

## Testimony of a Translator

My parents, who were first-generation Vietnamese Christians, served as missionaries to the tribal people in Vietnam for many years from 1937–1962. I was born in the highland of Vietnam and lived among the tribal people during my childhood. Since then, I have wanted to become a missionary, and God had indeed called me and my wife to do so. We served in Bangladesh from 1989–1992 and in Mongolia from 2000–2014.

To prepare for mission service, I attended the Urbana convention a few times, took the course “Perspective on World Mission” at the US Center for World Mission in Pasadena, and finished the Intercultural Studies Program at the School of World Mission at Fuller Theological Seminary. I prayed for world missions during college and since then have used resources such as *Adopt a People*, *Global Mission Digest*, and *Joshua Project UPG*. My wife and I are acutely aware of the need to bring the gospel to Unreached People Groups.

When we retired in 2016, we formed the Vietnamese Evangelical Missionary Fellowship (VEMF) to mobilize Vietnamese Evangelical Christians to be actively involved in missions, particularly to UPG. Before this, interest has been low since church members were more concerned about reaching other Vietnamese people. We realized that the average church member needs to learn more about missions, the world, and the unfinished task so that they will welcome-pray-give-send-go-mobilize for missions.

I think learning something about UPG and praying for them—even for just one group—is the most crucial, important first step to getting involved. We think Joshua Project has both the content and the format that can reach a lot of Christians, including the Vietnamese. Thus, we want to make Joshua Project’s *Unreached of the Day* materials available in Vietnamese for the benefit of Vietnamese church members who do not have enough fluency in English.

Besides translating for Joshua Project, we are also translating other mission books into Vietnamese, which are lacking in Vietnamese church libraries. Now, we are considering translating the missions materials in Joshua Project’s Children’s Resources section.