



World Leprosy Day

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Fighting for a Just Cause

'Give justice to the poor and the orphan; uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute,' Psalm 82:3

How would you respond if, because of a disease, your family no longer wanted you to live at home?

How would you feel if, because of a disease, your husband or wife wanted a divorce?

What would you say if you lost your job because of an illness that had no impact on your ability to carry out your work?

What would you do if your children were no longer allowed to go to school because of your ill health or disability?

These situations may sound remarkable, unbelievable even, and yet these are real situations, faced by real people every day. They happen just because the person has leprosy.

World Leprosy Day is a time to remember the hundreds of people who are diagnosed with leprosy every day; one person every two minutes. But remembering is not enough. We must also recognise the human rights abuses that are still taking place and to consider the action we can take to stop them.

As long as there are still people in the world suffering injustice and rejection because they have leprosy, The Leprosy Mission will continue to uphold their rights and dignity.