



April 2022 Newsletter

Contact Your Senators and Encourage Them to Support Funding for Global Demining Programs!

Earlier this month, the PeaceTrees community did a remarkable job contacting House Representatives urging them to support mine action by signing the Speier-Johnson humanitarian demining appropriations letter. Because of your support, 105 House Representatives joined the letter (including 6 Washington State Representatives)! Thank you to everyone who took action!

There is now a letter circulating to U.S. Senators asking for their support of global demining programs. U.S. Voters, can we count on you to take 30 seconds to send a letter to your Senator?

Take action now!



Join PeaceTrees Staff for an Advocacy Call Party!

We invite you to join PeaceTrees staff for a virtual call party! This event will be hosted over ZOOM and will include a call script and a dedicated space and time to call your Senators, asking them to support global mine action programs. This will be a great opportunity to connect with staff and other passionate PeaceTrees community members! These meetings will be open for one hour, but we invite you to join anytime within the hour as calls should only take a few minutes.

[Click here to register for a call party on Friday, May 6 at 12pm PST.](#)

[Click here to register for a call party on Monday, May 9 at 12pm PST.](#)

Updates from Vietnam

Dwarf Banana Plants Delivered to Flood Impacted Families

On March 27, PeaceTrees staff and program partners delivered dwarf banana starts to 10 families in Dakrong District, Quảng Trị Province who were impacted by historic flooding in the fall of 2020. These families were also supplied with fertilizer, water pumps, and technical training so that they will be able to cultivate bananas for food and income. Bananas are an excellent cash crop that produce fruit quickly and have a productive yield!



PeaceTrees staff, partners, and community members planting the first dwarf banana start- Dakrong District, Quảng Trị Province

Newly planted dwarf banana plants- Dakrong District, Quảng Trị Province

Explosive Ordnance Risk Education in Quảng Bình Province

In honor of International Mine Awareness Day on April 4, PeaceTrees program staff and EOD technicians hosted an Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) event in Bố Trạch District, Quảng Bình Province. This is only the second in-person EORE event PeaceTrees has hosted for students since the start of the pandemic.

Research has shown that 80% of children, women, and farmers surveyed in Quảng Bình do not know what actions to take if they encounter an explosive remnant of war, which highlights the continued need for EORE in central Vietnam. PeaceTrees is excited to be welcoming back these lifesaving educational events. This event in Quảng Bình Province was supported by Rotary International. **Thank you to PeaceTrees' Rotarian supporters for keeping children and families safe by supporting our EORE programs!**



PeaceTrees EOD technician, Tran Van Tu working with a student at the EORE event- Bồ Trạch District, Quảng Bình Province

PeaceTrees staff using a game to support learning at the EORE event- Bồ Trạch District, Quảng Bình Province

Soccer Tournament and Team Building in Quảng Trị Province

On April 30th, to honor and celebrate the 47th Anniversary of Reunification and the end of the war in Vietnam, PeaceTrees EOD teams in Huong Hoa District, Quảng Trị Province organized a friendly soccer tournament! The teams were composed of 50 players from our Explosive Ordnance Disposal Teams, Clearance Teams, Clearance Support Teams, and Site Assessment Teams. A big congratulations to the Battle Area Clearance 3 team who took home first prize!

One EOD Technician/Soccer Star reflected on the event by sharing, "this is one of many meaningful activities that PeaceTrees has been implementing, so that after hard work time in the field, our members have the opportunity to participate in group activities, exercise, strengthen cohesion and solidarity, share and learn from each other within PeaceTrees Vietnam family."



Players participating in the championship match- Huong Hoa District, Quảng Trị Province

An action shot from one of the soccer matches on April 30- Huong Hoa District, Quảng Trị Province

Worth a Listen

Thip Khao Talk Podcast by Legacies of War

[Legacies of War](#), a U.S.-based educational and advocacy organization working to bring awareness to war legacy issues as a result of Vietnam-War era bombing in Laos. Our friends at Legacies of War recently launched a podcast series called *Thip Khao Talk* to open up discussion about war legacy issues that continue to impact communities in Laos today. [Click here to listen on Spotify.](#)

Recording of our Book Talk Event with Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai

On April 21st PeaceTrees was joined by author and friend, Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai, for a book talk about her bestselling novel, *The Mountains Sing*. [If you missed the event, you can watch a recording of it here on YouTube.](#) A big thanks to the wonderful Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai for joining us live from Vietnam, and to Grace Rajendran from the University Bookstore in Seattle for facilitating such a meaningful conversation!

GiveBIG is Coming!

GiveBIG, a 48-hour statewide giving event, is happening next week on May 3rd and 4th! This year, donations made during GiveBIG will support scholarships, school lunches, and library corners in rural Vietnamese primary schools. [We hope you think of PeaceTrees during GiveBIG this year!](#)



Donate a Used Vehicle to PeaceTrees

Make your tax-deductible gift to PeaceTrees by donating your unwanted vehicle! We partner with CARS, a nonprofit organization that facilitates vehicle donations. All vehicles are eligible for donation, even if they are not running! CARS makes it easy and gives your unwanted vehicle a new purpose.



Your monthly reminder to make PeaceTrees your Amazon Smile beneficiary!

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