#### **Warm Clothes to Children of Ethnic Minorities**

I arrived home on the evening of the first day of New Year. Upon returning home, I practiced living alone and observing the Eight Precepts, so I turned off my phone to avoid any distractions for a few days. When I went up to the highland areas during the days leading up to New Year, I realized how rich and lucky I am. Looking at the meals of the people in the mountainous regions on the 30th of New Year made me feel a deep sense of sadness.

Phúc and I left early on the 27th of the lunar calendar, which is the 28th of New Year, because we wanted to see how the local people prepared for the New Year holiday. Our first stop was the Ba Bể district of Bắc Kan.

On January 7th, we continued our journey and distributed 200 coats in Lai Châu. The manufacturer also added a few more, which I also brought and distributed.

#### Gift Distribution in Lai Châu Province

- Video 1
- Video 2
- Video 3
- Video 4
- Video 5

Dear Honorable Elders, Friends, and Benefactors,

Nguyễn Tất Kiên and Đỗ Phúc have completed their New Year gift-giving trip, especially for the children of Bắc Kạn Province, an area severely affected by the YAGI flood disaster. The trip ended on December 31, 2024, and it has taken nearly two months for us to have the opportunity to share this experience with all of you. We hope for your understanding and kindness.

#### **List of Contributions**

## **Contribution List**

We sincerely appreciate all your support for the disaster relief fund and the voluntary contributions. The financial donations from your loving hearts have been converted into warm coats, which were personally delivered to the parents and children in the mountainous areas. These warm coats not only allow the children to play outside during the day but also serve as blankets at night.

We wish you and your family a peaceful and serene afternoon. Sincerely,

Tôn Nữ Diêu Liên

# LIFE OF MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES ON THE EVE OF THE NEW YEAR - Nguyễn Tất Kiên Tết Market – we took the opportunity to go see and buy some items.

## Visiting Bắc Kạn Market

Market Visit

Visiting the villages to distribute coats. The people live scattered on the mountains. Some asked for one or two coats for their children.

#### **Distributing Coats in Villages**

Coat Distribution in Villages

#### Grandmother Requests Coats for 2 Grandchildren at Home

Grandmother's Request

## **Distributing Coats in the Villages**

Coat Distribution in Villages

## **Distributing Coats to 10 Children**

Gift for 10 Children Additional Video

#### **Distributing 8 Gift Packages**

8 Gift Packages

Second Video

## **Distributing Coats in Smaller Villages**

Small Village Distribution

#### 48 Families and 100 Students

48 Families & 100 Students

We visited the households to understand their lives, especially during the days leading up to New Year. Life in the highland regions is quite difficult. We distributed 50 portions of rice and 70 coats. This area has 48 households and over 100 students.

The trip to these remote areas involved traveling on very high mountains, and we had to transport goods by motorbike.

#### 48 Families and 100 Students

Second Video

Third Video

Though there were 48 households, we gave two extra portions to families with special circumstances.

#### Gift Distribution on the 30th of New Year

30th Tết Gifts

Second Video

Third Video

## Gifts Distributed in Cao Bằng

Making Bánh Tét on the 29th of New Year

## 20 Gift Packages on the 29th of New Year

29th Tết Gift Distribution

#### **Distributing 6 Portions of Rice**

**Rice Distribution** 

## Gift Distribution in the Deep Mountain Areas

Gift Distribution in Deep Mountains

#### Gifts for Families at a High Point

**High Point Gift Distribution** 

Second Video

Third Video

## **Distributing 15 Gift Packages**

15 Gift Packages

## **Distributing 4 Gift Packages**

4 Gift Packages

In the evening, we returned to rest in Cao Bằng. We had arranged for 30 poor households to come collect rice on the morning of the first day of New Year. However, 4 households arrived early in the afternoon, claiming they had no rice. We decided to give them the rice, though we couldn't confirm if they were telling the truth.

## **Evening and Overnight at the Kitchen**

Evening and Rice Distribution
Morning Distribution

In the cold night, the two of us slept near the stove and stayed through the New Year's Eve. In the morning, we took one portion of rice and fish sauce for breakfast. The cooking oil froze due to the cold.

On the morning of the first day of New Year, we distributed gifts in two rounds: one with 8 portions and another with 14 portions. The remaining 4 portions were requested to be delivered to other households. In total, we distributed 150 portions of rice and 310 coats. There were still 10 portions of rice and 290 coats left on the truck. We planned to continue, but seeing that many houses had their doors closed with leaves as a sign of not receiving visitors, we decided to stop. In the highland tradition, they avoid visitors on specific days, regardless of whether it's New Year or not.