

HOMES FOR LEPERS

Leprosy is a devastating disease that is just as rampant in our world today as it was in ancient history—and it is especially widespread in India. In fact, India suffers from a higher percentage of leprosy cases than any other country in the world—130,000 new cases reported every year.

The leprosy crisis continues to expand throughout India, claiming lives and forcing thousands of men, women, and children into a lifestyle of complete hopelessness. Helpless to do anything as they watch their bodies deteriorate. And tragically, children are the most susceptible to leprosy. Can you imagine the kind of emotional and physical suffering these individuals experience?

But perhaps the stigma of this curable disease is the most painful.

Many villages in India view leprosy as a punishment, a dirty disease, which typically results in a lifetime of abuse and neglect for those affected.

Forbidden to live with their family and neighbors in the villages, they are forced to reside in isolated colonies on the outskirts of the cities where they lack even basic amenities.



In India, there are an estimated 1,000 leper colonies—filled with men, women, and children all living through torturous days of pain and confinement. With only small, rugged shacks to call home, they are often unprotected from hazardous weather conditions and live in tight, cramped quarters.



The lack of proper housing results in poor sanitation and a more rapid spreading of the disease. They are completely immersed in severe, poverty-stricken conditions. Their situations are truly hopeless.

People affected by leprosy live the remainder of their lives classified in the lowest caste system in India—the dalits, or “untouchables.” They are viewed as having no worth or purpose, which merits little national response, resulting in the impoverished environments in which they currently live.

The unsafe conditions in these leper colonies are unacceptable, and World Help is determined to intervene. By partnering with us to build small homes for leper patients in the district of Indore, India, we can create a new way of life for them.

For only \$100,000, we can build 14 of these small homes—and the impact will be immeasurable.

For \$7,143, we can construct one small home for lepers in India, providing a permanent residence and safer living conditions.

Each home will be 350 square feet and contains a multi-purpose living area, small kitchen, and a bathroom. The exterior will be constructed of brick with cement sheeting for the roof. They will yield an immediate improvement—resulting in better hygiene and safer conditions.

Ultimately, these small homes will provide a great sense of pride and worth to men and women who have been outcasts for so long. They will have a safe home . . . a better way of life.

By partnering with World Help to fund these homes, you can begin to make an eternal impact in their lives—restoring hope and dignity.

