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One of the impacts of Vietnam War (1975) was the loss of Vietnam Catholic Church, when the Church's properties were taken by the government such as educational institutions, hospitals, etc. De La Salle Brothers had the same problem, all of the schools were gone. It seemed there was no way to perform in the educational ministry for youth especially the poor.

However, as the Vietnamese saying "*Necessity is the mother of invention*", the Brothers learned how to adapt with the context where they could take part in their mission in a new way while they were waiting for the time when they could go back to school. Somehow their prayer was granted, the first school was established in DakDoa, Gia Lai province after many years. God had shown the Brothers the way to go back to their original mission and He also blessed them at the same time, through the donors, NGOs or International Lasallian Associates.

As a second regular school run by the Brothers, DakMil also received a privilege when God gave them an opportunity to put up a new school in 2017 named "Truong Vinh Ky Secondary and High School". It was a project for young people, especially the poor in Dak Nong province. The school paid more attention to the minority students (M'Nong dialect) by giving them free education and meals. And the Brothers aware that they will not be able to fulfill this mission if there were no supports and helps from Lasallian partners & Associates around the world.



1) DakMil Project – First Stage

Starting in 2017

Welcoming guests, project managers and coordinators in 2017



2) Starting first Batch of the School

September, 2018 – Admission ONLY for 6th Grade



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THE NEW ESTABLISHMENT

1) Starting School Year 2018 – 2019 with Challenges.



They said, “*The first step is always the hardest*”, but the Brothers believed that what they were doing was “the work of God”, so with all the affection of their hearts, they were working entirely for Him. Therefore, they were able to harvest some fruits even on the first year.

After a long time waiting and passing many requirements, the school was opened in 2018 with 133 students (123 Kinh & 10 M’ning students), only 6th grade admitted. There were a lot o of challenges at the beginning such as lacking of facilities; young teachers (lacking experience); new administration, etc.



2) | Implementing and Developing in School Year 2019 – 2020

As a whole day school setting, the school needs more space for students to use during the time they are in school such as dining area and resting area. Last two years, the school used the playground as dining area or multi-purpose hall for students and vacant classrooms as resting area.



The playground being used as multi-purpose hall





Everywhere can be used as multi-purpose for school activities or resting area



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Blessing of the New Dinning Hall & Dormitory



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New Dinning hall & Dormitory

With the increasing of students every year, the school needs bigger space in order to accommodate its students. Therefore, in school 2019 – 2020, with the help of the donors (through the Institute), the District of Vietnam was able to build a dinning hall and boarding/ dormitory for students. It was started in September 2019 and turned over in August 3, 2020. This will be functioning in school year 2020 – 2021, started in September 2020.



3 FORWARDING TO A BRIGHT FUTURE



For school year 2020 – 2021, the school will have three levels (from 6th to 8th grade), accommodate about 504 students (454 Kinh & 50 M’*nong* students); 11% of the student population will receive full scholarship for their study; 10% will receive free lunch. That’s all what the school can do, however the Brothers are still looking forward to a bigger HOPE when more students will have a chance to pursue their DREAMS in the future.

1) Great Things Are Made of Small ACTs

As Lao Tzu said, “*If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading.*” So for doing the change at the school’s part, there are several projects prioritized and set for the coming school year 2020 – 2021.



1) Building School Library as A Research Center

- Transfer the school library to an accessible place where everyone can stop over at anytime.
- Renew the school library become an attractive & friendly place where students, teachers, staff or even parents can enjoy their time and gain knowledge.
- Establish the school library as a learning resource with rich book categories or genres and computers with internet access.
- Encourage good reading habits in students by giving them more opportunities to use library through learning activities.



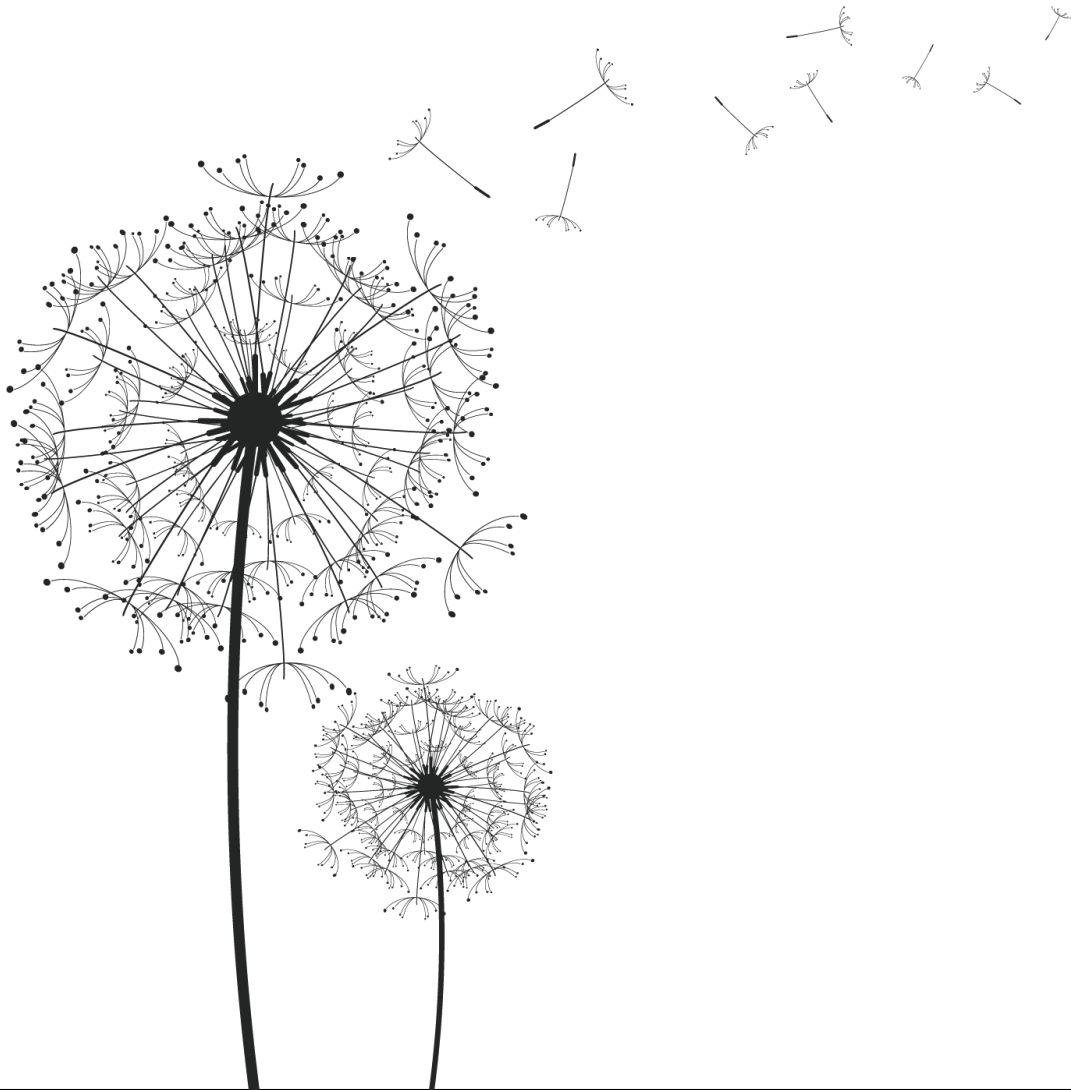
2) Preparing ethnic elementary students to enter the school next year

- Open free tutorial classes in three villages: Dak Mol, Dak Sak, Jun Ju on Saturday to help 5th grade ethnic students in those villages to review and strengthen what they have learned in school.
- Establish the ethnic students to build their learning habit with stability and responsibility.
- Collaborate with volunteers and sisters to help the ethnic students in those villages.
- Raise funds to maintain this project and in order give allowance for those who are helping in these classes.



3) Forwarding to a Green & Clean Campus

- Remind students and staff using school property with care; consuming water and electric power with responsibility; keeping classrooms and public areas clean;
- Everyone is reminded that the school is a non-smoking campus
- Build a green campus by covering the school with flowers, plants & trees (Green Project: fostering students in planting trees in different times of a year).



4) Forwarding to an Eco-Friendly Campus

- Encourage students reduce environmental impacts through three R's policies: reduce, reuse and recycle.
- Everyone is invited NOT using plastic in school campus.



2) For a Bright Future

For the coming of the high school level, the school needs to have another block for the high school students by 2022. That's a long term of preparation, which might take about a year for building. Therefore, it should have started as soon as possible. That's why, it would be prioritized in the school strategic plan and would be started by September 2020. However, it wouldn't have happened if there were no supports from the Institute and donors. And the school would like to extend the sincere gratitude and appreciation to those who helped and have been supporting in this mission and to make the dream of students here come true.



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