Black Pepper Project Update:

In the summer of 2015, PeaceTrees Vietnam partnered with several wholesale spice distributors to begin the Black Pepper Farming Project in Con and Tram villages. Both villages are located near the Laotian border in Huong Hoa District and are composed of rural, largely ethnic minority communities. In 2018 farmers were able to harvest their first crop of black pepper. This year our pepper farmers harvested 175.5kg of pepper in May and were again able to sell it to our project partners. We continue to work alongside our project partners and farmers in order to ensure successful pepper plantations and sustainable incomes for the farmers. We are looking forward to another productive season and another growing season in 2020.

University of Washington Students in Vietnam!

Students from the University of Washington are currently with our team in Vietnam exploring PeaceTrees’ work and learning about the legacy of war. This Comparative History of Ideas program led by Professor Christoph Giebel (UW, Int'l. Studies/History) will spend eleven days with our team in Quang Tri Province. Highlights of their trip include visiting our kindergartens and making toys with the children, laying a tile floor for a family and engaging in various other service projects with the community, visiting our EOD teams in the field and teaching English. This is the eighth study abroad trip to Vietnam led by Professor Giebel. He also leads Citizen Diplomacy trips through PeaceTrees Vietnam that provide a historical and educational focus. For more information contact us at info@peacetreesvietnam.org or call us at (206) 441-6136 to learn more or to register!

Attention Spokane Veterans:

Join PeaceTrees at the Vietnam Veterans of America Conference this week at the Spokane Convention Center!

What: Vietnam Veterans of America National Convention
When: 9:00 am- 5:00 pm July 15-20th
Where: Spokane Convention Center
334 W Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WA 99201
More details are available here!

PeaceTrees Citizen Diplomacy Trips provide an opportunity for volunteers to experience Vietnam from a unique and rewarding perspective. Our main goal is to bring American and Vietnamese people together to work and play as a means of promoting peace, friendship and renewal through mutual understanding and respect. During this trip, you will have the opportunity to see many areas within the country, including Hanoi, Hue, Dong Ha, Hoi An and Saigon, plant trees at a PeaceTrees project site, and interact with Vietnamese community members in a meaningful way that few tourists ever experience. Read our traveler’s testimonials here!

Dates:
January 2020 - Tentatively departing January 3rd and returning January 19th
March 2020 - Tentatively departing March 11th and returning March 26th
September 2020 - Dates TBD, likely a two week mid-September trip

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