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FIGHT LEPROSY ONE PERSON AT A TIME... LIKE JESUS!

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**The Leprosy
Mission**
Australia

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**We see Transformation:
People healed and living in community
with dignity, opportunity and hope**

VISION:

Leprosy Defeated. Lives Transformed.

MISSION:

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Thank you to our supporters for praying week after week. Thank you for giving from your finances time after time. Thank you for spreading the word about the ministry of The Leprosy Mission to your family, friends and Church community.

Thank you to every one of you who takes regular ACTION to transform the lives of leprosy-affected people.

In this edition of ACTION, we're calling on supporters to make a commitment to regular giving if you have the means to do so. The importance of regular giving to the ministry is highlighted in the stories of Lakshmi and Kanta on pages 8-9. These two women both suffered leprosy reaction. The contrast in outcomes for them shows why ongoing treatment to deal with reaction is so important... and why

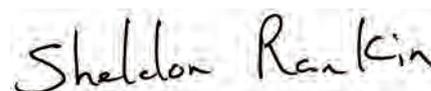
your regular ACTION in the form of a monthly gift matters so much.

We also pay tribute to Life Member, Keith Skillicorn, who recently passed away. Keith and his wife, Ruth, made a tremendous contribution to The Leprosy Mission and was responsible for curing 30,000 cases of leprosy in India and Bangladesh. His life is an incredible example of how taking regular ACTIONS, one after another, adds up to a huge impact.

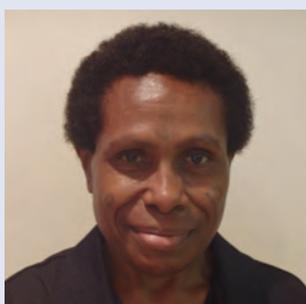
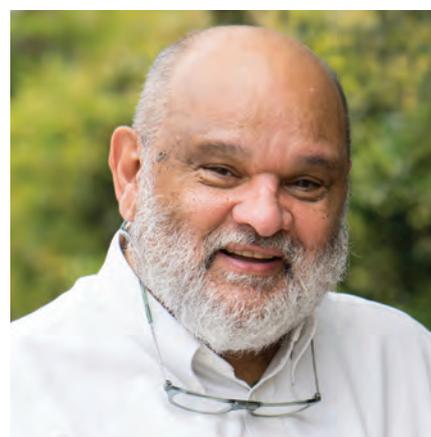
Of course, the ultimate ACTION hero is Jesus Christ. His life was a series of regular ACTIONS, culminating in the ultimate action of dying on the cross and rising again. His actions were all motivated by His love of God and His love for people including those who were suffering. I pray that we

can follow in His footsteps daily and continue to take regular ACTION to help those living with leprosy.

God bless you.



Sheldon Rankin
CEO, The Leprosy Mission Australia



Rosa Koian, The Leprosy Mission Papua New Guinea



Nelson da Silva, The Leprosy Mission Timor Leste.

SAVE THE DATES! Look who's coming to town!

Rosa Koian and Nelson da Silva are coming to visit Australia in September and October to share how your support helps people affected by leprosy in Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste.

Rosa and her team want to help people affected by leprosy in Papua New Guinea have sustainable incomes. She feels as Christians we are to extend the hand of Jesus here on earth.

Nelson has been able to help transform people in Timor Leste who feel disempowered because of their disability. Nelson says "We can have help. Prayer gives us power".

Rosa and Nelson will also be attending The Leprosy Mission Annual Country

Learning and National Conference in Melbourne from Friday 12th – 14th of October 2018.

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Find out where Rosa and Nelson will be speaking nationally.

Go to the website:
www.leprosymission.org.au/events/

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Leprosy-affected young because of your compass

Thank you from Lila! Cured from leprosy and leading others living with the disease...



With your help, Lila raised chickens and goats to put herself through university!

Remember Lila from Nepal? It's incredible what she's doing now because of your support.

Thanks to you, she received her leprosy cure. And thanks to you, reconstructive surgery means she can now use her once clawed hand.

Now she's putting her hand to excellent use! She's in her third year of a Bachelor of Commerce — a rare achievement for a woman in her community. It would not have been possible without you.

As well as studying hard, Lila spends several hours a day leading a Leprosy Mission Cooperative for people affected by leprosy and disability.

Through the cooperative, Lila has learned how to raise goats and chickens. It's the income she received from this that has funded her studies at university!

Lila is also supporting other self-help groups who have started livelihood activities so they can earn their own living and be independent.

The group also teaches leprosy-affected people how to heal and prevent wounds, ulcers and injuries using simple items such as a tub, soap, creams and dressings. This knowledge can help stop leprosy causing permanent disability.

Thank you for helping Lila. Thank you for following Jesus' example and sharing His love for people with leprosy. Now look at how God is using this amazing young woman – she is doing the same for people in her community!

You've cured Lila and given her an education! Pictured with The Leprosy Mission Australia's Philip Hamilton during his recent trip to Nepal.



women forging ahead...

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Research shows women are much more likely than men to suffer disability and social discrimination from leprosy. That's why it's such a blessing to see what God is doing in the lives of Lila, Siru and Mary!

Siru has been supported by your education program since grade six. Thank you for your faithful giving!



"My mother, father, brother and I are all leprosy affected. I had patches on my back but it was picked up early and I started Multi-Drug Therapy and have no remaining symptoms. Growing up my family faced a lot of discrimination because of leprosy. We were seen as cursed. My father had great trouble getting work because people would not talk to him. Other people in our village never came to visit our house and other parents would tell their children not to play with me and my brother. We were not allowed to get water from the town's water point so instead we had to drink unclean water straight from the river."

But it's different now – thanks to you...

"I am currently studying a bachelor of commerce at a university in Kathmandu. Studying at university has meant I have more prospects for marriage. I want to marry a man who loves me and respects me. Preferably a man who is educated."

"Thank you for your support. I am very happy to be able to study. It has changed my view about life and marriage."



Use your phone to scan or go to: <https://tinyurl.com/yddl2mbd> to watch Siru's message of thanks for your support!

Mehrunisha Mary's parents were only diagnosed with leprosy last year, but Mary has already turned tragedy into opportunity.

Because of your support, courses at The Leprosy Mission's Vocational Training Centre in Vadathorasalur India are available free of charge to those affected by leprosy and their children.

"I wrote to the Principal of the Vocational Training Centre and requested an interview for the electrical engineering course on the basis my parents had both been diagnosed with leprosy. I had the interview and was accepted into the course!"
- Mary

Mary chose the electrical engineering course because she knows there are good government jobs available in her area, and she is keen to be able to support her family.

"I want to look after my parents," she says.



Your International Program Manager, Philip Hamilton, met Mary on a recent visit to India and was inspired by her dedication to her leprosy-affected parents.

TAKE ACTION

You can invest in the education of young women affected by leprosy like Lila, Siru and Mary! Your monthly donation goes towards school supplies, books, bags and uniforms. Simply tick the regular giving option on the coupon on the back page of this magazine and send it back to us.

You help defeat leprosy

Your Medical Clinic in Gurapuvalasa near The Leprosy Mission Salur Hospital in India provides free medical services to leprosy patients.



Thank you

for fighting leprosy... in Jesus' name

What you've helped achieve

The good news is that over 16 million leprosy cases have been cured over the last 20 years! But leprosy is still prevalent in many countries... in fact, every 2 minutes, another person is diagnosed with leprosy.

Slowly we're finding and treating these people. They're in countries such as India, Nigeria and Nepal. In some countries like Papua New Guinea, where leprosy was "officially" eliminated as a public health problem, leprosy cases are rising again.

Another problem is that 1 in every 3 leprosy patients suffers from a reaction to leprosy. Although this is still treatable, it does make their care more complex and the cure takes more time.

Your regular gifts matter...

let's win the fight against leprosy one person at a time!

Jesus showed love to people with leprosy, curing them and accepting them. Together, we can do the same!

It's your love and generosity that ensures people affected by leprosy can access a cure. Your kindness provides the resources to walk the journey of care and recovery when reactions and resistance occur before, during and after treatment. Your prayers and compassion mean we can find those who hide away due to the shame and stigma of their disease—giving them love and acceptance.

Together we can be the eyes and ears and hands and feet of Christ and follow His example by touching the life of a person with leprosy.

Take ACTION on 3 fronts

1

CORRECT DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

This means Multi Drug Therapy provided as early as possible. It means fighting reaction with the proper treatment when it occurs. It means following up with patients who experience this complication to prevent nerve damage and disability.

It may also include self-care to prevent wounds from getting worse, resulting in amputations and permanent deformities. In severe cases, patients may need surgery and physiotherapy to restore the use of limbs.

2

COMBATING STIGMA WITH EDUCATION

From Biblical times to today, the stigma of leprosy lingers. People with leprosy are commonly rejected or abandoned by family, friends and community who are afraid of catching the disease.

This is why The Leprosy Mission is actively involved in educating communities about leprosy. We need to get the message out—how to detect leprosy early, how it's transmitted, how to treat it—and that it IS totally curable.

Nobody should have to suffer from a treatable and curable disease!

3

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

Microenterprise initiatives such as raising goats or chickens promotes self-sufficiency and provides income. Many a leprosy-affected person transforms from shunned and hidden away—to becoming happy and productive members of society. Some even join the cause of The Leprosy Mission, helping others with leprosy!

**Take ACTION
with your regular
gift today!**

You can join the fight against leprosy with a regular gift to provide someone with complete leprosy care. Through diagnosis, treatment, management of complications, rehabilitation and financial independence, your ongoing commitment helps one person with leprosy through all stages of their journey. Tick Regular Gift today on the coupon on the back page and send it back with your details!

Because Christ loved us first

What an amazing love Jesus had for people. At The Leprosy Mission, we try to emulate His example in loving those outcast in society.

Jesus loved those who were rejected and despised. He reached out and cured the sick and the desperate—including those with leprosy.

You can help us reach out and touch these people with leprosy in the world today... just as Jesus did.



When a leprosy cure takes time, your regular gift is such a blessing!



*2.5 years to a leprosy cure...
thanks to you!*

When Lakshmi was diagnosed with leprosy at 14, she went through six months of Multi Drug Therapy.

But then she suffered ongoing complications because of a severe reaction to leprosy. Because of this, she received further treatment and care at The Leprosy Mission Anandaban Hospital... thanks to you.

In total, Lakshmi needed 2.5 years of treatment to win her fight against leprosy. Reactions like the ones Lakshmi experienced occur in about one third of cases.

And that's why your monthly gift makes such a difference to someone like her... so people like Lakshmi don't stop the treatment they need to combat the disease.

Rejected...

Like so many with leprosy, Lakshmi suffered discrimination when diagnosed with the disease.

"I was rejected from my community straight away. I was so sad when I was diagnosed at the health post. How did this disease get to me? I wasn't even allowed to collect water from a community water point.

*"I lived with my brother at the time and **his wife rejected me**. She was fearing me, so she left the house."*

Though she doesn't know how she contracted leprosy, Lakshmi wasn't the only one in her family affected – her sister and older brother also have leprosy.

For Lakshmi, her time at Anandaban led to an unexpected blessing – meeting her now-husband, Binond, who was also seeking treatment for leprosy.

*"We now both live in accommodation at Anandaban Hospital, and **support the self-care unit** by looking after the two buffaloes and the vegetable farming on site."*

A new life... because of you

Lakshmi is now **symptom-free, cured!** And she's mum to Asika – who she hopes will become a nurse.

*"I would also like to go back to my home village... **I feel more confident now to challenge stigma.**"*

Lakshmi's past was filled with pain, rejection and stigma. But her future? Bright! Thanks to you!

TAKE ACTION with your regular gift today!

Your \$30 monthly gift supports women in Nepal just like Lakshmi. You'll help them receive the long-term on-going care and support they need to win the fight against leprosy.



**The Leprosy
Mission**
Australia

*Lakshmi has battled for years
to overcome leprosy...*



**Imagine... fever, breathing difficulties, rejected by family...
then one complication after another with your leprosy treatment**

*Your gift of \$30 or more a month means those like Lakshmi
can complete long-term treatment and win the fight against leprosy!*

Dear Friend,

It's true that a leprosy cure for many is simple. A 12-month course of Multi Drug Therapy is all it takes.

But for others like Lakshmi, her journey was not so easy.

You see, Lakshmi was diagnosed with leprosy when she was just 14.

She explains: ***"My nose began to collapse because I had something called **leprosy reaction**. I was having trouble breathing so I went to the health post. That is where they diagnosed me with leprosy. I had terrible fever."***

And if that wasn't bad enough... ***"Because of my symptoms and my diagnosis, I was rejected from my community straight away."***

Although Lakshmi was initially given six months of Multi Drug Therapy at a hospital, she had complicated side effects to the treatment. When this happens, often a patient will choose to stop treatment... **but it's vital that they continue.**

That's why your regular monthly gift is so crucial. It means someone like Lakshmi can get the long-term treatment support needed to deal with ongoing complications... this can take months... perhaps even 2 to 3 years.

**Please, your \$30 or more a month means those like Lakshmi
can receive the long-term, ongoing care and support
they need to win the fight against leprosy.**

After the initial complications with her treatment, Lakshmi was referred to The Leprosy Mission's Anandaban Hospital where she received ongoing care for a year.

*"I needed steroid treatment because of the **nodules on my face** caused by leprosy."*

This persistent young woman tried to return to her community. Again, they rejected her. With nowhere else to go, she returned to Anandaban where she received counselling. Further complications meant she had to continue receiving treatment and care for leprosy at Anandaban Hospital for another year.

After a long battle with the disease, today, Lakshmi is cured from leprosy! And through Anandaban's self-care unit, she knows how to prevent injuries to her leprosy-affected limbs.

"I am so happy to have been released from treatment. I have learnt to protect my hands and feet. I now know that leprosy is not a curse."

Now she feels better able to challenge stigma, Lakshmi hopes one day to return to her village and open a shop to support her family.

When you become a regular giver, you're helping someone just like this brave woman. You help another to receive their full leprosy cure, learn self-care and fight the stigma of the disease.

Your ongoing monthly gift of \$30 or more is needed to:

1. **Support the long-term treatment, care and counselling** of people fighting leprosy, especially when they have complications
2. **Help them learn self-care** that will protect leprosy-affected hands and feet from ulcers
3. **Provide livelihood training** so they can earn an income and be independent
4. **Educate families and communities about leprosy** – it's not contagious or a curse!

Lakshmi is now married. She is mum to one little girl. And she and her husband both work at Anandaban Hospital, supporting the self-care unit and other patients.

Because someone like you faithfully gave month after month to support her long-term fight against leprosy. If not for this support, Lakshmi could have abandoned treatment and suffered lasting deformities, disabilities and stigma.

Please, will you become a regular monthly giver? So others, just like Lakshmi, can have the best chance of receiving their leprosy cure and living a full life?

To become a monthly giver, simply fill out the form enclosed or on the back page of your ACTION magazine and send it back to us in the attached reply paid envelope.

God bless you,



Sheldon Rankin

CEO, The Leprosy Mission Australia

PS. Please join now as a regular giver at \$30 or more a month. So another like Lakshmi can receive the long-term treatment they need in their fight against leprosy. To overcome complications. To be cured from the disease. And to live life in all its abundance.



WARNING: Content may be distressing

When reaction to leprosy is left untreated...

Your support means we can find and treat people like Kanta early!

When Kanta told her story, it hit home how important you are to the ministry of The Leprosy Mission.

Kanta's life started with tragedy... but her ongoing pain could have been avoided.

"My mother died when I was a baby, and I was an only child. It was only my dad and I living together then. I used to be married but my husband died.

"Eighteen years ago, I started taking treatment after being diagnosed with leprosy. I had developed patches on my lower body and across my knees. I had a reaction to the leprosy medication, so was referred to a leprosy hospital for treatment."

Just two weeks after this, Kanta received the news her father had died.

"I was left with no-one. I was alone and had no other support. After my father died, I was forced to beg. I felt so upset and sad that I didn't get to see him before he died."

With the ongoing support of someone like you, Kanta could have continued her treatment. Perhaps, her experience of life could have been quite different..

Instead, her condition remained neglected leading to the loss of fingers, toes and the collapse of her nose. Left alone without the opportunity for education or to earn an income, Kanta suffered much over the years.

However, through a self-help group supported by The Leprosy Mission, Kanta learned how to manage her

condition. The group also contributed funds to fix her home, which was in a bad state of disrepair.

Kanta has recently passed away. Thank you for making her final years easier.

*"I was greatly saddened when I learnt that Kanta had passed away a mere few days after meeting her. **She had a spirited and engaging character and was well-loved in her self-help group and community. Praise God that the end of her life was reached with a sense of hope for the future and the transformative work of the mission, rather than a sense of loss and neglect she experienced earlier in her life due to leprosy**" – Philip Hamilton, International Programs Manager, The Leprosy Mission Australia.*

Understanding Reaction

If you suffer from leprosy, you have a 1 in 3 chance of experiencing an inflammatory reaction. This can occur before, during or up to seven years after treatment.

Two types of reaction are possible:

- 1. Reversal Reaction** - your immune system has an over-aggressive response to the living or dead leprosy bacteria in your body. You suffer painful swelling and are at risk of permanent nerve damage.
- 2. Erythema Nodosum Leprosum (ENL) Reaction** – your body struggles to process an overwhelming amount of living or dead leprosy bacteria

sparking an allergic reaction. Your symptoms include painful, tender spots on the skin, fever, swelling, and malaise.

Triggers are complex but include:

- Poor nutrition
- Genetic defects in immune response cells
- Stress
- Larger counts of leprosy bacteria

A leprosy reaction can be successfully treated but it can sometimes take several years. It's also vital to maintain consistent treatment to ensure you're cured and prevent any lasting disabilities.

TAKE ACTION

Your \$30 regular gift means leprosy-affected people like Kanta who suffer reaction can receive the ongoing, long-term treatment they need to beat the disease!

Q. What time is good for you to have a Cuppa for a Cure?

A. Any time at all!

Afternoon tea with your friends? Morning cuppa at the office? Weekend get together?

Any time is great to take tea as part of Cuppa for a Cure – and raise funds to fight leprosy.

Because imagine what it would be like to spill hot liquid on yourself while making tea... and not even feel the burn because you've lost sensation in your hand.

Or what it would be like to try holding a cup to drink tea... when you've lost your fingers to leprosy.

Or what it would be like to have nobody to have a cuppa with... because you've been ostracised and abandoned by your family and community because of leprosy.

This is reality for so many leprosy-affected people all over the world.

When you host a Cuppa for a Cure, you give these people the chance to receive treatment. To learn daily living skills when they've lost limbs to leprosy. To fight stigma so communities understand that leprosy is not curse. And to set up self-help groups so people affected by leprosy can support each other!

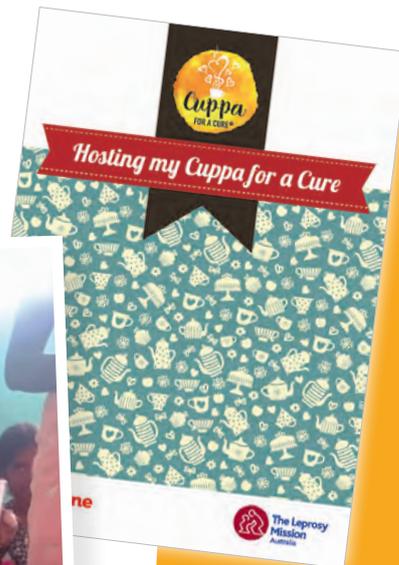
It's also a great opportunity to raise awareness about the disease.



Host a beautiful Cuppa for a Cure event like Megan and Ky! Ky says: "I was really surprised to hear that leprosy is a disease that still affects people. So were my friends. It's not something we really think about, so I invited them round to hang out and learn a bit about how we can help the people who have been affected by the disease."

TAKE ACTION

Call for ideas or register your Cuppa for a Cure event by dialling **FREECALL 1800 LEPROSY (1800 537 767)**. Or you can tick Cuppa for a Cure on the back page and send it back to us. We'll send you a host pack with everything you need for your tea party. Posters, DVD, coasters, prayer diary and information about leprosy. You can even purchase your coffee and tea at the same time.



ORDER YOUR FREE CUPPA FOR A CURE HOST PACK TODAY!

It's hard to drink tea when you have no fingers like Nagammal – but she's learned how to manage her own cooking and cleaning regardless.

8 WAYS TO CUPPA FOR A CURE TEA PARTY SUCCESS

Hold a tea tasting! Try teas and treats from different countries. We support Nigeria, Timor Leste, India, Nepal, Thailand and Papua New Guinea.

Tea party entry fee. Pass around a donation box before each guest can enter.

A gold coin per cuppa. Ask for a gold coin donation for each cuppa you serve.

Bring a friend. You were going to do coffee anyway, so why not do tea and support a great cause?

The Cuppa Tax. In the office or on site, everyone pays \$1 or \$2 to boil the kettle.

Gifts of Love. Invite your guests to give a Gift of Love from the catalogue and change lives.

Buy Fairtrade tea and coffee. Purchase your tea leaves and coffee beans from The Leprosy Mission Australia and help even more people with leprosy.

Buy beautiful gifts! Encourage guests to select from the latest Gift Catalogue. There's something for young and old and for every occasion—birthdays, anniversaries, Easter or Christmas.

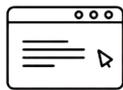
Your easy guide to host your own Cuppa for a Cure

STEP 1 Set the date



You can hold your event any time during the year!

STEP 2 Register your event



Call us for your host pack and other info to make your event a success.

STEP 3 Invite your guests



Ask your family, friends and colleagues to join you for this great cause!

STEP 4 Drink to a leprosy cure



Your guests can enjoy a cuppa, raise funds and boost awareness of leprosy!

Blow your trumpet for leprosy

Age was no barrier for Maddy and her enterprising siblings who had a great heart to help fight leprosy. With musical instruments in hand, they hit the streets of Ironbark in semi-rural Adelaide to raise what funds they could for the ministry. Throughout the day, they collected a total of \$150. What an inspirational effort from a talented bunch!



On the first day we went busking we were all a bit nervous and excited, we set up our instruments and played the same songs over and over. But the main attraction wasn't just the music, it was our cute little sister Lucy playing her trumpet. We saw little children and adults want to put money in.

There was one time when someone went up to our parents and gave them a \$5 note. We felt very motivated after that. When a bus came by full of tourists we had lots of people taking selfies with us. It felt amazing to use our talents for a good cause. Doing this was a great experience.

From all of us,
Madeline, Stephanie, Reuben and Lucy.

30,000+ LEPROSY PATIENTS cured...

Thank you, Keith Skillicorn (pictured with his wife, Ruth), for showing Jesus' love for people with leprosy.



Years on-ground in India and Bangladesh... Be inspired by the life of Keith Skillicorn!

The world recently lost one of the great hearts of The Leprosy Mission - Earnest Keith Skillicorn AM. He passed away on Friday 13 April 2018 aged 94.

Like you, Keith cared deeply about showing Jesus' love to people affected by leprosy. So much so that he served in India for 31 years as a doctor, surgeon, dentist and hospital manager. He was responsible for curing thousands of people with leprosy, tuberculosis and other illnesses.

Over three decades Keith built a team of people who treated and cured around 30,000 leprosy patients in North India and Bangladesh. What a legacy he leaves – a lifetime of blessing others after he and his late wife, Ruth, first travelled to India in 1951 to serve as missionaries.

This selfless work led to the pair receiving the Award of the Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1988.

Even after he retired in 1988 and returned to Australia, Keith continued to visit India annually. He also used the Internet to reach out to people affected by leprosy – or those who thought they may have leprosy. He wanted to ensure they were expertly diagnosed by leprosy-trained doctors in their part of the world.

In 2000, Keith and Ruth were appointed as Life Members of The Leprosy Mission in recognition of 49 years of service both overseas and in Australia.

Keith and Ruth's story is told in their book *The Making of a Miracle* published in 1982.

Keith was the loving husband of the late Ruth Skillicorn and father of sons Robert (deceased), Paul and Bruce, and daughter Pamela.

We thank God so much for Keith. We honour him as one of our thousands of supporters who, like you, care for and cure people living with leprosy.

“One of the most tragic ways victims of leprosy suffer is to be outcast from society. Several of our patients begged me to kill them to put an end to their torment. Not a few told me that they could bear the loss of fingers, toes or even hands and feet, also eyes. What they could not tolerate is to be cut off from the human race. It was a great privilege for us to be instruments in helping restore a measure of dignity to some of the world's 12 million people afflicted by this horrible, yet curable disease.”

**Keith Skillicorn,
The Making of Miracles**

Keith learning how to diagnose leprosy... he would go on to cure thousands from the disease.



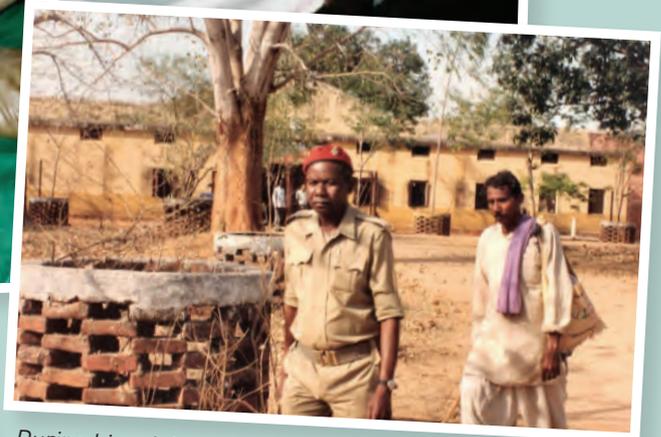
Amputating a patient's leg... ministry in Jesus' name.



Reconstructive surgery... to help a patient walk again!



To watch and listen more about this amazing man and his achievements, go to YouTube: <https://bit.ly/2uwcWDX>



During his ministry, Keith ended up in an Indian jail on a fabricated charge of inciting riots! This is Mandya Prison.

THE IMPACT OF LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

When Jesus left the earth, He left behind a legacy that ultimately led to the spiritual healing and restoration of millions.

Today, we honour the legacies of faithful supporters Jean Provan and Phyllis Wilkins, who both left gifts in their wills for The Leprosy Mission. Their generosity will go towards the healing and restoration of leprosy-affected people.

We offer condolences and prayers to both their families.

If you'd like to find out how you can leave a gift in your Will to support the healing ministry of The Leprosy Mission, tick the Gifts In Will box on the back cover and send the form back to us.

TAKE ACTION

If you would like to serve The Leprosy Mission in a greater way like Keith, consider becoming a local Ambassador. For more information contact Tim Collison, **FREECALL 1800 LEPROSY (1800 537 767)** or email engage@leprosymission.org.au

You can Cure One like Anjali

Would you like to walk the journey of a leprosy cure with a special young girl from India? Her parents love their daughter... they wept when they found out she had leprosy.

In this edition of ACTION magazine, we're calling on supporters like you to commit to regular monthly giving. However, if you're unsure whether you can commit long-term to such an arrangement, you could pledge to Cure One like Anjali instead.

Cure One is a commitment to give \$36 a month for 12 months only to Cure, Care and Restore a leprosy patient like Anjali!

Anjali lost sensation in her feet due to leprosy. As a result, she suffered terrible burns because she could not feel her feet when they were too close to the fire. Her hands clawed and she could not write with a pencil at school.

If Anjali does not receive help, she could be left with permanent deformities and disabilities... and she may never finish her education.

As a Cure One supporter, you'll follow Anjali's journey of healing. Over one year, you'll see the transformation in her life as she goes through the three stages to Cure One.

1. You provide a CURE.

Anjali will receive Multi Drug Therapy to cure her leprosy.

2. You provide CARE.

With medical and physical care for Anjali, perhaps her feet won't have to be amputated. Maybe she'll walk on healed feet... and write with a restored hand!

3. You will RESTORE.

Anjali can leave hospital, return to her family and community, and finish her schooling.

Please help Cure One like Anjali.



Commit to Cure One like Anjali for just one year.

TAKE ACTION

Become a Cure One Supporter today by filling out the form on page 15 and sending it back to us!

Jesus healed every disease and sickness, one person at a time.

A man with leprosy came and knelt before Him and said, "Lord, if you are willing you can make me clean"

Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. "I am willing," He said. (Matt 8)

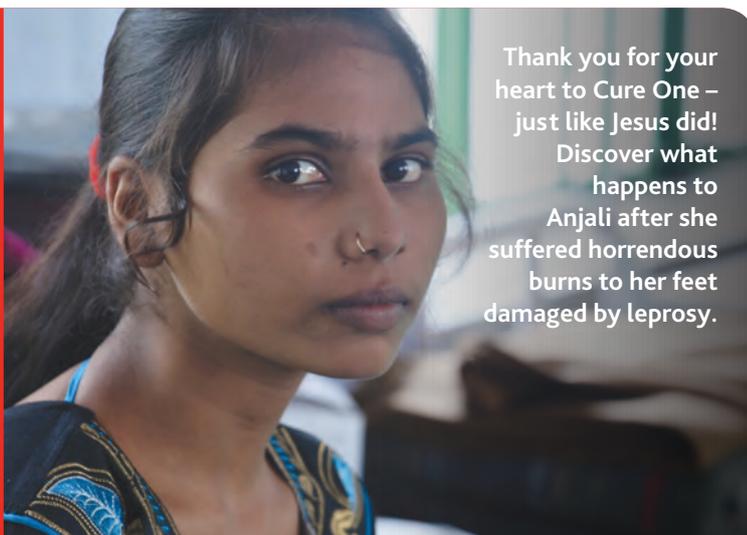
Will you help Cure One like Jesus did?

Cure One today!

YES! I will Cure One like Anjali!

I want to walk with Anjali on her Cure, Care and Restore journey of healing.

- I will **Cure** one person from leprosy with a year-long course of Multi-Drug Therapy
- I will **Care** for nerve damaged limbs and other after effects of leprosy
- I will **Restore** a person to independence and their community.



Thank you for your heart to Cure One – just like Jesus did! Discover what happens to Anjali after she suffered horrendous burns to her feet damaged by leprosy.

I will commit to: (please tick)

\$36 a month for 12 months to Cure One!

\$432 upfront payment for the year

\$72 a month for 12 months to Cure Two!

\$_____ a month for 12 months to Cure More!

Sorry! I cannot commit to Cure One. But please accept my once-off gift of \$ _____ to help cure someone like Anjali today!

My contact details: PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS

Mr Mrs Ms Miss Name: _____
FIRST NAME LAST NAME

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ P/code _____ State: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

My payment details:

(please choose between Credit Card and Direct Debit for regular monthly gifts and once off / upfront payments)

Cheque / Money Order (My once off / upfront donation) payable to The Leprosy Mission Australia

Credit Card (My regular gift processed on 1st 8th 15th 22nd of the month)

Please charge my regular gift **or** my once off / upfront payment to:



Card Number: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

Expiry Date: _____ / _____

Send back your completed form:

Please mail to The Leprosy Mission Australia, Reply Paid 83988, Box Hill, VIC 3128.

Do you want to make your monthly gift via direct debit?

For a direct debit form, please go to www.cureone.org.au or call us on 1800 LEPROSY (1800 537 767) and we'll email or post you one!

**Thank you for your commitment to
Cure One today for a world without leprosy tomorrow!**

