

## She lost her leg and her husband - and was left with 3 kids to feed!

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Leaving the leprosy colony & the 10-10-10 challenge

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"I have no hope," says Shilpi. She is a mother of 3 children and will do anything for her babies. She lost her leg to leprosy and can no longer work. Although she received treatment and has since been cured of leprosy, Shilpi continues to live with the physical, psychological, and social impacts.

Her husband left her when he found out that she had leprosy and that her leg would be amputated. Her landlord evicted her and she lost all her possessions. When she received a grant to open a tea stall so she could earn a living, her husband returned, and took her money.

Shilpi wants to send her kids to school to make sure they can have a good life, but money is an issue. Going about her daily life is hard with only one leg, and travelling to the community-based rehabilitation group is a long journey. Although she has support from the group and a new landlord who keeps her rent low, Shilpi continues to struggle getting through each day.

Shilpi is not the only person affected by leprosy who has suffered this loss. Her story is common. There are many people like her who need warm, loving support from their community and family's but don't receive it. To find out more about how effect:hope works on-the-ground to help people like Shilpi, **click here to see our projects overseas.**

### NTDs

neg·lect·ed trop·i·cal  
di·seases

*noun.*

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

### Hookworm - Starving you from the inside out

Hookworms are a devastating parasite that leeches nutrition from the body. Kids and pregnant women are prone to these infections. They are transmitted through contaminated soil, and are prevalent in regions without good sanitation.

When food is already hard to come by, losing the little nutrition that they have is dangerous. This makes everything so much harder like getting water for their family or working. For kids it affects their ability to learn, grow, and play.

**Click to learn more about hookworm infections.**

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### 10K for \$10K in 10 days!

Jennifer Zhang has issued a challenge to everyone. She will run 10K in the Toronto Waterfront Run to raise \$10,000 in 10 days- it's the 10-10-10 Challenge with all donations going to the Every Child Thrive Project!

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2 out of 3 of kids in Kenya and Côte d'Ivoire have intestinal worms and over 50% are pre-schoolers who also have a Vitamin A deficiency. With their little bodies weak from the deficiency many are not able to fight the worms that riddle their bodies and they die. It is estimated that with this program we can reduce child death by 23-34%.



The Every Child Thrive Project provides Vitamin A supplements and de-worming treatments to kids under 5 who are most at risk. Right now the Government of Canada is matching all donations made to the Protect a Child fund by 3x. That means for every \$1 you give, the government will give \$3!

[Please, join Jennifer's challenge to raise \\$10K in 10 days.](#)

## COMMUNITY UPDATE



This June, Myrna Larmet celebrates 7 years as an effect:hope volunteer! She has come in once a week faithfully to work on the stamp program. She has been invaluable and we are so thankful for her service. When asked why she volunteers she said, "I believe in the work you do and I like knowing that I'm making a difference." So Myrna, how long do you think you'll keep coming in? "As long as I can walk, I'll be here!"

Fun fact: Myrna was a former employee in the early 1990s and her job included running the Stamp Program!

## 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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