Dr. Vinh Chung

Powerful storyteller for the refugee experience

Vinh was just 3 years old when he and his family fled post-war Vietnam by boat. Left adrift at sea, they were rescued by World Vision through the organization’s daring Operation Seasweep and subsequently brought to the United States. Today, Vinh is a successful physician and a member of World Vision’s board of directors. Drawing from his own inspiring story, he speaks to the hopes and dreams of the next generation of refugees.

When Vinh returned to Vietnam in 2002 to visit his remaining family, he was struck by the conditions he witnessed. Resolving to use what God had given him to serve people living in poverty, he became a passionate advocate for World Vision.

As a board-certified dermatologist who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of skin cancer, Vinh runs a large medical practice and has received numerous national awards for his work from the American Academy of Dermatology.

In addition to graduating from Harvard Medical School, Vinh studied at the University of Sydney as a Fulbright Scholar and completed a master’s in pharmaceutical sciences. He also holds a Master of Theology from the University of Edinburgh and is the best-selling author of Where the Wind Leads, a memoir that recounts his remarkable journey.

Vinh and his wife, Leisle, live in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and have three sons and a daughter.

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