

Bachelor Has an Instant Family

Clarksville, Ind.

A 30-year-old bachelor who agreed to sponsor one Vietnamese refugee wound up with more than he bargained for — two women and twin baby boys.

Phil Fox, an employee of the Army-Air Force Exchange Service, agreed last month to help Phan Thanh Lien, a 35-year-old Vietnamese woman he met in 1971 while working for the exchange service in Saigon. Later he learned her mother and seven-month old twin sons were with her.

"It set me back for a second, but really, it's a little more convenient to have all four of them," said Fox. "With her mother, she can stay with me. I expected I would have to get her an apartment as soon as she got here."

Fox has turned one bedroom of his modest two-bedroom apartment over to



Bachelor Phil Foxx sat with his new family — Vietnamese refugees Phan Thanh Lien (right), her mother and her twin baby boys

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Mrs. Lien, her 56-year-old mother and the twins. There have been some unexpected benefits. Mrs. Lien cooks "more than I do," Foxx said, and makes coffee in the mornings when she gets up to feed the babies.

"It's pretty comfortable like this," he said with a grin. "I'm not a real swinger, and I like to sit around and have somebody here. You get kind of spoiled."

Foxx said there is no romantic involvement between

him and Mrs. Lien, whose husband worked for the South Vietnamese government and was unable to flee the country. He said his girl friend understands and is helping Mrs. Lien in her search for a job.

Foxx said Mrs. Lien and her family will stay with him only until she finds a job and is able to support herself, perhaps a month or two.

Mrs. Lien, a petite, attractive woman, said she misses

Vietnam, but won't go back for fear of Communist reprisal.

There is a double bed and two cribs in the bedroom for Mrs. Lien, her mother, So Thi Chung, 56, and the twins.

"The two babies aren't very big," said Foxx. "The grandmother doesn't like the air conditioning. She turns it off in her room to keep it warm in there."

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