Let's Visit Vietnam!

WAY OUT

There is a tremendous need in Vietnam for Christian leaders to be fluent in the Word. VOMC supports a project in this Southeast Asian country that trains leaders to effectively spread the Gospel message and provide new believers greatly needed discipleship. To learn more about this ministry, along with VOMC's other international projects, please visit:
vomcanada.com

A Way to Help: This month, organize a fundraiser or bake sale to raise support for VOMC's "Equipping the Saints Fund," which provides assistance towards the education of Christian leaders in persecuted countries. During the event, explain the importance of this project and encourage others to get involved too!

ONE WAY

A core concept of Marxism is materialism. While not solely referencing the 'coveting of luxury goods,' this concept implies that only the world of matter exists. Since Marxists don't believe their lives have any eternal significance, there is no moral truth. Rather, their focus and goals are rooted in living the best life humanly possible. Those who follow this ideology see "heaven" as something attainable here on earth. However, after climbing their way to the top, they often feel just as empty and unhappy.

The Bible clearly states that the visible world is not the only reality (2 Corinthians 4:16-18). A Christian's focus and outlook on life are centred around Jesus Christ and living purposefully with the Great Commission, the Cultural Commission, and eternity in mind (Matthew 28:18-20; Genesis 1:28). Even when difficulties come, they have hope beyond the grave! Such hope is not derived from what this life can do for them, but rather on the fact that God has the power to make all things new – including us – so that we may eternally dwell with Him.

WEIGH IN

Grow two plants, one in a sunny location and the other in a dark environment. Compare both at multiple stages of growth. Create a hypothesis, based on which plant you think will grow better and why. Why do you think thriving jungles can exist deep within the caves of Vietnam?

Luck is a common word many people use, like wishing someone "good luck" for an activity. Luck implies that the outcome is up to chance, and that a favourable result could happen if one is "lucky." Does the Bible support the concept of luck? Justify your answer with Scripture.

Debates and opposing viewpoints can be unpleasant, but they presuppose that there are truths worth defending and ideas worth standing for. In Canadian culture, many believe that "your truths are yours, and my truths are mine." If that's the case, what principles then determine how people should behave in society?

If you were living in Vietnam, and the government was monitoring how seriously you live out your faith, would they feel threatened by your Christian witness?

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Recommended Reads:
Where Wildflowers Grow by HÃ Â Dinh. (Ages 3-7)
My Ong Ngoai's Garden: Cal's Guide to Vietnamese Fruits and Culture by Ann Chau. (Early Reader)
Karl Marx and the Satanic Roots of Communism by Richard Wurmbrand. (Adult)

Answers: 1. Tet 2. East 3. Secret 4. Rice 5. Vietnamese 6. Motorcycle 7. Chopsticks 8. Pagoda 9. Growing 10. Typhoon 11. Communism 12. Cave