







Brickyards have given me employment, shelter for the night and social entree across language and culture.









Catholic Seminary Kon Tum



Inside the beautiful Montaignard Protestant Church, Kon Tum







He hasn't. This is Dui - 66

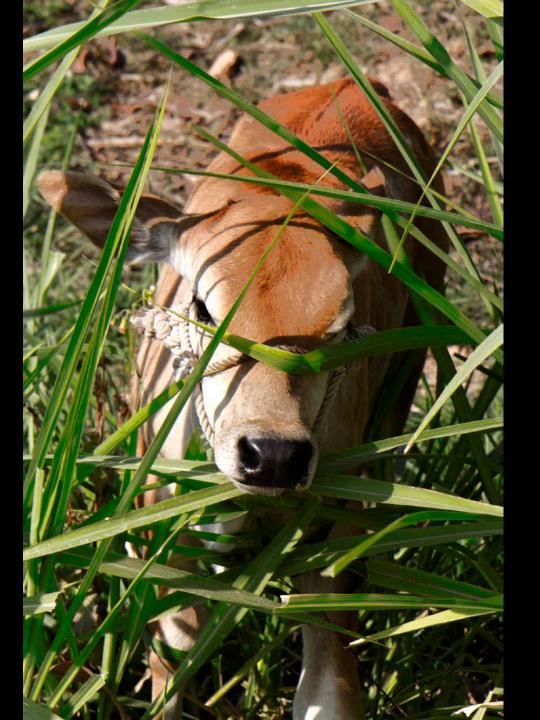




Textbook handsome Viet features











Mother of (Karaoke) Binh. My imagnation — or did a dashing Frenchman play away, back in the day?









Protestant Montaignards ("yardies" in Gl-speak) out in the sticks. They backed America in the war and have been paying ever since.









Just tobacco: I checked.

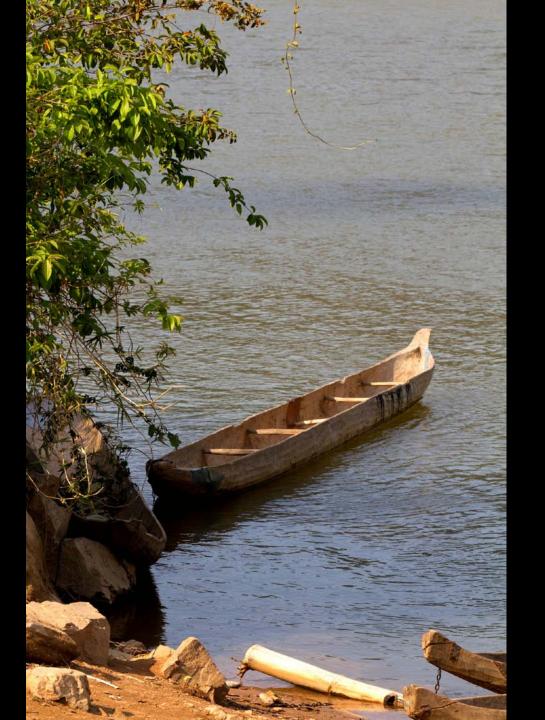




Well I ask you very confidentially ...



The Dakbla, a mile upstream of Kon Tum

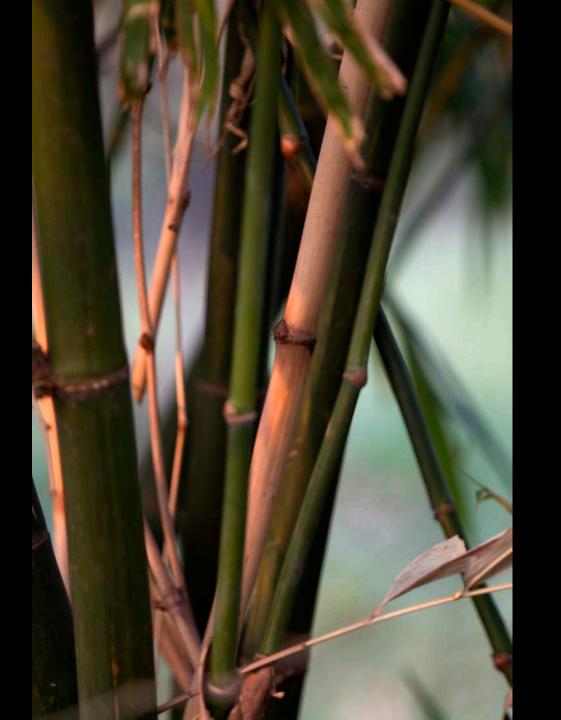


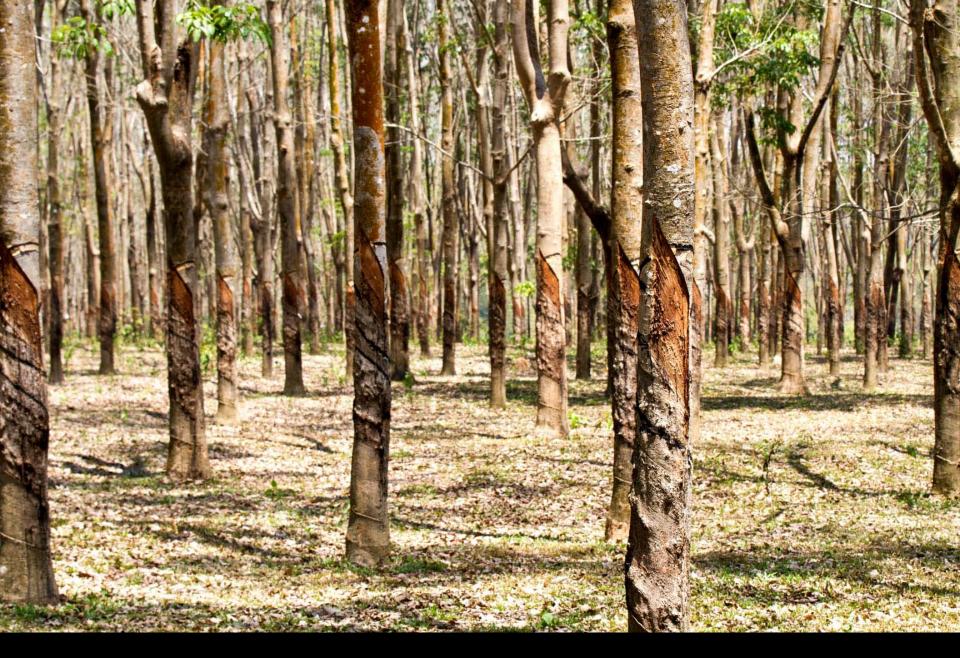




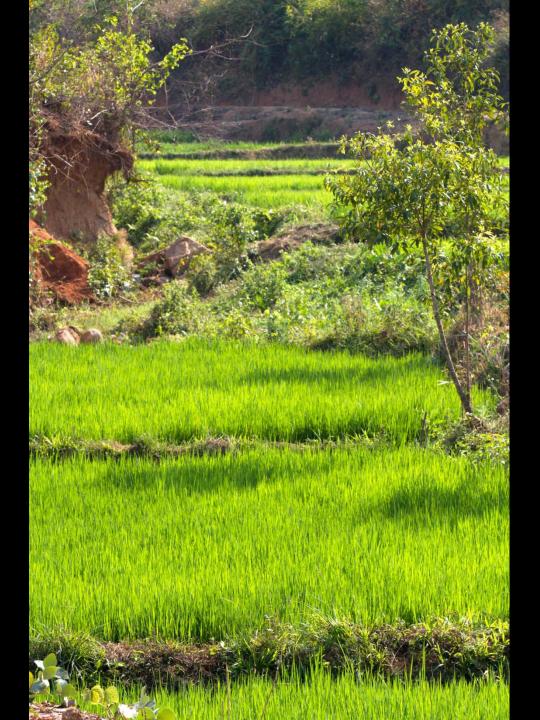
Vietnam is now the world's largest coffee exporter







Rubber



Coffee is a recent and powerful earner. Bananas are nutritious. Bamboo, I'm told — and in Addis I've seen it as scaffolding six storeys high — has a tensile strength greater than steel.

Rubber is important too.

But one crop matters more than any other. Always has and probably always will.













