

NOW IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO END THE SUFFERING CAUSED BY LEPROSY

WORLD LEPROSY DAY
27 JANUARY 2019



Let's create a leprosy-free world

For thousands of years leprosy has been the scourge of poverty-stricken communities across the world. The disease frequently leads to severe, life-changing disabilities and those who suffer from it are often excluded by their community, and struggle to fend for themselves.



123 years dedicated to the relief of suffering

St Francis Leprosy Guild has been dedicated to the relief of suffering caused by leprosy for more than a century, during which time many religious sisters, brothers and priests have made it their life's vocation to care for those with the disease. Today we are determined to build on their legacy and seize our opportunity to help

eradicate leprosy once and for all.

A leprosy-free world is within our grasp

Just a few decades ago, more than five million people were being diagnosed with leprosy every year, their lives destroyed physically, emotionally and socially by the disease. Today, this number has reduced significantly but remains stubbornly at over 200,000 new cases annually, worldwide. St Francis Leprosy Guild is committed to playing its part in achieving a leprosy-

free world and we genuinely believe that it is now within grasp, if only people like you are prepared to help.

Early detection can stop leprosy in its tracks

By supporting early detection and treatment - before the disease takes hold - you can help to prevent untold suffering. **A donation of just £30 today will help us support ongoing health initiatives**, such as the hospital ship run by Dr Tony

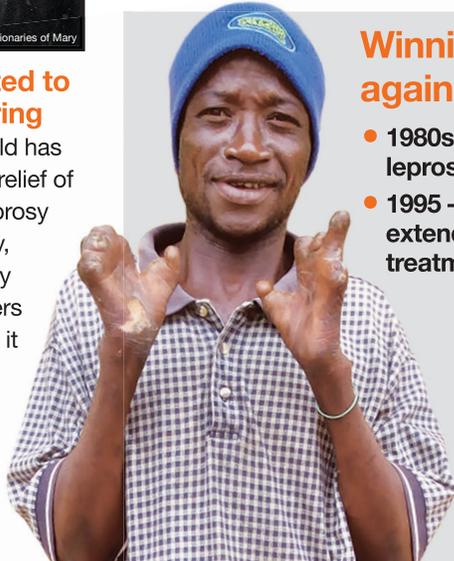
Lopez Gonzalez. This has already helped to train 600 local healthcare assistants, and the ship visits remote communities in the Amazon



where leprosy is still rife, so they can monitor people for early symptoms and provide prompt medication.

Help to beat leprosy for good

Around 60 inspirational partner organisations are supported by St Francis Leprosy Guild, in countries such as India and Brazil. Please send £30 today to help this essential work continue. Together, let's seize the opportunity to create a leprosy-free world and help put an end to people's suffering at last.



Winning the battle against leprosy

- 1980s - some 5.2 million cases of leprosy reported annually.
- 1995 - World Health Organisation extends free access to leprosy treatments.
- 16 million people cured of leprosy in past 20 years.
- Today, over 200,000 new cases diagnosed annually, worldwide.
- Early diagnosis and treatment is key to total eradication.

I WANT TO SEE A LEPROSY-FREE WORLD. HERE IS MY GIFT TO HELP.

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