

*On December 13 2020, which is October 29 of the Lunar Calendar, the volunteers representing Eyes of Compassion were present at Thuy Phu village in la Le - Chu Puh, Gia Lai province to give gifts to 20 families suffering from leprosy. Each gift is worth 800,000 VND in value and an envelope of 500,000 VND in cash (total 100.00 CAD)*

*From Buon Ma Thuot city to Thuy Phu village, it takes more than 2 hours to travel by car. When the group walked from the highway to the place where the gifts were given, the villagers were waiting. As far as I know, for 5 - 6 months (when COVID started to present), no group has come to visit them since, and so the villagers were eagerly waiting for our relief.*

*At the same time, for the first time, I went to the Central Highlands of Gia Lai province to visit each house in the leper village. There are small areas of land around most of the people's houses that are left empty because the limbs of those suffering from leprosy make it very difficult to do yard work. Due to that reason, it is very hard for them to secure a job or work to earn money. When I asked about their daily routines, people say: "When there is nothing to eat, we go to the forest to pick up potatoes, cassava or have vegetables and fruits, so we can pick them to eat for the day, and tomorrow will be another day". I think they are living in unfortunate poverty.*

*The children here are also very in need of attention and care, because they are in remote areas and they do not receive the attention of the society. The local government also has no programs to support these villagers, many thanks to the sponsors and the church who take care of these people suffering from leprosy.*