

BIOGRAPHY



Full name: **Nguyen Cong Chinh (Rev) Pastor Nguyen Cong Chinh)**

Other name: Nguyen Thanh Long (Last name when still in school)

Date of birth: October 10, 1966

Hometown: Village 5, Tam Thai commune, Tam Ky district, Quang Nam

Place of birth: Phuoc Loc Hamlet, Loc Tien Commune, Phu Loc District, Thua Thien - Hue Province

Location: Alley 169, group 10, Hoa Lu ward, Pleiku city, Gia Lai

Gender: Male, Ethnicity: Vietnamese,

Nationality: Vietnamese culture: Bachelor of Theology, Honorary Doctor.

Religion: Vietnamese Protestant

Language: Vietnamese, Languages of Vietnam's indigenous ethnic groups,

Date and place of baptism: December 25, 1982, at Tam Ky church, Quang Nam (led by Pastor Ma Phuc Tin). In 1985, he and his family migrated to the Central Highlands and began evangelizing, establishing small prayer groups in Montagnard villages.

1989-1995 lived at Kon Tum Missionary Church (led by Pastor Nguyen Chu)

In 1998-2000, he worked with the Vietnam Christian Fellowship Church (led by Pastor Dinh Thien Tu).

In 2000-2003, he and several Pastors co-founded the Church of the Eternal Gospel (connected with Pastor Duong Quoc Tung in the US)

In 2003-2007, he and several Pastors co-founded the Vietnamese Mennonite Evangelical Church (Connected with Pastor Pham Huu Nhien. North American Mennonite, and the American EMM Agency).

In 2006-2007, he and several Pastors co-founded the Vietnam Evangelical Ethnic Association "VPEF" (Working connection with Pastor Nguyen Xuan Duc).

In 2007-2008, he and several Pastors co-founded the Evangelical Church of Christ in Vietnam (Connected to work with Pastor Y Hin Niê in the US).

In 2003-2004, his church in Kon Tum had all its assets and land confiscated by the Communist government, after which his family was kicked out of Gia Lai - Kon Tum province.

He had all his identification documents confiscated by the Communist government and was isolated and monitored from 1990 until 2011 when they returned his citizenship and then arrested him and put him in prison. year 2011.

He and his family were isolated and discriminated against by the Communist government starting after 1975. But the most terrible period was from 1990 to 2017.

At the end of 2008-2011, he and several pastors founded the Vietnam Lutheran Fellowship Church (connected to work with Pastor Tran Thanh Van in the US).

My father is Mr. **Nguyen Lang**. Born in 1937. Hometown in Tam Ky - Quang Nam (Battlefield nurse, army officer of the Republic of Vietnam)

- In 1966, he worked as a battlefield nurse at the 11th Ranger Battalion, stationed in Le Chi, Bien Ho commune, Gia Lai province today.

- In 1972, he transferred to the 2nd Infantry Division stationed at Chu Lai base, Nui Thanh district, Quang Nam province today,

- In 1975, my father was arrested by the North Vietnamese Communists and sent to An Diem re-education camp, Quang Nam - Da Nang. Our whole family went looking for my father and thought he was dead. In March 1978, my father returned to his family.

- The communists confiscated all property and forced our family to work as workers in the new economic zone of Tam Son commune, Nui Thanh district, Quang Nam province, a forestry district. Remote areas, far from residential areas of town.

In 1985, after escaping the new economic zone of Quang Nam, my family freely migrated to Sa Thay district, Gia Lai - Kon Tum province to start a business.

My mother is **Nguyen Thi Tuyen**, born in 1941, hometown in Phu Loc district, Thua Thien-Hue province. My mother was an elementary school teacher during the Republic of Vietnam. After 1975, my mother worked as a trader in Thuong village to feed and educate us brothers. My mother's life was very difficult and difficult until her death.

I have 6 younger siblings below me, 1 boy and 5 girls. With the barbaric revenge of the Vietnamese Communist regime, my younger siblings' families were devastated and lived in misery.

In 1988, according to the military service law, I had to perform military service. In 1989, they transferred me to Team C1 in Ngoc Hoi district, Kon Tum province today. I left the unit to serve as a missionary in Laos - Cambodia and was captured by the Lao army and taken to Border Guard Station 677, where I was

tortured so brutally that I thought I was dead. After being kicked out of the unit, I returned to my locality (Gia Lai-Kon tum). They did not give me any identification documents and I lived in a stateless state. My life is constantly monitored by security PA38-A92. However, I continued to study theology and evangelism to build the first Protestant church in Sa Thay district with more than 3,000 native Protestants.

- I began to have political thoughts against the Vietnamese Communists after 1975 because their actions against our family and the Vietnamese people were very cruel and cruel.

In 1985, I began fighting to protect Human Rights, Religious Freedom and develop civil society groups in some regions of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

He is naturally gifted because he has many gifts, knows many things in advance, and always works strategically with a goal in mind. He is a leader with extensive experience in organizing and leading many churches and civil society organizations.

With faith and courage, fight to protect human rights, freedom of religion, belief, justice and peace for indigenous peoples or vulnerable groups in Vietnam or other countries. other. other countries. other ethnic groups. originating from Asia. He was arrested by the Communist State of Vietnam and sentenced to 11 years in prison (2011-2022). But in 2017 he was released thanks to the intervention of the US Government.

Also in 2017, he was released from prison immediately after being deported by the Vietnamese Communist government, then the US government sponsored him and his family, wife and four children. He came to the United States as a religious and political refugee,

He and his family came to the US as refugees in 2017. Since 2017, he has traveled to many states to visit and participate in social activities with many Vietnamese communities. In addition, he regularly visits US government agencies to advocate for hearings on violations of human rights and religious freedom by the Vietnamese Communist government against the Vietnamese people, including prisoners of conscience. People of conscience are being tortured and persecuted in prisons in Vietnam.

From 2017 until now, he has campaigned to establish 3 civil society organizations in the United States to promote improvements in human rights - religious freedom and civil society for indigenous peoples in Vietnam and the region. Asia region.

In short, Competencies and Experience: Management-leadership. Organize, lead, and operate multiple organizations, make policies, and have a strategic vision. He has the ability to be eloquent, communicate, diplomatic, connect and build small groups in the community, and work with goals, strategies, vision...!

He was a leader with great influence on the Vietnamese people and the indigenous peoples of Asia. After establishing the Vietnam Ethnic Missionary Association (VPEF) in 2006, the Politburo of the Communist Party of Vietnam immediately established 3 Steering Committees "Central Highlands,

Northwest, and Southwest" to monitor and prevent the development activities of the VPEF Association and find every way to destroy the VPEF Association. But they cannot stop God's work. In the end, they had to arrest him and put him in prison for 11 years. However, the VPEF Association still exists and grows strong today. Because the VPEF Association is the result of the Vietnamese Protestant Alliance led by the late Dr. Pastor. Nguyen Xuan Duc transferred it to the VPEF Association.

After he came to the United States, in 2018 he mobilized 7 religious organizations, 32 ethnic groups, and the Vietnamese community to organize a conference at the Capitol (Congress of the United States of America) and establish the National People's Council. clan. and Religions of Vietnam (CPRVN) Developing projects on Democracy - Human Rights - Civil Society and Humanitarian Relief to preserve the cultural, ethical, and historical values of Vietnam's indigenous peoples and Asia.



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