

Vietnam Mennonite Church  
(C5/1H Tran Nao, Ward Binh Khanh, District 2, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam)

## **APPEAL FOR PRAYER**

Re: Arrest and detention of pastoral leader and evangelists of Vietnam Mennonite Church

To: Mennonite World Conference and Vietnam Denomination  
Vietnamese Evangelical Fellowship (V.E.F.)  
President, Vietnam Mennonite Church (South)  
Evangelical congregations in Vietnam and around the world

Representing the Administrative Committee of the Vietnam Mennonite Church, we send our greetings to all believers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Vietnam Mennonite Church is currently under severe repression.

- Four evangelists have been under detention without cause for over three months.
- At 3:00pm on June 8, 2004, Pastor Nguyen Hong Quang, vice president and secretary general of the Vietnam Mennonite Church, was taken into custody by the security police. Police confiscated his entire collection of Church files, all the computers and diskettes, land use records and money in his bedroom, documents and pictures of police attacking and harassing Christians, and other personal papers of the family. We are distressed that our leader has been arrested. We urgently call on Evangelical congregations in Vietnam, the Mennonite World Conference, and followers of Christ in all countries to pray for us during this emergency. We ask the Lord to protect us from the calamity facing His church.

On behalf of the Administrative Committee of the Vietnamese Mennonite Church, we strongly protest the defamation and slander against Pastor Nguyen Hong Quang and the four evangelists published in the Cong An (“Public Security”) newspaper on June 12, 2004 under the headline “Defendant Nguyen Hong Quang and those who obstruct persons carrying out official duties.”

Thank you in the loving spirit of Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the Administrative Committee of the Vietnam Mennonite Church.

Truong Tri Hien, First Deputy Secretary General (signed)  
Doan Dinh Hung, Deputy Secretary Treasurer (signed)  
Nguyen Thanh Tam, Saigon Representative and Youth Leader (signed)