

- SPECIAL NOTE -

Change of Policy

After the war in 1947, our work was given a great impetus by the visit of Rev. Jackie Burris to our field. On his return to the States he aided us by obtaining the support for native workers at ten dollars a month. We responded by allotting individual workers to individual donors, sending photographs, etc. Thus began a fellowship with many of you who have been faithful ever since in sending precious gifts.

When we began the Leprosarium we felt led to adopt this method for supporting patients, construction work, and gave the givers a definite share in their own patient and building.

In following this program we wished to sustain the interest of our friends, but we knew we would have to pay a price. It would mean hard work, much correspondence, sending photographs, keeping records. We were happy to do it. We rejoice that God has richly blessed this method.

For some time, however, we have felt we should make a change. The method was too complicated, taking too much of our time. Prices began to rise. The financial situation became uncertain with the value of the dollar fluctuating. We had to inform our friends that it was costing us much more to support workers and patients. In our July 1954 circular, we stated clearly that it was necessary to put two or three gifts from donors toward the support of one worker. We do not know how long this will be necessary, but are praying that the dollar may increase in value soon.

This then is what we feel led to do - FROM NOW ON WE ARE PLACING ALL GIFTS FOR WORKERS IN A GENERAL WORKER FUND, ALL GIFTS FOR PATIENTS IN A GENERAL PATIENT FUND.

We want not only to simplify the work here, but to keep faith with our friends. We shall still send photos of workers or patients, stating that your gifts are going towards their support. We know that some of you will be disappointed in not being able to call a certain worker or patient exclusively your own. We want you to still pray for the worker or patient toward whose support you have been sending. WE DO NOT ASK those of you who are contributing so sacrificially to do more. We simply plead with you to trust God that He will enable you to continue to help as at present, and that He may raise up many more helpers.