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LAM'S STORY VIETNAM

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PHOTO STORYBOOK

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What would you like to do when you grow up? Do you have a dream job? This is Lam's story.



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Lam is 27 years old and lives with his parents in a small village in Vietnam.



Lam's family are farmers. They work very hard.



Lam is of short stature. Moving around is hard for Lam because of his disability, and he began to feel lonely.



"Even doing basic things is hard for me, so I tend to stay at home and keep to myself."

Lam



Lam helps his family by feeding chickens and cooking food.



But Lam had a big dream. He loves drawing and working on computers.



He wanted to become a graphic designer!



But there are not many job options in Lam's village. He thought he would not be able to achieve his dream.



One day, Lam heard about a special Caritas program that could help him. It is called I-SHINE.



The I-SHINE program helps people living with a disability to learn new skills. They can learn to sew bags.



They can also learn to make paper flowers to sell.



But for Lam, the Caritas I-SHINE program helped him do a computer course in a big city.



Lam had never travelled that far before, but he was excited to take this new step toward his dream.



At the training, Lam worked hard to learn new skills designing artwork on the computer.



He made new friends and joined a local disability group.
Lam can share his story and feel part of a community again.



After he finished the computer course, Lam started his own graphic design business from home.



Lam now has his dream job! He can help his parents and earn his own money.



The money you donate to Project Compassion can help people living with a disability to learn new skills, earn money and participate in their community.

Questions

1. What kind of work does Lam's family do in their village?
2. Why did Lam feel lonely?
3. What program did Lam join to help him learn new skills?
4. What organisation supported Lam to complete computer training?
5. How did Lam's life change after the program?

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