARTBEAT.

District offers of sponsorship through July 25, exclusive of Canada were:

Central	6
Central Pacific	20
Eastern	20
Metropolitan	9
Midwest	27
New England	7
Northeastern	11
Northwestern	49
Pacific Northwest	43
Rocky Mountain	5
South Atlantic	5
South Pacific	44
Southeastern	19
Southern	8
Southwestern	17
West Central	18
Western	54
Western Pennsylvania	4
	<u>366</u>

Resettlements actually reported as of July 23 were:

Central	23
Central Pacific	56
Eastern	45
Metropolitan	7
Midwest	69
New England	6
Northeastern	27
Northwestern	97
Pacific Northwest	31

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Rocky Mountain	32
South Pacific	153
Southeastern	63
Southern	11
Southwestern	41
West Central	50
Western	137
Western Pennsylvania	<u>10</u>
	858

The following processing status situation existed as of June 30:

	<u>Pendleton</u>	<u>Chaffee</u>	<u>Eglin</u>	<u>Indiantown</u>	<u>Montreal</u>
Cumulative # of C&MA-related individuals identified	482	719	221	100	47
C&MA-related family groups still requiring sponsorship	0	1	0	6	Not applicable
Cumulative # of general refugees assisted as VOLAG	52	1,547	1,050	3	200
*Cumulative # of conversions	423	595	409	250	16
New convert family groups requiring sponsorship	31	13	6	5	
C&MA sponsorships received but not yet used	4	79	10	5	Not applicable
Non-C&MA sponsorships received but not yet used	11	41	0	1	

*Guam reports 800 conversions, not included.

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