

# ARTISTS FOR ORPHANS INC

REGISTRATION 11770



## THREE BABIES GET MEDICAL HELP AT LAST

Dear Friends,

We don't usually send out our newsletters so closely together, however there is so much good news, we just had to share it. You may remember the little girl in the photo on the right. Her name is Mai and my partner Son Michael Pham, of Kids Without Borders and I came across Mai and the baby on the left the Ba Vi District of North Vietnam in November, 2012.

I was especially keen to help little Mai. I am so happy to inform you that Son will be in Vietnam this month and has arranged to take Mai to Hanoi on April 23 for an appointment with medical doctors at the National Optical Hospital. These babies may never have seen a hospital had we not intervened.

The other baby (above left) who has a very large tumor on his forehead is also going to Hanoi to see if they can help. It is our goal to either have a treatment plan in place for each of these babies, or at least enough medical information and get people in the medical community to support these cases.

Also, on April 22nd a tiny baby we met at Go Vap Orphanage Intensive Care Unit (the one we supplied \$6000 worth of medicine to) is also being taken to a hospital in Hanoi.

Although we do not know if these babes can be helped, they are at least getting the opportunity to find out and we could not be happier. All our supporters should be very proud!

## 20 MORE KIDS SPONSORED!

At our committee meeting on April 11, 2013 it was decided that **Artists for Orphans Inc** will sponsor another 20 young people at a cost of \$400 each for twelve months. You may remember that we initially sponsored 4 kids and Ros Bradbury and I met these lovely young people in Viet Nam before we launched into sponsoring any more. We were so impressed with the young people we met, and with the Teach Me to Fish Program, that we decided to sponsor another 20.

The young people we are sponsoring have just turned 18 or are about to turn 18 and have to leave their respective orphanages

This particular sponsorship program is called Teach Me to Fish. It actually has nothing to do with fishing. You may recall the saying :“Give a man a fish you feed him for a day, show him how to catch fish and you feed him for a lifetime.” Hopefully this will help keep them safe from sweat shops and the slave and sex trade.

## **THE LEGENDARY LESLIE AVRIL COMES TO TOWN!**

More exciting news!! One of the finest female country singers in the country, Ms Leslie Avril is coming to Kyneton to perform at:

### **ARTISTS FOR ORPHANS' Ruby's Pop Up Wine Bar, on SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST**

“Leslie Avril is sexy, bluesy & sheer dynamite live & her stunning vocals electrify an audience with power, depth & aching honesty”.

A vivacious singer & performer, “I’m Alright Jack” is her 4th CD & her original songs have also featured on various compilations & soundtracks. **Add the mighty Marcie Jones to the mix** and it promises to be one of those very memorable nights. **Tickets: \$20 includes nibbles. Bookings via Ruby Cafe. (Fundraiser for AFO)**

## **WE WELCOME A TERRIFIC NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER**

I am so thrilled to introduce our new Committee Member, Mr Hanh Tran. Hanh is Vietnamese Australian, a humanitarian and a journalist for ABC Radio. We are very fortunate to have Hanh on the committee to give a Vietnamese perspective, who understands the language, culture and politics. Thank you Hanh and Welcome!

And all this being done from little old Kyneton and the Macedon Ranges!

**“All children are a blessing, not all children are blessed.”**

**Roni Wildeboer, Founder**

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Leslie Avril



Hanh Tran