

AVVRG Long Tan Dental Program and So Much More

Many of you would be aware of the dental teams that the AVVRG, (Australian Vietnam Volunteers Resource Group) operates out of Long Tan, in the Bà Rịa–Vũng Tàu province in Vietnam for the last 25 years. Some of you may have even participated in these trips. If so, thank you so much and look forward to seeing you again now that we are in the post COVID world for our 2024 calendar of trips! What you and indeed many of the dental participants of the past may have not realized is that in addition to a focus on dentistry, with the provision of care to children in schools, orphanages and kindergartens, the AVVRG also runs programs for community aid, medical and nursing education within Vietnam.

AVVRG provides training and support to local healthcare workers, as well as equipment and supplies to hospitals and clinics and conducts outreach programs in rural areas, providing medical check-ups and treatment to those who may not have access to healthcare services otherwise.

The AVVRG is also involved in community aid programs, working with local communities to improve their living conditions and access to resources. This includes providing clean water and sanitation facilities, supporting agriculture and income-generating projects, and providing aid to people affected by natural disasters.

In addition, AVVRG is committed to improving school education in Vietnam. AVVRG has provided resources and training to teachers and schools, as well as support for students from disadvantaged backgrounds. This includes scholarships, school supplies, and other resources to help students succeed in their education.



Over the years, AVVRG has made a significant impact in Vietnam, improving the lives of thousands of people across the country. Their work has been recognised by the Australian government, as well as by the Vietnamese government and local communities.

The success of AVVRG is due in large part to the dedication and hard work of its volunteers who give their time and resources to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Their ongoing efforts in health, education, and community development have helped to build a brighter future for the people of Vietnam.

ICD Fellows, dentists and others who wish to make a difference (and having fun whilst they are at it!) please contact me. We look forward to hearing from you and perhaps working together on an upcoming trip!

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