



Wara cannot go to school because he lives in a leprosy colony



Rajesh lives on the footpath outside his family home because he had leprosy



Hadjara's husband left her because she had leprosy

The Leprosy Mission England and Wales runs projects in 11 countries across Asia and Africa. We are part of a global family working in around 30 countries.

We believe that God has a special place in his heart for people affected by leprosy. Inspired by the love of Jesus, we seek to demonstrate his message through the love and compassion we show towards people affected by leprosy. We bring the treatment for leprosy to specialist hospitals and clinics. We provide surgery to restore the use of damaged limbs and enable eyes to blink again, preventing blindness. We offer rehabilitation including physiotherapy, enabling people to walk, clothe and feed themselves, restoring dignity. We also help people to get back on their feet and live healthy lives with education, vocational training, housing and sanitation.

The Leprosy Mission prayer

Almighty Father, the giver of life and health, look mercifully on those who suffer from leprosy. Stretch out your hand to touch and heal them as Jesus did during his earthly life. Grant wisdom and insight to those who are seeking the prevention and cure of the disease; give skill and sympathy to those who minister to the patients; reunite the separated with their families and friends; and inspire your people with the task set before The Leprosy Mission, that it may never lack either the staff or the means to carry on its healing work, in accordance with your will, and to the glory of your holy name.

We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.



Vidya was forced to work as a prostitute because she had leprosy

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You can save her...

...from a life blighted by leprosy

Little Babita in Nepal (pictured on the front cover) is showing the first tell-tale signs of leprosy – a light patch on her cheek. If treated now, she will not develop severe disabilities including blindness or risk her hands becoming clawed and damaged.



Al, aged 17, from Bangladesh (pictured) was not so fortunate. His leprosy went unchecked for three years. Physically the damage is done.

There is time for you to help children like Babita. You can save her from disability caused by leprosy. You can also spare her from the discrimination experienced by people affected by leprosy that could rob her of her education, marriage and employment prospects and push her to the fringes of society.

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Leprosy is a mildly-infectious disease associated with poverty. It causes nerve damage and, if left untreated, leads to a loss of feeling in the hands and feet meaning everyday activities are fraught with danger. Burns go unrecognised and stones in shoes unnoticed causing ulcers to develop. These injuries lead to the shortening of limbs and, often, severe disability. Leprosy also damages nerves in the face causing problems with blinking. Robbed of this simple action, a person can go blind.



But leprosy is curable

An effective cure for leprosy has been available since 1982 in the form of multidrug therapy (MDT) – a combination of three antibiotics taken for six to 12 months. It costs just £24 to bring the cure to one person with leprosy! While treatment means a person is no longer infectious within 24 hours, it cannot turn the clock back in terms of disability.

A clawed hand or 'drop foot', caused by muscle paralysis, can be restored with surgery. Surgery, however, cannot restore the feeling to hands and feet meaning they remain easily damaged. The blink mechanism can be restored with eye surgery but once eyesight has been lost, tragically, nothing can be done to reverse the situation.

More than 200,000 people are diagnosed with leprosy every year and cruelly, it affects the poorest and most marginalised people in the world. Age-old stigma surrounding leprosy sees entire families lose their job opportunities, education and marriage prospects. Dreams are shattered. Fear and misunderstandings surrounding leprosy fuel a vicious circle that begins with people hiding the first suspect skin patches to avoid rejection by their families and communities. More than three million people globally are living with irreversible disabilities as a result of the late treatment of leprosy.

I want to spare a child, like Babita, from a life blighted by leprosy

I want to give:

- £24 to bring the cure to one person with leprosy
- £48 to bring the cure to two people with leprosy
- £80 to enable a young person affected by leprosy to attend skilled job training for two months
- £120 to pay for reconstructive surgery for a leprosy patient



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