Dear Friend,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful time over the holidays.

We’re looking forward to raising awareness for the people we serve on World Leprosy Day, January 27. This year’s theme is based on 1 John 4:18: “There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.” So many of the patients we see are shunned and mistreated by society. They fear for their future and some believe a diagnosis equals a death sentence.

But through God’s provision and generosity from supporters like you, we are replacing fear with hope. Join us for World Leprosy Day and please continue praying for us and the people we serve.

Sincerely, Peter Derrick, Executive Director
Field of Dreams

Mustapha was an iron worker in Lagos, Nigeria, when he discovered he had leprosy. As the disease began to affect his body and his work, the father of three worried for his future, as well as the future of his family. Leprosy damaged his left eye, both hands and left foot. But thankfully, he sought help from a hospital supported by effect:hope, where he was treated.

Throughout his illness and two surgeries, his wife, Ganiyat, and children supported him. He knew his days of working with metal were coming to an end, so effect:hope and its partner provided job skills training in agriculture so he could sustain his family through farming. After two months of training, we also helped him secure a plot of land and chickens to get started.

Today, Mustapha has a successful chicken business and owns two hectares of farm, which he manages with his brother. All three of Mustapha's children, Sulemon (18), Mariam (12), and Abdullahi (9) go to school and have big dreams for the future. Sulemon wants to study computer engineering, Mariam wants to be a medical doctor, and Abdullahi wants to play professional football.

Mustapha appreciates the job training and support so much that he has trained another patient with leprosy. Thank you for ensuring leprosy patients and their children have hope and a future.

Giving Tuesday Update

On Giving Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018, donors stepped up in a big way to help people in need through the effect:hope gift catalogue. Here are a few items you purchased:

• 50 gifts to protect a child
• 40 gifts to help people suffering from Lymphatic Filariasis
• 23 pairs of protective sandals
• 18 gifts toward an early diagnosis and faster cure for people with leprosy
• 13 footwashing kits
• 11 canes
• 5 bicycles
• 5 mobile health clinics
• 3 gifts of eye surgery
• 2 gifts of below-the-knee prosthesis

Every gift purchased on this day was matched by another generous donor to double your impact. Thank you!
When Cindy learned that children can be cured of a treatable disease, it changed her life forever. Find out how it can change yours, too. 1 Doll. 1 Child. 1 Cure. Watch this video: Cindy’s Hope.

World Leprosy Day

January 27 is World Leprosy Day, a day to raise awareness for people affected by leprosy. For over 60 years, we’ve planned activities to encourage people to get involved and reduce the stigma that isolates those affected by the disease. Become an advocate for those who are suffering around the world.

NEWS

- Leprosy Isn't Actually a Flesh-Eating Disease, But It Is a Neglected One
- No Matter Their Age, Women and Girls Feel the Weight of Neglected Tropical Diseases
- Blockbuster Bollywood star overcomes leprosy

QUIZ

How much do you know about leprosy? Take this quiz and find out!

SUPPORTER LETTER: Dear effect:hope staff,
I pray for the work of effect:hope using the ASK prayer diary. I also give financially. May God continue to richly bless this ministry. May we all continue to see Christ more clearly each day and see every person with leprosy in the world healed and whole! Jesus accomplished healing in His atoning work on the cross (Isaiah 53:4-5). May we see the manifestation of His healing in everyone who comes in our paths (2 Peter 1:2-4). Blessings, Sara
effect:hope is a Christian mission that follows Jesus' example of love and compassion by helping people with leprosy and other debilitating diseases. Through the kindness of like-minded Canadians, we cure and care for our patients, reduce stigma and support research to end these isolating and painful diseases for good.