

HEART-RENDING PLIGHTS

In Phu Hiep Quarter:

1. Mrs. Tran Thi Nam is living in Group 16 of Phu Hiep Quarter in Hue city

One nice day, we decided to look in her house. But at that time, we didn't get back home. For 5 minutes later, seeing the middle-age woman with dark skin appearing in the distance, we guess to be Mrs. Nam who spent desperately waiting for her husband for several years. She now lives with her two adult sons. The oldest has just moved to Ho Chi Minh city to work for rent. The youngest is 17 years old and is studying at a vocational school. That seems to ease a burden from her, she once suffers from the grandson who has mental illness. His parents went away without a word and now she has to take care of her pitiful nephew. Sometimes, she has to tie him to the bed in case he disturbs the neighbors or wander dangerously. We are moved to tears to catch his dull smile. A little amount of money of VND100.000 from us is enough for both to have a light meal. We hope that many charitable organizations are willing to open their hands to raise fund for poor people in the whole areas of Vietnam



2. Mrs. Huynh Thi Sen, 57 years old, is living in Phu Hiep Quarter. Her husband has suffered from paralytic of his leg for 7 years. During the time of moving by his wheelchair, he didn't want to place the burden on his wife. So, he decided to sell lottery tickets to support family. With a little money from this work, he still feel very happy to help his family to overcome these difficulties. His wife has suffered from heart disease for several years. So, she can't go to work. She stays at home as a housewife and takes care of his 11 year old son. She depends on the main income of her disabled husband and her daughter who is working in Ho Chi Minh city as a home osin. She says that her daughter used to achieve good results at school. And she feel very proud of her to show off her merit certificate achiving at high school. Due to hard life, she can't

go to school anymore and she feel very sad for this. All of them live cramped in a narrow home-stay which help them shelter from the rain and this is obviously the greatest happiness to them.



3. Mrs. Ha Thi Ly, 42 years old, is one of boat people in Phu Hiep Quarter. Her husband went away without a word for 8 years. Now she is living with two sons and a daughter. The oldest, 13 years old, dropped out of school to sell *banh phong tom* (deep fried shrimp paste). The two is still busy with study at school. The burden places on the shoulder of her oldest son when she find out that she has got a tumour and carried out the second operation. However, the terrible disease makes her painful, especially, in unchangeable weather. Due to her disease, she has to do housework and take care of her children. So all of members have to depend on the income from *banh phong tom*. Therefore, she hopes to involve many donors in helping her family with medical cost and creat great deal of conditions for her children to go to school.



4. In Phu Binh Quarter:

Mrs. Nguyen Thi Ty is living with at Group 8 of Phu Binh Quarter in Hue city. Although she is still quite young, she suffers from a lot of obstacles in life. She got married and had a son whose name is Huynh ngoc. It seems that happiness will come to her. But unfortunately, her husband persuaded by his friend attend leave-taking party in Ho Chi Minh city. And for 2 days later, he got back and he didn't know that he got HIV. He quickly transmit HIV from his wife. At that time, she

got pregnant. For a short time later, the baby was born. To be different from other ordinary babies, he often got sick and cry everyday. Someone said that she didn't take care of him well. For 5 months later, the baby died and her health became worse. She began to wonder about her son's death and her husband's health status, so she took him to see a doctor. And she surprisingly knew that both of them got HIV. Fortunately, her oldest son, Huynh Ngoc, at age of 5, didn't get HIV like his parents. Since then, both of them were isolated by surrounding people. Therefore, they decided to return to their native village in Quang Thanh commune, Quang Dien Hamlet, in Thua Thien Hue Province. Her husband died when she has the 3rd baby. In 2006, she felt very happy to know that the baby didn't get HIV. After her husband's death, she has brought in the two children hardly by herself. Therefore, she decided to return her husband's family. But no one welcomed to her anymore. Finally, she temporarily shelter in the kitchen. To find out that her health got worse, she got medicine in the clinic.

To get over her severe fate, she has participated in the provincial Center of HIV transmitting prevention and quickly become an active propagandist. In addition, she sells books on the streets to earn money in order that her children can go to school (Huynh Ngoc is now being 4th grade student of Phu Binh Elementary school. He studies very well. While Huynh Thi Ngoc Anh is studying at Phu Binh kindergarten. In spite of hard life, she expects to send them to school. She wishes to have a stable shelter and a little capital for her business so that she can earn more money to send her children to school. The future of her children is the most important thing to her in the rest of her life if she unhappily passes away.

