



# VIETNAM

**Christ to the World Ministries began its outreach in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in 2009.** Working with our Broadcast partner, the Far East Broadcasting Corporation (FEBC-Vietnam) the translation and production of the radio drama series, 'Persons who met Jesus' and the discipleship printed Study guides and oral broadcast of 'Hear the Word' will be broadcast starting in September 2009. Working in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known by many as Saigon, our production team will begin both Internet broadcasts along with Short wave broadcasts, which will reach the mountain and coastal regions of this country.



**Country Profile:** Vietnam is predominately a coastal people made up of people of diverse ethnic backgrounds. After decades of war and application of Marxist theory, the high inflation of the 1980's, reforms in the 1990's and since the turn of the century Vietnam has seen many changes.

Constitutional guarantees of religious freedom have proved meaningless; for the most part the government bears down and controls all religious activities and movements. Yet the country is gradually opening up.

Surprisingly, the radio outreach from outside the country for FEBC broadcasts are not being blocked or interfered with. Being a predominately Buddhist Society the openness to the Christian outreach is growing and Christian literature is in great demand.

**In a population of 82 million, it is estimated that 21 million people have access to the Internet.** A great many people will hear our anticipated Internet broadcast. And although literacy is higher than most SE Asian countries in this specific region, the Storying approach of sharing the Gospel through radio drama is expected to have a great impact and response.