Dear Friend,

Many come from miles away to participate in our Sankalp health camps in Madhya Pradesh, India. Some are riddled with disease and struggling in severe pain, while others suffer silently from years of neglect. Our teams teach self-care techniques to alleviate their suffering and show compassion to many who, due to extreme stigma and mistreatment, have almost given up on humanity. In this edition of Hope and Healing, you'll see more photos from Sankalp and find out how we helped a man with leprosy in Peru access life-saving treatment. You'll also read our campaign updates, opportunities and read about our supporters in Southwestern Ontario who have made giving a family tradition! We thank you for providing hope and a cure to people living with leprosy and other diseases. May God bless you and your loved ones this summer.

Change Lives Today!
Comfort and Conversation

Meet Mr. Nonelal, who travelled 25 km to attend our health camp in Madhya Pradesh, India. Mr. Nonelal is smiling for two reasons. First, he has been healed from leprosy. He not only received Multidrug Therapy, but also reconstructive surgery through effect:hope.

Second, Mr. Nonelal is enjoying the company of others. Even though he is healed of disease, he continues to experience stigma in his community. At the health camp, people sat next to him and talked with him, interactions he missed from ordinary life.

See more photos from the Sankalp health camp.

Support for People with LF

In December, we asked you to help people suffering from the pain and stigma associated with leprosy and Lymphatic Filariasis (LF). We are happy to report that we exceeded our $25,000 goal toward an early diagnosis, cure, surgery, rehabilitation and community education to help provide dignity and support to people with leprosy and LF. Thank you for your compassion and generosity!

Salib's Battle with Leprosy

It began with an odd, "tingly" feeling in his hands and feet. As leprosy progressed, Salib lost all sensation in his fingers and toes. Now at 13, Salib faces lengthy treatment in India, but is grateful he is receiving help from our teams. Will you provide children with leprosy the gift of a cure?

NEWS

- **effect:hope finds leprosy treatment for Peruvian patient.** "They are the one organization that has not given up," Robert McKinnon told The Journal in Quebec after we helped a 22-year-old man in Peru access life-saving treatment. Read the full story.

- **Adaptation of book by longtime effect:hope supporter receives Oscar nod.** An animated film based on Deborah Ellis’ novel, The Breadwinner, was nominated for an Academy Award. The Simcoe-based author also wrote, No Ordinary Day, a book about a girl with leprosy struggling to survive on the streets of Kolkota, India.
Proceeds from the book were generously donated to effect:hope. Get your copy here.

- **The World Health Organization will soon release new guidelines for the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of leprosy.** Over 2 million new leprosy cases were reported in 2016 globally of which 60 per cent came from India. The new guidelines hold importance for India as well as other countries where effect:hope works as they will have to change the current drug regimen presently given to the patients to curb the disease. (Source: *The Pioneer*)

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3 Generations of Giving

Thank you, John Dale and Betty Holman, for inspiring your children and your children’s children to help people in need around the world. Each family sets aside a certain amount in their “leprosy box” every week. Some of the grandchildren also play trumpets at church to raise money for people with leprosy. Thank you for your dedication and faithfulness!

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Send your prayer requests to prayers@effecthope.org.

Our staff meet every morning to pray. You can also sign up for our

**GET INVOLVED**

You can be an effect:hope ambassador at malls across Canada. Raise awareness for people with leprosy and encourage donations for cures! Email Cindy

**CONNECT**

If you have a question, comment or story for *Hope and Healing*, email Melissa at mwallace@effecthope.org.

We would love to share stories from our amazing supporters and volunteers in the next issue.
prayer newsletter to support us in prayer. at cquinn@effecthope.org or call 647-385-4318 for more information.

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.

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