

Background

Name: Chama Lea Thi Linh (Linh)

Age: 7 years

School: Phuoc Dai B Primary School, South Central

Vietnam.

Father: Pinang Don – Farmer

Mother: Chamalea Thi Lem – Farmer

Linh is one of five children born into a low income

farming family in South Central Vietnam.

Linh's right leg suddenly became paralysed during the school holidays in May 2013. Her parents took her to the local medical centre and then to hospital, but the doctors couldn't identify the cause of her paralysis. Linh was sent home without successful treatment.

Linh can no longer walk although she can stand on her left leg. Every day her father or mother carries her on their backs to and from school. When she needs to go to the toilet a teacher carries her. Linh's teachers help her to move between lessons.

Before her illness Linh was a model student and won awards for her achievements. Now she is withdrawn, and her teacher says her reading and class work is falling behind.