

# Compassion for Leper Community

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It often surprises Americans when we learn that leper communities still exist in some nations of the world. In Vietnam, the patients affected with leprosy live in a community and many have families and raise children. As the disease progresses it is increasingly difficult for them to provide for even the basic necessities of life.



\*Li Su, visits and ministers to these neglected and disadvantaged people. She and a team from the church recently made the twelve hour drive to show and share the compassion and love of Jesus. They cooked and served meals, brought used clothing and badly needed basic supplies, and provided school supplies for the children. In addition, she saw the great need to provide a toilet for the community. The 1,200 people all share four toilets which are in poor shape and woefully inadequate to meet the need. When we heard of this pressing need, we went ahead and sent \$500 to build one new toilet. Several more are still needed.



In addition to this important work with the leper villages, \*Li Su is planning to reach out before Christmas and help those suffering with blindness. Again, daily life is extremely difficult for those with physical challenges. We would like to make a generous contribution to this effort as well.

We are in the process of planning a visit to spend some time with \*Li Su and the children at \*Bethel Children's Home in the near future. It is a privilege and honor to be able to spend time with her and the children. We appreciate your support and prayers for these precious people who desperately need our help. Every time we send funds to help with relief work, \*Li Su is moved to tears as she expresses her thanks and gratitude. (\*names changed)

*Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous.*  
*I Peter 3:8*



## Help Needed Urgently!

We continue to receive pleas for help from our Global Ministry Partners around the world. All of them are struggling due to increased food prices, energy costs (firewood for cooking), and all of the other costs associated with running their respective ministries. Many of them are having to make difficult decisions and suffer increasing hardships. For example, at **Congo for Christ** they are **no longer able to provide breakfast for the children**. For several years the children have been able to enjoy a modest breakfast of a piece of bread they bake at CCC and a cup of tea. **Can you imagine the heartbreak of telling the children you can no longer provide a piece of bread for them before they head to school?**



CCC children no longer have bread and tea for breakfast.

It is also the time of year we try to send extra funds so the children can have a treat for Christmas. In India, that means providing fabric so the children can have one new school uniform. In Congo, we provide funds so the 3,000 or so children that attend the feeding program receive a gift of a piece of soap and one piece of candy. We also buy a side of beef so they can each get a bite of meat...a once a year treat for them. The children in Myanmar look forward to a special meal to celebrate Christmas. In Bangladesh they give the village children a piece of candy. **These are so modest by our standards, but this year any extra funds we can provide are needed more than ever.**



Village children in Bangladesh receive a piece of candy.

**Unfortunately, as we receive these heartrending requests for increased funding, our donations received to date are down more than 20% compared to 2021.**



2,720 children received a piece of soap and candy at Congo for Christ Christmas service and lunch last year.

This is very unusual for Global Outreach as our donors are so faithful and generous. We understand that many of our partners are experiencing increased expenses as well. Please know that every gift you are able to give will be used to meet these urgent needs in Jesus name. We appreciate every gift and every prayer you offer on behalf of these precious friends who depend so heavily on them. If you wish to send a special gift for Christmas for the children, please designate it for the Christmas fund.

### Pastor Jeremiah Update

Pastor Jeremiah had heart surgery today, November 1st, in Delhi, India. We thank God that the six hour surgery was successful and he will remain in ICU for several days before moving to a regular hospital room. Additional funds are still needed to cover the remaining expenses. Thank you for your prayers and support. His family sends their thanks as well.

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