

## LIGHTEN MY MOTHER'S BURDEN

Dear “Friend of Lepers” and benefactors,

I am Doan My Truc, a new graduate of Nursing at Dong A University. It is said that “*Every family has its own situation*” and it is truly right to my case when I was born in a family with my both parents suffering from a dangerous disease called “leprosy”. They affected with a severe level so my parents totally lost working capacity. Ever since I grew up, I have lived every day in anxiety, especially about economic problems. My family had lost laughter and lived in poverty. Then my father followed another woman, left my mother with a heavy burden on her sick shoulders and she had to take care of me and my younger brother.

Looking back, I thank God because God does not take away everything from children with unfortunate circumstances like us. We have received love from the kind hearts of our benefactors. “Friends of Lepers” Association has come to us at right time. The Association has supported our family physically as well as spiritually. The past twenty-three years is a period of one third of a person's life, it is especially important for my future journey. I have received a lot of help from benefactors from the early days of going to school and until now, I am very surprised that I have grown up and completed my university program. Your love and support has empowered me and my family to reduce worries, lighten the burden for my mother, especially for me to have a firm support to focus on my studies, because only education is the best way for children from leprosy families to integrate into society.

I know that the money “Friend of Lepers” sends to us is sweat, effort, enthusiasm, flesh and blood, loving hearts from benefactors to me. It is the reason why I cherish and appreciate it more and more by trying my best to study well: I had achieved 12 years of excellent student and an excellent diploma for my working hard 4 years of university. I feel I have fulfilled my wish. Although the road ahead is still full of difficulties and challenges, I will try to overcome it to help my mother as well as my younger brother.

Once again, I would like to sincerely thank all benefactors of “Friend of Lepers” and I pray that you will receive many blessing from God.

Quy Hoa Leprosy village

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