

P.S. I just thought of something else that may be of interest to you - We have been running into a little trouble with our interpreters due to cultural differences in our societies. We have all been taking our turns in helping the house boy set & clear off the table for every meal. Each person does this for a week. When it came time for the interpreters week to do this they sort of disappeared. We called them down for it. Here we ran into trouble. They said we had a houseboy & that was his job and their job was to interpret. They finally said they would do it but if we had a Vietnamese guest they couldn't clear the table in front of them. When their week came around again they still made themselves scarce. So we finally gave up. One can't change their cultural ideas over night. It is definitely a feeling of higher class. The interpreters are well-educated & doing manual labor is below them.

Then this week another problem of the same sort came up. The boys have been hauling water in buckets from the creek for use in the toilets. We told the interpreters they must help carry water. They said they wouldn't as they didn't use the toilets. They used the forest. That is one of the reasons the team is here - to teach the people that they must do this. The flies sit on their excreta & then come & sit on our food & that is how dysentery is spread. Many of us have had it including me. We insisted they use the toilet or else they would have to leave us. They agreed to using the toilet but flatly refused to carry water, even at the risk of losing their job. The reasons are the same as helping with the table. It would be very degrading if they were seen by the village people carrying water. Again they said it was the house boys job. We had noticed that the houseboy had a lot of spare time so decided the best answer would be to have him carry water. (4 buckets a day) He also refused so today he lost his job & starting Monday we will have a new house boy who will carry water. These things are hard for us to understand & I imagine its hard for them to understand our ways.

A last message from Gordon - he got the \$25 money order, cashed & plans to write a letter to Frey, a part of which may be put in the bulletin.

Good luck Tim & Alan - we pray that God will be with you in your delivery. G. & S.