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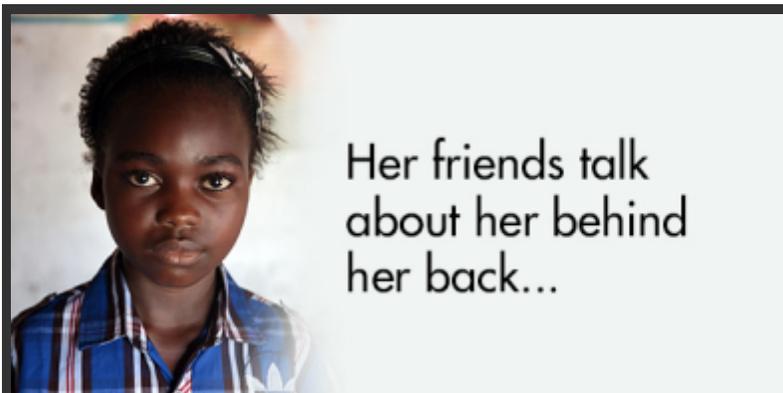
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While her friends play, she can only watch
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Mputu is a 14-year-old girl from DR Congo. She loves her parents and likes to smile and laugh. But her eyes are sad when she talks about her years with leprosy. Even though Mputu fought a brave battle, her friends still talk about her behind her back because of the stigma of leprosy.

3 years ago she found patches all over her body, the beginning signs of leprosy. As the disease got worse, she lost strength in her body. "My legs were very weak - I couldn't stand up," she said.

For a girl who loves to go out and play with her friends, the fact that she had leprosy was devastating for Mputu. If left untreated, the disease could claim her hands, feet, and even her eyes. It is a blessing that Mputu had access to care early enough that she received treatment and was cured. Unfortunately, the leprosy had already disfigured her fingers. They were clawed, and she said sadly, "When I see other young girls, their hands are good, they play games. But I can't."

We were able to arrange for Mputu to have surgery to correct the clawing in her hands with our supporters generosity. Click here to read more about how we made a difference together on the lives of people like Mputu.

NTDs

neg·lect·ed trop·i·cal
di·seases

noun.

Diverse group of diseases
common in low-income
populations of developing regions

Roundworm: the silent thief

With 1.2 billion affected, there are 34x more people suffering from Roundworm infections than live in Canada. Roundworms, a type of helminth, are a source of pain for those living in endemic regions. These worms leach nutrition from the body and can lead to abdominal pain, difficulty in breathing, and nausea. In children it can impair their learning and stunt growth. Unfortunately, young children are especially vulnerable to Roundworm infections. Although there is a cure for Roundworm, there are many hard-to-reach communities that have limited access to treatment.

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On July 12, Leprosy, Buruli Ulcer, Lymphatic Filariasis, and Yaws management programs officers gathered for 4 days to develop an integrated neglected tropical disease management plan for Ghana. These 4 neglected tropical diseases affect many people in Ghana. They share similar control and prevention methods, which means that it will be more effective and efficient to manage them together rather than separately.

An integrated case management plan will mark a milestone for Ghana. We will be able to diagnose and seek care for people faster, helping alleviate poverty and stigma. Please pray for the group developing the plan, including our own Anna Wickenden, that they are blessed with clarity to best help the people of Ghana.

Have a question?

If you have any questions or concerns about this newsletter, please contact Andrea Onley and she will be happy to help you.

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