

A: Giving ShoesDay is coming up December first! Your \$15 can provide protective shoes to a person affected by leprosy and help prevent amputation and disability. What a great gift!

Nicolle is a physiotherapist and Leprosy Mission supporter raising awareness by having fun with feet. Nic, why is it so important to provide protective shoes to people affected by leprosy today?

*N: "leprosy can affect the nerves in feet causing them to go numb.*

*When you can't feel injury, damage and ulcers they can go unnoticed and can lead to infection, amputation and disability.*

*Protective shoes enable a person affected by leprosy to leave the house, collect water and food, go to school or work and to socialise. "*

So my \$15 for shoes is a practical way I can give freedom to a person affected by leprosy? In one of the world's poorest places today?

*N: "Absolutely! Just \$15 for protective shoes to give them freedom, dignity and hope! Or even if you can't give please raise awareness, like my kids and I, by wearing odd or silly socks or shoes for the day and sharing your fun with feet on social media!*

**A: Giving ShoesDay is December 1<sup>st</sup> or GIVE Today! FREECALL 1800 537 767 or [leprosymission.org.au](http://leprosymission.org.au)**

**Timing: 1 min.**