



## LITTLE HANDS MAKE A BIG CROSS

Some time ago I had the privilege of having a meal with the Rev. Todd Bunge family at Hawarden, Iowa. What a blessing to see this wonderful Christian missionary family! After a good visit, the three little boys of Todd and Tam ran downstairs and I could hear much talking and a little “hammering” sound. It wasn’t long before the boys appeared and in hand they had a special gift that they had made for Mission Central. They proudly displayed a cross they had made with their own hands! They were so excited to present it to old Misisonary Gary. It was a



reminder of how much the Lord loves us, and how much they love the Lord Jesus. Upon returning to the barn at Mission Central, I climbed up a ladder next to the stained glass window. There was an opening between the 2x6s and wouldn’t you know it...the cross fit perfectly into the opening! The boys had

made it exactly the right size. Pictured here are the boys presenting their special gift to Gary. Also pictured is “their cross” in the barn at Mission Central.



## FOURTH GRADE STUDENT FROM ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL, DENSION PRESENT SPECIAL GIFT OF LOVE TO CAMBODIA

When Ms. Anderson and her 4<sup>th</sup> grade class at Zion Lutheran School in Dension, Iowa called, we didn’t realize what a blessing would take place! The students came with their teacher and had the honor and privilege of hearing Kalia Lo from Cambodia tell of her work half way around the world. Kalia told of working with children and some of the poor people, and how by showing them love they see that Jesus lives in our hearts! The members of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class had held a bake sale and they were so excited to present their gift of the proceeds of that sale directly to Kalia Lo for her family’s support. It was a day the students will never forget, as they had the privilege of hearing from their missionary and presenting their gift in person to her. Pictured here is Ms. Anderson, Kalia Jo, and all of the students. God can even use 4<sup>th</sup> graders to get His work done!



## VIETNAM COMES TO MISSION CENTRAL

Rev. Ted Engelbrecht and his close friends, Dr. Ngu and his wife, were special guests at Mission Central for a presentation on the work being done in Vietnam. Visitors came from Brookings and Sioux Falls, SD, to hear and see the presentation on Vietnam. Dr. Ngu and his wife are associated with the social welfare programs in the government of Vietnam. The story of Rev. Engelbrecht is truly a “miracle” story of how the Lord put him at the right place at just the right time. Through the help of Dr. Ngu, we recently received word that the communist government of Vietnam is granting a license for us to start the first Lutheran school in Hanoi, Vietnam. What an amazing miracle! Usually schools are done in a “joint venture” type of approach, but this school was given a license totally to be owned by the LCMS. It’s another example of what God can do! Here you see Rev. Engelbrecht and these special friends from half way around the world! What a blessing it was to have special guests that came forward and placed their hands on Rev. Engelbrecht and Dr. Ngu and his dear wife and prayed for them!



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