

AASUCCESS NEWSLETTER

July, the act of giving back!

- Road Building **AUG 1, 2024**
- Senior Care Center Project

AASuccess is all about giving back, we know this- in fact, it's quite literally our organization's slogan. Although, and as we've already addressed, you wonder, "Isn't there some sort of condition to this?"

Kindness is like breathing, much like holding a hand out to the parts of the world that deserve it.

You must know about the Hau Giang road project, for perhaps we talk too much about it. Reasonably, though, for how impactful it was on us and the community of a more poverty-stricken Vietnam.



BEFORE - March 2024



AFTER - July 2024



Inspection of the road by AASuccess students, mentor, Viet Lotus, and Vietnamese road contractors



Now, it's more than that.

On July 16th, 2024, a Dedication Ceremony celebrated the completion of AAS Huyen's Road Project in Hậu Giang province, Vietnam. This collaborative effort between AASuccess, Prow Charities, and Viet Lotus went far beyond mere infrastructure improvement.



July 16 Dedication Ceremony

At its heart, this project was about building people as much as it was about building a road. Students ranging from high school to university age, alongside experienced professionals, came together across generational and knowledge gaps. By the project's end, we had not only constructed a road but also forged emotional bonds that transcended cultural and generational boundaries.

This journey reminded us all that learning is a continuous process, one that flourishes when diverse minds come together with a shared purpose. The road we built stands as a testament not just to improved infrastructure, but to the power of collaboration, mentorship, and the enduring impact of bringing together diverse voices for a common cause.



The day after, the 17th, we traveled to Long An to attend Hong Hoa Senior Care Center for a ½ day. That time was all spent conversing with the elderly, around 10 of them, and on matters of their mental health and conditions. Despite just a few interviewees, the care center is a home for about 41 elderly and even 11 orphans.



Elders enjoying hot muesli porridge for lunch, made by AASuccess students.



Traveling to Vietnam was not for just one act of charity but as many for what we can do. For Hong Hoa, we have a mission to provide nutritious meals, ambulances, and an expanse of living space for those living there.

Surely, it's an effort, but it pays off brilliantly because it's worth it, we know that unconditionally, there is no true cost. This, of course, could not be possible without the courtesy of our students, even with adult mentors.



There's a lot of grit to be put in, a lot of work, lots of planning, responsibility too. The students, our students, take time to take up the effort for everything it's worth for. We work for kindness, even more, we work for the happiness of others. Which, doesn't sound much different, but I promise you when I say the impact is far greater than the action that is done.