

# Town Finally Gets Doctor: Viet Refugee

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## Wood River, Neb.

This central Nebraska town of 900 hopes it has found the answer to life without a doctor for the past 17 years.

The answer might be Dr. Ngyen Ngoc A Bay, a Vietnamese refugee physician, who was the commander of his country's army medical corps for eight years and a member of the South Vietnam House of Representatives.

Bay, 45, his sons, Anh, 17, and Cuong, 14, arrived last Wednesday from Camp Pendleton. Bay's wife is in Switzerland and will join him as soon as the paperwork is completed.

Bay was one of 28 Vietnamese physicians who indicated an intent to relocate in 17 Nebraska communities. In addition to Wood River, Weeping Water, Ashland, Humboldt and Loup City have welcomed Vietnamese doctors, and Beatrice and Sutherland will greet their Vietnamese physicians in the next few days.

Most of the Nebraska communities receiving doctors have been without a hometown physician for years and others will be losing their to retirement and age.

Bay and his two sons will live with the Rev. Robert Chamberlain until the Bays go to Creighton University in Omaha for a ten-week orientation session designated to help the Vietnamese doctors make the transition to American culture.

In addition, there will be a medical review session in September at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Herb Bonsack Jr., a member of a committee formed

to get a Vietnamese doctor, said the Wood River community started a fund drive to meet its obligation of \$500 per month plus a home until Bay passes his National Medical Board exams in January and the state medical exam in June.

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