

Report from Fun Plex Yearly Christmas Event – 12/16/2007

Messengers of Love attended the Radio Saigon Houston's yearly Christmas event for the children on Sunday, December 16, 2007 at Fun Plex on Beechnut. Saigon Houston Radio had asked us to perform two songs, maybe three if time permitted for the show. Well, Fun Plex went really well for MoL. Hoai Nguyen and Mr. Khoi Le performed three different songs for the show. Hoai, an orphan, sang two songs, and Mr. Khoi Le played his famous harmonica/mandolin/guitar trio to the song "Loi Ve Xom Nho". Mr. Phuc Duong said a few words about Hoai's situation after his performance. He also asked a MoL representative to come on stage to talk about Messengers of Love's mission and the Christmas gift program. I believe there were about 500 people in the audience. The MCs for the program also talked about us throughout the program. It was great publicity.

We also had a booth set up with scented candles, fresh roses, pictures, CDs, and Christmas baskets. With the help of our charming Ms. Hong Hai Vu and her two kids, we ended up with \$455 in the three hours we were there. Santa Claus also came with his donation box and added another \$62. And the best part is: Radio Saigon Houston donated the proceeds from the event, which totaled \$3,075, to Messengers of Love's Christmas gifts for the orphans and the children of poor families affected by the flood. We are really appreciative of Radio Saigon Houston for giving us that kind of support. Ms. Thanh Thuy's words: "We have common goals regarding Christmas gifts for the children of VN, and we really like what Messengers of Love is doing". Those were very nice encouraging words for us.

As soon as Fr. Nghiem gets back to Hue, he will be shopping for goodies and putting on his Santa outfit to distribute the gifts to the children in Hue's orphanages and the poor children in the villages. He will be very busy this Christmas. MoL will also be shipping 800 outfits for the children to Hue soon, so he can add them to Santa's gifts.

MoL members and supporters' hard work and support have brought happiness and needed supplies to 3,000 kids this Christmas. This Christmas as you enjoy your time with family and friends, please also don't forget to give thanks to our God for giving us the abundance, health, and compassion to give and carry out his work so effectively. And on behalf of the children, my sincere thanks to you all.

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