

Leprosy

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www.cureleprosy.ca



WHAT IS CURED NOT CURSED?

Cured not Cursed is a chance for Canadian youth to come together and cure leprosy!

As a team, your youth group will collect sponsors to raise enough money to cure 1, 3, or even 5 people of leprosy – set a goal!

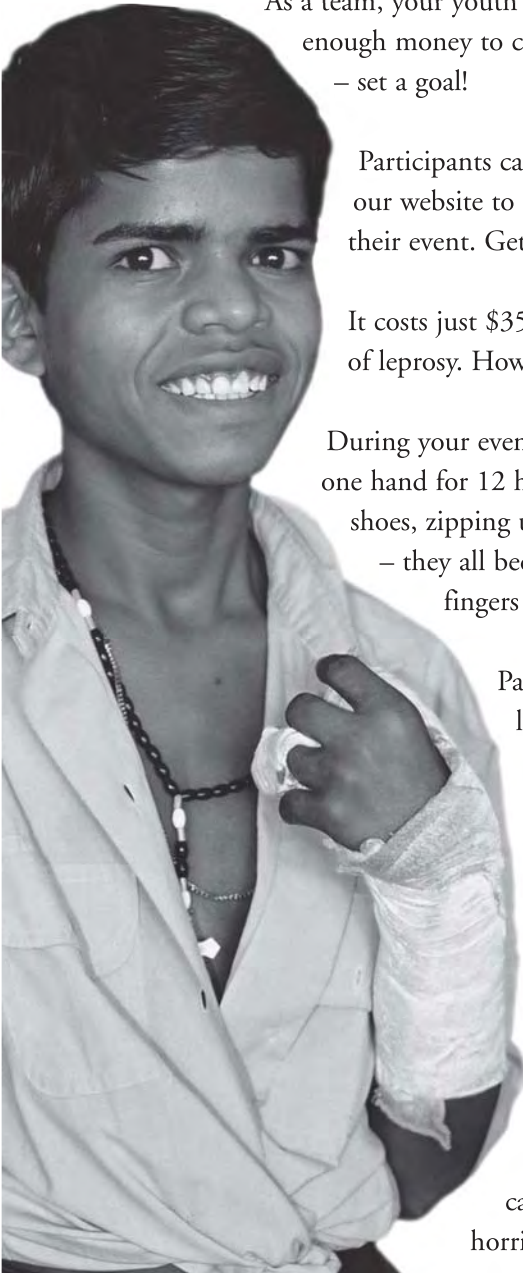
Participants can download a fundraising letter from our website to help notify family and friends of their event. Get everyone involved!

It costs just \$350 to cure and care for someone of leprosy. How many lives will you change?

During your event, each participant will wear a mitt on one hand for 12 hours. Everyday tasks like tying your shoes, zipping up your coat or writing your name – they all become difficult challenges when your fingers don't work.

Participants will feel what it must be like to live with the effects of leprosy. When wearing the *Cured not Cursed* mitt, you cannot feel or pick up small objects – much like leprosy patients. As well, you may get curious stares from those around you. This is just a small glimpse into the discriminating stigma leprosy sufferers are often subjected to.

While you are learning all about leprosy, you are also changing lives by raising money to cure and care for someone living with this horrific disease.



IT'S SIMPLE!

STEP 1: WEAR A MITT FOR
12 HOURS

STEP 2: RAISE MONEY
FOR PEOPLE LIVING
WITH LEPROSY

STEP 3: HAVE A WRAP
UP PARTY TO
CELEBRATE!

***START COLLECTING
DONATIONS TODAY!***

REGISTER FOR YOUR OWN
ONLINE CAMPAIGN AT
WWW.CURELEPROSY.CA.
IN JUST A FEW SIMPLE
STEPS, YOU CAN CREATE
YOUR VERY OWN WEB
PAGE WHERE FRIENDS
AND FAMILY CAN DONATE
MONEY TO HELP YOU
REACH YOUR GOALS!
YOU CAN EVEN UPDATE
YOUR PAGE TO TELL
EVERYONE HOW CLOSE
YOU ARE TO CURING
SOMEONE WITH LEPROSY.



12 HOURS OF FUN!

There's lots to do during the 12 hours while participants are wearing their mitts. You can use this time to collect donations, complete community service projects or play games together! Here are some games and community service ideas to get you started:



MODESTE

A STORY OF COURAGE

Modeste lives with his six year old son on a small island in the DR Congo. He has lived with leprosy for many, many years. The toll it has taken on his body is shocking. His wife took their

other children and deserted him She was afraid that the curse would spread to her daughters. For many people, the lack of education surrounding leprosy breeds fear and discrimination. It is not uncommon for those with leprosy to be left alone – rejected by their family and community.

His son does what he can to help, but he is only a small child. He does not understand why his mother left or why his father is so sick.

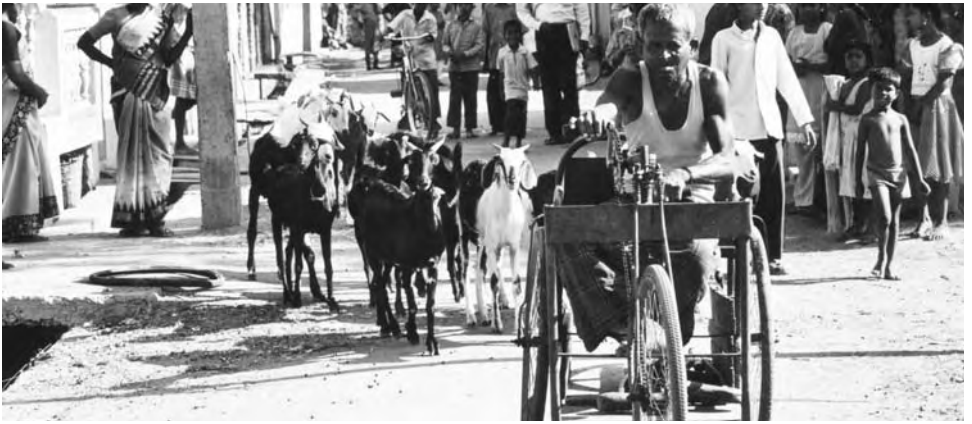
Leprosy has crippled Modeste to the point where he can no longer walk. His ankles and feet cannot hold the weight of his body. He has no choice but to travel around on his knees. Modeste's hands have only stumps for fingers and his face shows the ravages of leprosy. So many others in his position would have given up hope many years ago.

But not Modeste, he has never given up his independence.

GAME:

Set up an obstacle course using various objects and tasks. The participants must complete the course while walking only on their knees. The fastest time wins!

*If your event is held on a hard gymnasium floor, please use gardening-type knee pads.



MR. KARUNGAN

PROSPERITY & JOY

Each evening a familiar scene unfolds in a small rural village in Tamil Nadu. Along a dusty street, crowded with villagers returning home from a day in the fields, a strange procession winds its way. Seated on an old wooden tricycle, a wiry, grey haired man makes slow progress on the bumpy track, followed by a straggly, easily-distracted herd of goats.

Mr. Karungan knows each of his goats by name. And each of his goats knows his voice.

Along the narrow village street, Mr. Karungan continues to herd his goats from their grazing area until they reach their stall, which adjoins his tiny brick cottage. Neighbours look on curiously as Mr. Karungan manoeuvres his rickety tricycle along the narrow

street, constantly looking back to ensure his goats are following.

When Mr. Karungan was just 20 years old, his left big toe became infected with an ulcer. He went to a doctor for treatment, but he could not cure the infection. After many years, he came to the Dayapuram Leprosy Mission hospital and received a proper diagnosis. Sadly, the infection has progressed so severely that they had no choice but to amputate Mr. Karungan's leg.

Today, he is supporting his wife and daughter by selling goats and their milk. He is proud of his achievements despite such devastating disabilities.

GAME:

Using a tricycle, each participant needs to corral 5 basketballs into a designated corner. The person who can complete the task the fastest wins!



GAME:

Each participant will be timed as they complete tasks at three separate stations. The stations are as follows:

1. Maze – Men and women often travel great distances to seek out the medical attention they need.

Using the maze found on the “Downloads” page of the *Cured not Cursed* web site, each *Cured not Cursed* participant will have to get a patient through the maze to the hospital as quickly as possible.

2. Blocks – The Leprosy Mission helps each patient rebuild their lives and return to their families as they recover from leprosy.

At the second station, use “lego” pieces or “mega-block” pieces and have the participant build a person using the pattern on the “Downloads” page of the *Cured not Cursed* web site. When they have finished, they can run to the last station.

3. Bandages – Patients recovering from leprosy are taught to soak and bandage their feet to heal any ulcers that have formed because the feet were injured.

CARMEN

Carmen has dedicated her life to educating national healthcare workers and Mozambican communities about the symptoms and treatment of leprosy. Her visits provide support and encouragement for those who are often rejected by their families and villages.

Carmen is just one of our many volunteers and healthcare workers who are working every day on the frontlines of care. This team continues to follow-up on treatment and assess the current needs of patients who come to the Leprosy Mission for help.

As quickly as possible, each participant will need to use gauze bandages (or even strips of cloth) to wrap up a partner's feet. Once they have neatly bandaged the feet, they've finished all three stations!

1. Volunteer to complete odd jobs for members of your community or church. (ie. raking leaves, painting a room or fence, washing their car.)
2. Clean up a park or public recreation area.
3. Hold a spaghetti supper for the parents of your group.

Once all three stations have been completed, each participant should cross a finish line. Record their times – the fastest participant wins!

SERVICE IDEAS

The following ideas give your group a chance to support your community in exchange for donations to help those with leprosy. It's a giving opportunity that comes full circle!



HOW DO WE START?

9:00am	Meet with your group and discuss the day's events.
9:15am	Show the <i>Cured not Cursed</i> DVD.
10:00am	Time for a group activity! See page 6 for some community service ideas.
12:00 noon	Gather the group together for a potluck lunch.
1:00pm	Discuss leprosy and the work of the Mission. Please visit our web site at www.cureleprosy.ca for more information.
2:00pm	Games! Read through the stories of people who are living with leprosy and those who are working to cure and care for others. Then try out the games to see what these men and women are achieving – first hand!
5:00pm	Gather the group together for supper. Talk about what you've learned so far.
6:00pm	Talk about your fundraising goals and how close you are to reaching them. Discuss the impact your group is making on the people around the world living with leprosy.
7:00pm	Last chance to make up the final donations required to meet your goals.
9:00pm	You did it! Congratulations on completing your <i>Cured not Cursed</i> event!

NOW WHAT?

After your event, you have lots to celebrate! Share with the group how much money you raised and how many people you helped cure.

“Thank you for your support of the Leprosy Mission and *Cured not Cursed* – your group has made a tremendous difference in the lives of people affected by leprosy.”

-Glenn Waterman, Director of Development, The Leprosy Mission Canada

Next, make sure you send all the money you’ve raised to the Leprosy Mission Canada:

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Phone: (905) 886-2885

Fax: (905) 886-2887

1-888-LEPROSY (537-7679)

If you prefer, you may also click on “Donate Now” to submit donations online at: www.cureleprosy.ca

Once we receive your sponsorship forms and collected donations, we’ll also send you letters for each participant to validate the 12 hour *Cured not Cursed* event as qualifying towards your youth’s high school volunteer hour requirements.

We can only send these certificates for sponsorship forms received – so send in your donations as soon as possible following your event!

If you have any questions, please contact your *Cured not Cursed* representative, Jennifer Chase at jchase@leprosy.ca.

THANK YOU!

CHURCH BULLETINS

Use these templates for the church bulletin or as announcements to tell everyone about your event.

THE WEEKS LEADING UP...

In the next 2 minutes, another person will be told they have leprosy.

The diagnosis will bring a wave of fear and sometimes shame – “How will my family react? How will I continue to work? Will I be able to provide for my children?”

But we are trying to bring them comfort and cure! And we need you help.

We will be participating in an event called *Cured not Cursed*. Each person in the group will wear a thick mitt on their dominant hand for 12 hours. They will have to manage with very little feeling in their dominant hand as well as the curious stares from the people around them. This gives participants a glimpse of what it must be like to have leprosy. During the event, we will raise money so The Leprosy Mission Canada can provide a cure and the necessary after cure care for people living with leprosy.

Together we can change lives! Our goal is to cure _____ people and our event is happening on DATE. Join us! Or, help us to reach our goal.

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THE WEEK BEFORE...

Cured not Cursed – the event to help fight against leprosy – will be taking place this week at LOCATION. It's not too late! Grab a donation sheet from CONTACT PERSON and start spreading the word!

THE DAY OF YOUR EVENT...

Today's the day! *Cured not Cursed* starts in just a few hours. Don't be left out! Join us at LOCATION at TIME and help us celebrate!

THE FOLLOWING WEEK

THANK YOU!

Our *Cured not Cursed* event was a great success! Together, we raised \$_____ and helped cure # OF CURES people. If you participated in this event and haven't yet handed in your money, please see LEADER today so we can start curing people of leprosy!

Thanks for helping make leprosy history!



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