



# Leprosy Relief Canada

60<sup>TH</sup> YEAR ACTION REPORT FOR DONORS FEBRUARY 2021



## OUR 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY A VERY CHALLENGING YEAR

Leprosy Relief's humanitarian work started in 1961 when our founder learned of the terrible fate of people affected by leprosy from his niece, a Canadian nurse working in India. He wrote to friends and family to collect a little bit of money to help the suffering individuals. Today, Leprosy Relief is an International Humanitarian Organization linking Canadian Donors and Leprosy-affected Individuals until the world is free from this disease. Sixty years of caring and so much progress in the fight against leprosy!

Today, just like our founder, I am writing to you all, friends and family. The Coronavirus disease has affected the world's health since early 2020, with particular repercussions for the most vulnerable populations, including people affected by leprosy. Nationwide lockdowns and movement restrictions have negatively impacted healthcare services and case detection activities. Early detection and treatment are cornerstones for leprosy control.

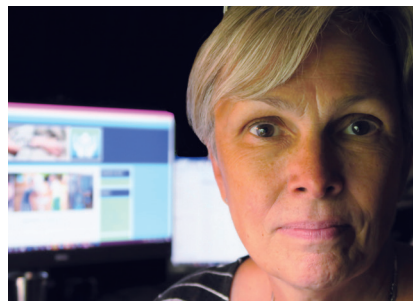
In some Indian districts, 8,270 new leprosy cases were reported from April to September 2020, compared to 22,000 new cases reported for the same period in 2019. A significant proportion of women, children, and marginalized communities were undiagnosed and will probably develop disabilities linked to leprosy.

For 2021, as much as possible in this pandemic situation, we plan urgent active case finding campaigns to identify affected individuals we couldn't reach in 2020 and help all those sick men, women and children.

**Maryse**

### YOUR SUPPORT HAS NEVER BEEN MORE CRUCIAL.

Will you help us find all those in need of treatments? You make everything we do possible.



### YOUR LIFE-CHANGING GIFT

- 25 \$** Monthly MDT drug distribution.
- 50 \$** Distribution of food and hygiene kit.
- 100 \$** COVID-19 Emergency Fund to maintain leprosy programs.
- 250 \$** All the care required to heal a new patient.
- 500 \$** A medical team visits an underprivileged area.

*Thank you!*




*Together!*


**Together we will win our fight against leprosy.**

By working together, our combined efforts will go even further.

DETACH HERE ↑

**I GIVE \$** \_\_\_\_\_

 Give by phone at 514 744-3199 or 1 866 744-3199.

 Give securely online at [www.slc-lr.ca](http://www.slc-lr.ca).

- I enclose a cheque payable to Leprosy Relief
- I want my donation to be deducted from my credit card

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- I prefer my receipt by EMAIL.  
My email address is: \_\_\_\_\_

A tax receipt is issued for any donation

February 2021



## LEPROSY RELIEF CANADA

Leprosy Relief Canada was founded in 1961 to combat leprosy and has since developed into a leading international organization in leprosy control. Leprosy Relief Canada focuses on actions to detect, treat, educate and rehabilitate. The work of Leprosy Relief Canada has been made possible thanks to generous contributions of donors.



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# IN MEMORY OF STAN KUCHINSKI

Leprosy Relief Canada is very honored to have received a significant legacy gift from Mr. Stan Kuchinski. In December 2020, we received the final disbursement from Ciril, his dear friend and Estate Trustee. We thank him for his very precious work for numerous years.

Mr. Kuchinski was a long time donor to our cause. He made his first donation to Leprosy Relief in 1975 and was a generous monthly donor from 2006 until he passed away. Mr. Kuchinski was born in Poland, uprooted to Siberia, and in 1946, immigrated to Canada. He worked on forests and farms on the Prairies and ended up in B.C. and the Yukon, where he worked in the Asbestos mines. Maryse, our Executive Director, had the opportunity to exchange many letters with him and understand his hard life and his deep-rooted need to do something for the impoverished and suffering individuals. He wanted to make a lasting contribution to this cause close to his heart.

We will not forget the generosity of Mr. Stan Kuchinski. He left a lasting legacy offering a brighter future to suffering individuals around the world.

## YOUR WORDS

"I read *'The Island'* by Victoria Hislop, and it really impacted me with regard to the problems people used to face with leprosy. I didn't realize it was still so prevalent, and I would like to do a small part in trying to eradicate it."

**K** **Kate**

New donor in December 2020.  
 Welcome, Kate!

*"The Island"* is a historical novel set on the island of Spinalonga, in Greece. This island was a leprosy colony from 1903 to 1957. Once on the island, persons affected by leprosy received food, water, and medical attention but had to stay away from civilization forever. There were two leprosy colonies in Canada – the small D'Arcy Island, B.C., and one in Tracadie, N.B. Patients in Tracadie were cared for by nuns and doctors, but the people on D'Arcy Island were essentially left to die. Supplies were dropped off once every three months. No medical care was provided.

"With much gratitude for the service rendered unto our fellow human beings. Be well. Be protected, Be blessed—my most sincere gratitude to you & your team for the work you do."

**F** **Sherry**  
 Donor since 1994

"Never give up! Thank you one and all!"

**T** **Tyleen**  
 Donor since 1991

"You were one of the first charities that I supported many years ago! Please keep up the great work!"

**B** **Bruce**  
 Donor since 1987

"I can think of no excuse why leprosy should still exist anywhere in the world. Count on my continued support through 2021."

**J** **Jacky**  
 Monthly donor since January 2020

## BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR

I authorize Leprosy Relief to take a donation of  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- The first day of each month
- Every 2 months
- Every 3 months
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- I enclose a "VOID" cheque
- I want my donation to be deducted from my credit card

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

You will receive a cumulative tax receipt annually. You can cancel or change your scheduled donations at any time.

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