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**Titre = Nguyen Quang Thach 's educational project
Parents libraries in rural schools in Vietnam**

From 0 " to 1' 13 "

A Vietnamese man hopes to raise the quality of education in his country by building " parent libraries " in rural schools . Nguyen Quang Thach provides libraries to the schools so books are more available in farming communities . He works with publishers in Hanoi to get the books at reduced rate for teachers and their students .

By talking with farmers, workers and students M Thach discovered that most schools have enough textbooks **but many** poor families have few books at home and do not visit school libraries .

More than 90 percent of Vietnam 's population **can** read and write **but** academic performance remains low compared to Southeast Asian nations . Corruption is the big part of the problem

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From 1' 14 to 1' 30 "

Nguyen Quang Thach says he wants people to invest money in books for a better future . To date almost 1000 parent libraries have been built in Thai Bend Province .

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Hundreds of books are in each one

Several other provinces have copied this model (ends at 1' 38) .

For each school M.Tach helps build libraries for up to four classes (1' 45 ") .

Others then follow his example

The Head of the AnDuc secondary school says M. Thach 's work has improved the quality of education .(2' 0")

She thinks M. Tach 's example helps students think more creatively or to put it in an American expression " *outside the box* " (2' 15 ")

