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All who love and believe
that children is our future

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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in going on a Children of Peace International (COPI) mission trip. COPI is a non-profit, humanitarian organization which exists to serve the people of Vietnam by developing the capability of the people to help themselves. Helping children in Vietnam was the beginning of the organization and is still the primary focus. COPI provides two medical/dental mission trips each year where volunteers from the USA travel to Vietnam and join with a team of our Vietnamese volunteers. Together we will set up clinics in rural communities and provide care to the less fortunate throughout the country.

The next spring mission trip will be March 14 to Mar. 31, 2012 (tentative dates). Please fill out and return the attached statement of interest form promptly to the address listed on the form.

You must have the statement of interest returned by Oct. 31, 2011 to be considered for the spring team. Once we have received your statement of interest, a member of our mission committee will contact you for an interview; after that the mission committee will begin to select our teammates and form a team.

By Nov. 14, 2011 an invitation or denial letter will be sent to you. With the invitation letter you will receive a packet of materials that must be filled out completely and returned by Dec. 1, 2011. Receipt of this packet and your deposit will confirm the acceptance of your invitation to join the COPI mission trip.

You may want to consider applying for a passport now if you do not have one to avoid paying higher fees for an expedited passport after invitation letters have been sent. (You must have a current passport by Dec. 1, 2011 for the spring trip.)

Our criteria to select our teammates will be based on the team makeup, area of interest, and previous mission trip experience. We need medical providers, dentists and ancillary help. Two thirds of our teammates will serve in supporting areas such as hygiene training, craft projects, gift and toy distribution, and crowd control.

We look forward to learning more about you and are hopeful for the opportunity to serve alongside you in Vietnam.

Sincerely,
COPI Mission Committee