

Story about CWS Vietnam's support for the Durian-storm affected families



Slashing southern Vietnam in December 2006, the storm named Durian caused at least 98 dead, more than 300 injured and thousands of houses destroyed. Just 2 days after the storm slammed, CWS Vietnam staff conducted a rapid assessment in Long An province. Soon after that, a total of the 57 affected families in Tan Tap commune of the province had received CWS emergency support totaling 58 millions VND including two new houses.

CWS Vietnam funded two new houses worth 12 millions VND each for the families of Mr. Hanh and Mr. Lam as they are the most poor families in the commune with houses that completely collapsed, and who are, therefore, now facing extremely difficult circumstances. To resist strong winds and to better meet the basic needs of the two families, the new houses have been built with deeper foundation, brick walls, larger doors and with many windows. The Vietnamese Fatherland Front Committee in Tan Tap commune was mobilized to be in charge of monitoring the construction since both Heads of the two families were not in good health. The Fatherland Front were also involved in all stages of the construction, from designing, materials procurement, construction supervision, checking upon delivery to the final payment to the builders with the participation and witnessing of the two households' representatives and the Tan Tap commune Peoples' Committee. CWS Vietnam's Program Manager participated in the distribution of the organization's supports as well as the final checking and handing over of the new houses to the affected families. Mr.Lam's and Mr.Hanh's families were moved to tears when receiving the owning certificate for the houses on January 7th.



Children playing in their newly built house funded by CWS Vietnam



Head of commune Fatherland Front awarded the "Letter of Thanks" to CWS Vietnam