

## Comparison

**Maybe I should have waited for Thanksgiving, but a thought occurred to me today regarding how lucky we are here in the U.S. So I used Google Earth to compare aerial views of a neighborhood in Hanoi and a nice**

**neighborhood near Albany from a thousand feet up. It's a stark comparison. For those not used to working with scale, each photo is of the same amount of land area, a few acres. Five or six homes in Hanoi fit into one American home. Three or four might fit into your swimming pool. The "streets" between the Hanoi homes are probably about 3 or 4 feet wide. Calcutta looks much the same.**

*David Griffin, 2007*

