

Transforming Lives Today  
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# Action

Shop  
to  
Stop  
Leprosy

## Because you chose to care, Saru now leads

A woman's life turned  
right-side up.

Leprosy  
Mission  
Australia



You planted  
the seeds that  
grew livelihoods  
in Nepal

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just buy – you  
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# Message from Dr Greg Clarke

Supporting social enterprises in Nepal, Bangladesh, India, Australian First Nations is one of our great pleasures at The Leprosy Mission Australia.

We delight in the creativity of these artisans, the beauty of their products, the passion they bring to their work, and the response of our Australian supporters, shoppers and donors.

There is a fruitful shared benefit in the work of the craftspeople, the supporters who seek our social enterprise products, and the Australian staff who develop the relationships, support the designers and sell the products.

Organisations such as POWHER at Mesh, have changed the lives of women who have had no formal education or work experience. For instance, I think of Mitali from Delhi, who married young and was raising two children in her early twenties. Her husband's work dropped off, forcing Mitali to seek paid work outside of the home.

Mitali was introduced to POWHER, where she learned how to stitch, weave and bead handcrafted products for sale. This gave her an income, which increased her confidence.

With new skills, Mitali reflected on her achievements: "These hands are building a future for my children," Mitali said.

Your ongoing support of social enterprise products is empowering low-income women across Asia, changing their lives, helping them to develop more skills.

Thank you and God bless you.



**Dr Greg Clarke**  
CEO, The Leprosy Mission Australia



**Leprosy Mission**  
Australia



## Because you shop ethically in Australia, the world feels kinder

When you choose ethical gifts in Australia, you do something quietly powerful. You **say that how something is made matters just as much as how it looks.**

Your purchase reflects the values so many of us hold close here—fairness, respect, and a deep belief that people should never be exploited for profit. You don't just buy a gift. You choose a better way to live, shop, and care.

And that choice reaches far beyond our shores.



### Because you give with integrity, makers receive respect

Every fair-trade gift you choose helps ensure artisans earn fair pay, work in safe conditions, and live with dignity. These are the same values we teach our kids. The same values we want reflected

in the world.

From small workshops overseas to ethical producers here in Australia, your shopping says, "People matter more than price tags."

Because of you, families stay together, children go to school, and skilled craftspeople keep their traditions alive.

### Because you choose better, your gift carries a story worth telling

Whether it's a handcrafted candle, a piece of jewellery, or a thoughtful homeware item, every ethical gift you buy carries a story of care, skill, and hope. You give something you feel proud of—something made without harm and with heart.

Here in Australia, ethical shopping goes beyond trends. It's about **looking after each other**, locally and globally. It's about choosing kindness when no one is watching.

### Because you shop this way, you change lives

So thank you—for making your gift mean more.

Thank you for supporting ethical makers, fair wages, and sustainable practices.

Thank you for proving that small choices, made with love, change lives.

Together, you help build a world that is fairer, gentler, and full of hope.

# When you shop, you don't just buy—you change lives



## Countries where products are made:

Bangladesh
India
Israel/ Palestine
Nepal
Indonesia
Nigeria
Sri Lanka
Thailand
Vietnam
Australia



Every time you open the Leprosy Mission Social Enterprise Shop, you step into someone else's story.

You might be choosing a gift for a birthday. Or a card. Or something beautiful for your home.

But somewhere across the world, because of that simple act, a person affected by leprosy is being seen, valued, and given a future.

That's the quiet miracle of shopping with purpose. And it's happening because of you.

## Your purchase becomes a wage, a plate of food, and a way forward

When you shop with us, you do something powerful. You help create real livelihoods for artisans and workers who have been pushed aside by leprosy and disability.

These are men and women who are often told they are "too broken" to work.

But you say something different with every purchase:

*You matter. You can work. You belong.*

Your shopping gives them more than income.

It gives dignity.

It gives independence.

It gives pride.

And that changes everything.

## You're not just supporting a shop—you're standing with people

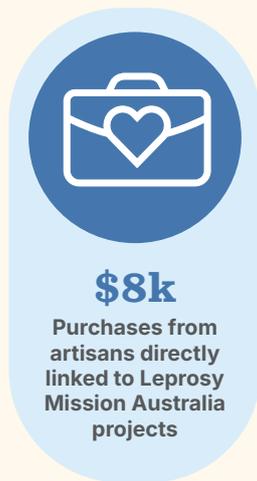
Because you shop with The Leprosy Mission, your dollars travel far beyond a checkout.

Together, we support trusted partner organisations in countries where leprosy still steals health, livelihoods, and hope. These partners run projects that provide:

- medical care
- disability support
- counselling
- self-help groups
- income-generating opportunities

So, when you and I shop, we don't just move products—we move people out of isolation and into community.

## Achievements from the past year include:



### Your kindness lifts whole communities

Leprosy doesn't only affect a person. It affects families. Children. Entire villages.

That's why your shopping helps do more than treat disease. It helps **raise living standards** across developing communities.

- Clean water.
- Better nutrition.
- Safer housing.
- School fees paid.
- Small businesses started.

One purchase at a time, you help break the cycle of poverty that leprosy leaves behind.

### You shop with a clean conscience—and a big Heart

We know this matters to you. It matters to us too.

That's why we commit to **ethical sourcing and Fair-Trade practices**. The people who make the products you love are treated fairly, paid fairly, and protected.

We work hard to make sure modern slavery has no place in our supply chain. Your support goes directly to partner producers who give their workers safe conditions, fair wages, and access to social and medical care.

You can shop knowing your gift does good—from start to finish.

### Together we care for people and the planet

You also choose to support:

- **Local Australian businesses** who share your values
- **Sustainable products and practices** that care for our fragile planet

Every candle, card, scarf, or gift you buy becomes part of something bigger. A cleaner world. A fairer economy. A kinder future.

### You are the connection

The map of our overseas partner producers stretches across the globe. But the line that connects them all leads back to **you**.

Your shopping reaches into workshops in Nepal.

Into weaving rooms in Bangladesh. Into villages, families, and futures.

Together, we are proving something beautiful:

When you shop to stop leprosy, you don't just change what's in your basket—you change what's possible for someone else. And we are so deeply grateful you walk this road with us.



# Because you chose to care, three women now live with dignity

**When you shop with the Leprosy Mission Social Enterprise Shop, your choice reaches far beyond a checkout.**

**It reaches a woman who was once shunned. A widow who refused to give up. A young girl who chased a better future.**

**Because of you, Chameli, Rima and Shila now have something they were once denied: a way to stand on their own feet.**

**Let me show you what your kindness has done.**



## **Thanks to you, a child who was cast out became an Artist**

Chameli was only nine years old when leprosy entered her life. Not gently. Not quietly.

It took her place in her family, her village, and her future. With eight younger siblings to care for, she should have been protected. Instead, even her own family would not go near her. Fear pushed her out. Stigma locked her away.

Chameli was left to beg on the streets for food and money.



Imagine being that young and already feeling invisible.

But you didn't let her story end there.

After a long journey, Chameli finally received proper treatment and was cured of leprosy. Yet the disease had left its mark. Painful ulcers on her legs refused to heal. Her fingers were weak. Even after healing, life was still hard.

So, she stayed in Pokhara, where she found something she had never known before—a **community of people who understood.**

Through New SADLE, supported by your shopping, Chameli was introduced to batik painting. It was perfect for her—gentle on her damaged hands and body, yet beautiful and valuable. Slowly, she began to create the same stunning designs you now see on our cards.

For the first time, Chameli

**You have made it possible for Chameli to create some stunning designs you now see on our cards – thank you.**

wasn't being pitied. She was being paid.

Your support gave her a stable income, but also something deeper: **belonging**. She even met Basu, another person affected by leprosy. They married, built a home, and raised two sons who now have education and work—because their parents no longer live in survival mode.

Because of you, Chameli is no longer an outcast. She is an artist. A wife. A mother. A woman with dignity.



Thanks to you, Rima has built a steady income from her chickens.

### How you helped Rima move from surviving to standing strong

Rima knows what it means to keep going when life keeps taking things away.

Over the years, she has tried almost everything to support her family. She ran a small hotel. A kiosk. A tailoring service. She worked in farming. She even managed tuk-tuks as a taxi business. Whatever work she could find, she took it—because stopping was never an option.

Then her husband passed away.

With his death came the loss of the business they ran together. Later, when one of her tuk-tuks was stolen, she was forced to shut that business too. Each time Rima tried to rebuild, something seemed to push her back down.

Still, she kept working. Still, she kept hoping.

And then you entered her

story—through a Self-Help Group.

Through Leprosy Mission staff, Rima learned about the local Self-Help Group you help fund. At first, it was a place to sit and listen. But it quickly became something more. In the group, Rima found people who understood hardship, shared knowledge, and lifted one another up.

Because of you, she received training in business planning and money management. She learned how to prepare for climate challenges and natural disasters. She gained confidence in her ideas—and permission to believe in herself again.

Through the Self-Help Group, Rima was able to take a small loan. She grew her tailoring business. She repaid the loan. And then, through a Gift of Love, she received chickens.

It sounds small. But it wasn't.

With those chickens, Rima built a steady income. She raises some

for eggs. She breeds others to sell. In just six months, she sold 10 chickens and many more eggs to her community.

"I feel more independent than I was before," Rima says. "I'm confident now—confident to share my ideas and make plans."

Because of you, Rima isn't just surviving anymore. She's leading her own future.

### A young girl's courage became a lifelong craft, thanks to you!

Shila's story begins with courage.

As a teenager, she left her rural village behind and travelled to Kathmandu with a friend. She didn't have much—just determination and the hope of work. Her first job was in a garment factory, spinning yarn day after day. It was exhausting and lonely, but she didn't give up. She kept going—until something changed.

In 2010, Shila was introduced to **New SADLE**, and to their artisanal weaving workshop nestled in the hills overlooking Kathmandu. She joined as a trainee Dhaka weaver. At first, it was simply a job.

But it quickly became something more.

Traditional weaving at New SADLE is a living art. It honours ancestral skills while encouraging innovation and creativity. Here, artisans like Shila don't just repeat the past—they shape the future of the craft.

Surrounded by a supportive team who understood her journey, Shila found meaning in her work. She learned to create complex Dhaka fabrics by hand, using mechanical-style looms. Every thread became a quiet act of pride.

Today, at 50, Shila weaves with joy.

Her income supports her family. Her hands create beauty that travels far beyond Nepal—into homes like yours. And



You cure and care for people affected by leprosy and disability



You provide a dignified source of income for people impacted by leprosy and poverty



You provide livelihoods for artisans facing poverty



You support sustainable products and practices



You support Australian suppliers and local businesses



You support Fair-Trade and Anti-slavery initiatives



her heart is full knowing that something she makes brings warmth and joy to others.

New SADLE didn't just change Shila's life. It changed her family's future.

Her husband, Gopal, who is affected by leprosy, works in the paper section at New SADLE. Together, they were given more than jobs—they were given **dignity.**

Their two sons were able to attend school with education support from New SADLE. Today, one works in a vehicle workshop and dreams of working overseas. The other trained as a Thangka painter and now shares his talent through his art.

Because of you, Shila's story is no longer about leaving home to survive. It's about staying strong—and weaving hope into every day.

**Three women. One choice. Your choice.**

Chameli paints. Rima farms. Shila weaves. All three are standing tall because you chose to shop with purpose.

Thank you for giving more than money. Thank you for giving **futures.**

**Handmade with Love**

Everyone should have the chance to feel empowered, no matter where they are or what challenges they face. That's why our handmade products are carefully crafted by artisan producers across the world.

With every purchase, you help provide a dignified source of income for these incredibly talented artisan producers who are often ostracised and marginalised, as well as a way for them to give back to their communities.

We're proud to offer high-quality, ethically sourced products that support those who need it the most. By purchasing our handmade items, you can make a positive impact on the lives of those affected by leprosy, poverty and disability, and change their story from one of suffering to one of hope!



**Left:** You have made it possible for Shila to earn an income by doing something she loves. Creating Dhaka fabrics by hand, using the mechanical-style looms.

**Above:** Every thread is a quiet act of pride, thanks to you.

# Because you chose to care, Saru now leads



Buffaloes Saru bought with seed money, thanks to the Self-Help Group you support.



## Your shopping. Your Gifts of Love. A woman's life turned right-side up.

### You met Saru the day you clicked "Buy"

Eight years ago, when you chose a handmade gift from the Leprosy Mission Social Enterprise Shop—or gave a pig, a goat, or a Self-Help Group loan through a **Gift of Love**—you met Saru. You just didn't know her name yet.

Saru lives in eastern Nepal. She is a mum of three. Her son lives with a severe disability. Her husband, Shyam, runs a chicken farm. And in 2009, Saru was quietly slipping into fear as leprosy began to take hold of her body.

It started with tingling. Then pale patches. Then clawed fingers.

No one could tell her what was wrong. For a full year she went from clinic to clinic. By the time our partner, Nepal Leprosy Fellowship, diagnosed her, the damage was done. Her leprosy was curable. But the stigma was crushing.

Saru stayed home. She hid her hands. She felt marked.

And this is where **you** stepped in.

### Because you gave, Saru didn't have to face this alone

Through your shopping and Gifts of Love, Saru was able to get proper treatment at a hospital—even after she developed a dangerous allergy to one of the main leprosy drugs. Her treatment took longer. It was harder. But she finished it.

Then something else happened.

You didn't just help cure a disease. You helped heal a heart.

Through your support, Saru joined a **Self-Help Group (SHG)**. At first, she was shy. Afraid. But as she sat beside others who knew her pain, the walls began to come down.

"I've learned how to share ideas, experiences and problems," Saru says. "It's helped us find our own way to solve problems."



Eva from our Hidden Lives Podcast still remembers standing there, surrounded by fields and animals, seeing what your generosity had grown.



Soon, Saru wasn't just receiving support. She was giving it.

She began teaching others how to care for damaged hands and feet. She shared her own story. And stigma started to lose its grip.

### Your little Piglet built a big future

Then came a small but powerful gift.

A piglet.

Through a **Gift of Love**, Saru received two pigs. With a small loan from her Self-Help Group, she grew her farm. Goats followed. Then chickens. Then buffalo. Today she even sells piglets to help other families in her group get started.

And that bamboo house she once hid in?

It's now a **solid blue concrete home**—built with income from her animals that she earned through her own work.

**Eva from our Hidden Lives Podcast still remembers standing there, surrounded by fields and animals, seeing what your generosity had grown.**

- **One gift became a business.**
- **One business became dignity.**
- **One woman became a leader.**

### You helped turn Saru into a Community Champion

Today, Saru is no longer afraid to be seen.

- She is the **Chairperson of her Self-Help Group.**
- The **Chairperson of her ward-level disability group.**
- The **Treasurer of the Disability Coordination Committee.**
- A leader. An advocate. A voice.

When Leprosy Mission Australia's Tim Collison visited Saru in 2020, he wrote:

"Thanks to shoppers like you, Saru was able to set up a small business. With each new blessing, her confidence has grown. Her daughters are in school. She is now a district-level leader. What a woman!"

This is what happens when you shop with purpose.

This is what happens when **you and I choose love.**

### From Hidden to Heard—because you stayed

When shoppers from Australia like you visited Saru's farm in September 2024, they met a woman once isolated now confidently welcoming visitors to her new home. They saw thriving livestock. They saw leadership in action.

Saru's message to you is simple and strong:

"I'm very happy. I'm excited. I'm feeling well. But there are still people in need... please continue with the support."

So today, from Saru's farm in Nepal to your home in Australia—thank you.

- Your gifts didn't just give pigs and loans.
- They gave courage.
- They gave income.
- They gave a woman back to herself.

And together, we are still changing lives.



### Listen to Saru's full story

**Scan the QR code** to hear Episode 18 of *Hidden Lives Podcast*—*"The Gift of a Little Piglet."*

When Saru was diagnosed late with leprosy, her fingers were already deformed. She hid. She was afraid. Then a Self-Help Group and a simple piglet changed everything.

How did one small gift turn Saru into a businesswoman, disability advocate, and community leader?

 Hosted by Eva Lee (The Leprosy Mission Australia) and Erica (Nepal Leprosy Fellowship)

 Listen now and hear what your kindness made possible.



Listen to *Hidden Lives* at [hiddenlives.buzzsprout.com](https://hiddenlives.buzzsprout.com) or wherever you get your podcasts.



# Thank you for growing livelihoods!

## Because you didn't give up, 1,200 people found a way forward

This is your impact. This is what your kindness built in Nepal this year.

When you shop, give, and stand with The Leprosy Mission, you do something quietly radical.

You don't just help people survive. You help them **stand on their own feet**.

In Nepal, that hope now has a name: **SPROUTS**.

And it exists because **you** are still here.

### You planted the seeds—**SPROUTS** is growing

This year, your generosity launched the SPROUTS livelihoods project in eastern Nepal. It's designed for people affected by leprosy, lymphatic filariasis, disability, and deep poverty—people who have been locked out of opportunity for far too long.

A brand-new team was trained and equipped. Local and provincial governments came on board. Strong foundations were laid so the work could last.

You didn't rush it. You helped us do it **right**.

And halfway through the year, SPROUTS began to change lives.

### You helped people come together—and that changed everything

Because of you, **13 new Self-Help Groups** were formed.

These aren't just meetings. They are circles of courage.

In each group, people who once felt alone now sit shoulder to shoulder. They talk about goals.



After goat rearing training, a project participant receives a goat to help start her animal husbandry business.

Photo by Supa Thejan

They share struggles. They learn how to save, borrow, plan, and grow.

They discover something powerful:

*"I am not alone. I have something to offer."*

That shift is where transformation begins.

### You are making sure Hope lasts

You didn't just start something new—you also protected what came before.

Through SPROUTS, you continued to provide technical and financial support to cooperatives formed under the earlier IMPACT project. That means businesses keep running. Loans keep circulating. Families keep eating. Children stay in school.

This is what sustainability looks like. This is what long-term love does.

### Together we built a place where voices are stronger

Because of you, a **new forum** was created, bringing together Self-Help Groups and cooperatives built by The Leprosy Mission Australia over the past 15+ years.

It's a place for shared learning. A place for mutual encouragement. A place where people affected by leprosy and disability can stand together and speak up.

When one voice is quiet, it's easy to ignore. When many voices rise together, change listens.

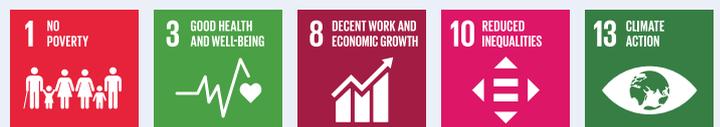
You made that possible. Thank you.



### Triple Zero Goals



### Sustainable Development Goals





Shrimali, Nirosha & Shenuri work at our producer making the thongs.



Our Leprosy Mission staff visiting Saisha in India.

# Because you chose these thongs, someone else can walk again

This summer, when you slipped on your **Thongs That Matter**, you probably felt the soft rubber under your feet. The lightness. The comfort. The ease.

But somewhere far from the beach, because of **you**, someone else felt something even bigger.

They felt safe enough to walk again.

## When you bought thongs, you gave shoes that protect

Every pair of Thongs That Matter you chose did something powerful. You didn't just buy footwear for yourself — you gave a pair of protective shoes **to a person affected by leprosy like Saisha**.

For most of her life, walking was painful for Saisha. Then it became impossible.

Leprosy damaged her feet. Ulcers formed. Infections followed. And finally, her left foot had to be amputated. At one point she asked through tears, "Why should I even be alive anymore?"

That's how deep the loss went.

But you and I both know how easy it is to take shoes for granted.

But for someone living with damaged nerves, fragile skin, and open wounds, the wrong shoes can mean infection, pain, and even amputation.

So, your thongs became their protection. Your comfort became their dignity. Your choice became their chance.

When Saisha received something that felt like a miracle. A pair of protective **Shoes** and a prosthetic limb.

"I felt I got my life back," she says. "I couldn't believe it."

Those shoes keep her fragile feet safe. They stop wounds before they start. They allow her to walk to church, to visit family, to stand tall again.

This Christmas, when you wore your Thongs That Matter, **you helped Saisha walk**.



"I felt I got my life back," says Saisha. "I couldn't believe it."

Together, we turned summer shopping into something that truly mattered.

## Because you shopped with heart, fairness was woven in

Your thongs didn't just change lives in India. They also honoured the hands that made them.

Each pair supports **fair trade supply chains in Sri Lanka**, where workers like **Shrimali, Nirosha, and Shenuri** earn fair wages and work in safe, dignified conditions. Every pair of thongs represents **empowerment and respect** for the hands that made them.

So when you slipped them on, you stood in something beautiful: Fairness. Sustainability. Respect.

# Let love be your gift—and watch a life change

When you choose a **Gift of Love**, you choose more than a present.

- You choose hope.
- You choose healing.
- You choose restoration.

You choose it for someone affected by leprosy who is still waiting to be seen.

Thank you for being the kind of person who doesn't look away.

## Because you gave, Maiya found her way back

I will never forget meeting Maiya in Nepal. Sitting with her. Listening to her voice. Seeing the strength she carries.

Maiya told us what it felt like when leprosy entered her life: ***"I was scared people would be disgusted by me. That they would discriminate against me. That they would call me names."***

That fear isolates. It silences. It makes a person want to disappear. But because you chose to give, Maiya did not stay hidden. Through a **Gift of Love**, Maiya received pigs. Simple. Practical. Powerful. She started a small business. She began earning her own income. Little by little, she stepped back into her community with confidence.

One gift didn't just change her day. It changed her future. That is the strength of your kindness. And we are deeply grateful.

## Practical gifts. Powerful impact.

A Gift of Love does not sit on a shelf. It changes a life.

It may be a goat.

- A school kit.
- Protective shoes.
- Vocational training.

For people affected by leprosy and disability, often living in remote and poor communities, even small support can make a lasting difference.

Your Gift of Love becomes that support. It is also **fully tax-deductible**.

If a specific need is already met, your gift goes where it is needed most—so every dollar counts.

## This is what you make possible

You help someone access treatment.

You help a family earn an income.

You help a child stay in school.

You help someone like Maiya step back into life with dignity.

Thank you for giving love that lasts.

## How your Gift of Love works (3 Simple Steps)

Your gift follows a clear path—and every step matters.



### Step 1: Choose and purchase your Gift of Love

You pick a practical gift that speaks to your heart. You give in a way that feels personal and real.



### Step 2: We send you a special Gift of Love card

You receive a card that represents the gift. You can keep it, or give it to a friend or family member as a meaningful present. The card doesn't show the price—because the true value is the life it touches.



### Step 3: Your Gift of Love supports people affected by leprosy overseas

Your donation supports The Leprosy Mission's work through projects in **Timor-Leste, Thailand, India, Nigeria, and Nepal**.

## TAKE ACTION!

✓ Scan the QR code to watch the short video explaining how Gifts of Love work.



Gifts of Love®

# BECAUSE YOU CARED, RUBBISH BECAME REDEMPTION

**On World Cleanup Day, something beautiful began—and it happened because people like you believed even the smallest things could change lives.**

On Saturday, September 20, World Cleanup Day took its place on the United Nations calendar for the first time. What started in one small country had grown into a global movement of more than 114 million people, all choosing to care for the world we share.

And right alongside that moment, **you helped launch something new—Sip. Save. Support.**

## **Because you recycled, someone else was helped to heal**

Through Sip, Save, Support, everyday bottles and cans became something extraordinary. When people returned them through their local container schemes and chose to donate their refund, **every 10 cents became care, treatment, and opportunity for a person affected by leprosy.**

What once held a drink now held a life together.

Together, you and I turned waste into healing—and clutter into compassion.

## **Because you didn't waste what still had value**

Greg Clarke, CEO of The Leprosy Mission Australia, captured it perfectly:

*"It's a redemptive arc. The very things overwhelming our planet can be recycled, refunded, and then redirected into life-giving work. What pollutes the earth can instead bring healing and hope."*

And you were part of that story.

Every container returned became a quiet act of love.

Every small coin became a powerful gift.

## **Because you acted together, the impact grew**

Across Australia, churches, schools, families and community groups collected together—filling bags not just with bottles, but with **hope.**

They showed what happens when compassion and community meet.

## **Now you can join the movement already underway**

Thank you for caring about the planet.

Thank you for caring about people.

Thank you for believing that even something thrown away can still do good.

You can join thousands of others who have already started transforming rubbish into redemption through **Sip, Save, Support.**



**COLLECT.  
RECYCLE.  
DONATE.**



Every container is worth 10c  
—and every bit counts.



## **TAKE ACTION!**

To get involved you can find your free group resources and start collecting today at:

**[www.stillathing.org/sipsavesupport](http://www.stillathing.org/sipsavesupport)**

Together, you and I can keep turning what's discarded into something that heals.

# Your impact overseas at a glance



**5,833,494**

people reached with health awareness information via radio, TV or social media



**350,020**

people reached with leprosy awareness information



**346,401**

people reached with inclusive WASH promotion activities



**112,743**

people reached through screening or contact tracing activities



**17,281**

children screened for leprosy



**3,952**

people reached with health promotion activities



**1,247**

health workers trained in leprosy



**1,232**

people trained to prevent disability through self-care



**1,200**

members of self-help groups



**874**

people with other skin diseases diagnosed



**438**

assistive devices provided



**408**

pieces of supportive footwear provided



**343**

people received vocational training



**321**

people assessed for and provided with assistive devices



**247**

people received mental health support



**230**

new leprosy cases diagnosed



**174**

people received leprosy treatment and management



**159**

physiotherapy assessments or interventions provided



**83**

children and young people received scholarships



**96**

disability prevention aids provided

# Your love and compassion are a blessing.

Thank you for being moved into ACTION to screen and treat children for leprosy.

**Leprosy Mission**  
Australia

My Contact Details:  Mr  Mrs  Ms  Miss

First Name		Surname	
Address			
Suburb		State	Postcode
Phone ( )		Email	

Please tick the areas that interest you below and send it back to us. I would like to:

## GIVE FINANCIALLY

**YES! I want to screen another child!**

Please use my gift to reach the next child waiting for treatment \$

**OR YES! I want to Early Health care to children regularly.**



Scan the QR code and find out how you can join Dilly as an EarlyHealth Armadillo Ally or complete the form below and return it in the mail.



- I am a **Little Ally**, at \$5 weekly
- I am a **Brave Ally**, at \$12.50 weekly
- I am an **ARMOURED Ally**, at \$25 weekly



**Early Health**  
earlyhealth.org

**Cheque/Money Order:** (for one-off donation only) Payable to The Leprosy Mission Australia

**Credit Card:** My monthly gift beginning on the date: / /

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## Ways you can TAKE ACTION!

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**The Leprosy Mission Australia**  
**Reply Paid 83988**  
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# PLEASE HELP!

## Screen another child and cure leprosy early

**Leprosy is still stealing the future from children like Abeer.**

Like any other boy, 10-year-old Abeer had dreams and hopes. But then, leprosy began to affect his young body.

It was heartbreaking news for Abeer and his family. They have been struggling with severe poverty.

His leprosy has worsened because the local hospital lacked leprosy expertise. A neighbour mentioned The Leprosy Mission Hospital. Then, his family dared to hope again.

Leprosy has already inflicted lifelong harm. Now poverty is putting his chance for a cure at grave risk. The bus fare to the hospital for his vital treatment is too great a financial burden.

To reach the hospital, Abeer's father carried Abeer on a 10 km bumpy bike ride on the road, then more than 100 km by bus.

Thankfully, they reached the hospital, where Abeer began the important Multi-Drug Therapy to cure his leprosy.

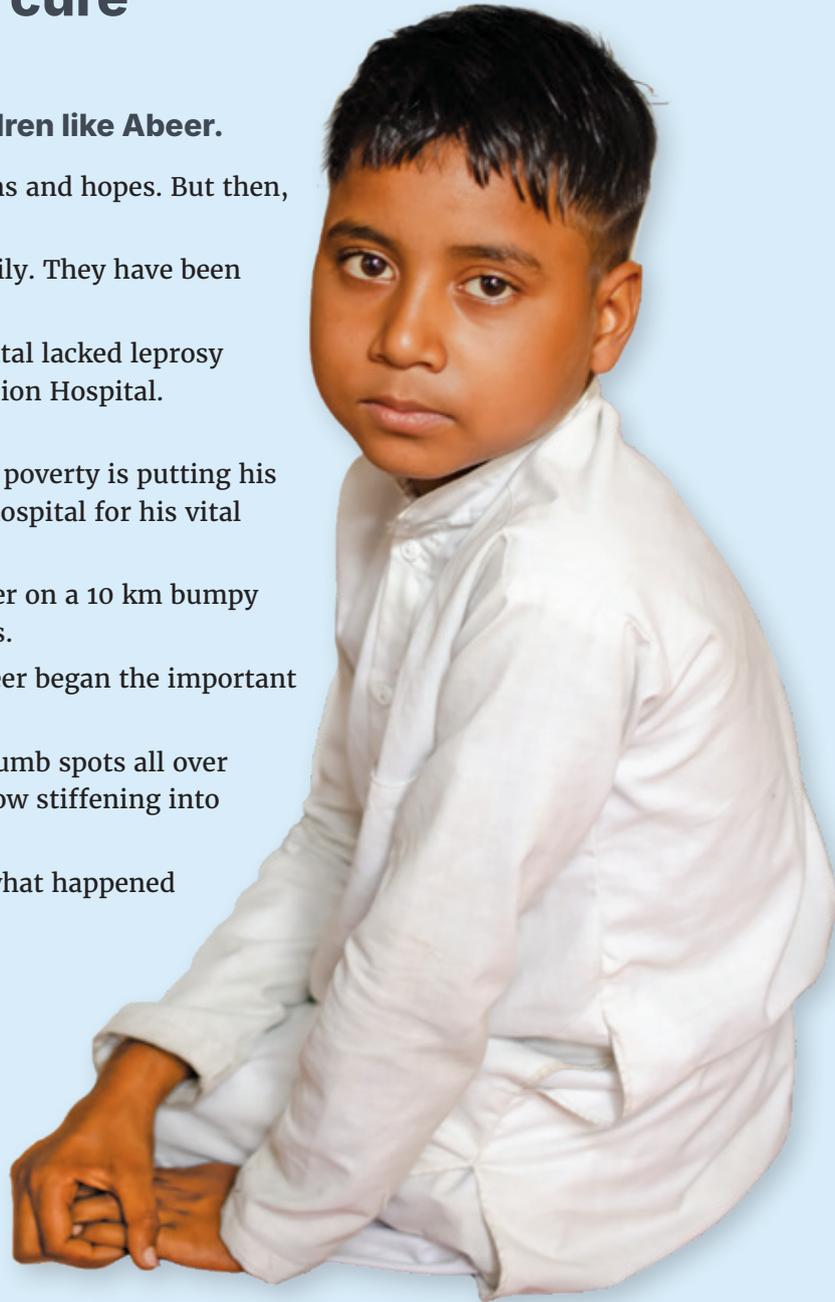
But leprosy has already taken hold, and he has numb spots all over his body! Feet, back, bottom, arms – and fingers, now stiffening into tell-tale rigid claws of advanced leprosy.

It's very sad how leprosy has affected him. But what happened to Abeer doesn't have to happen to another child.

**You can screen another child now and cure leprosy early. You will help prevent lifelong disability.**

It costs \$5 to screen one more child for leprosy. For Abeer, he needs treatment for 12 months, which can cost up to \$435.

**You can help us reach the next child in need.**



**YES! I want to screen another child!**

Please use my gift to reach the next child waiting for treatment: \$

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