

Why would a mom treat her daughter like an animal?

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Fighting Ebola and "The disease Jesus cured"
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"Several died, and many of the foreign doctors returned to their countries," said Zeela Zaizay, a first responder during the Ebola crisis in Liberia. He was responding to a question about why there are very few doctors in Liberia.

Many people who died during the outbreak were health care workers. In the whirlwind of the crisis, the health care system in Liberia collapsed. The health workers were still trying to learn about Ebola while it was killing people. Zeela, and many others like him, worked tirelessly to care for patients foregoing their own safety.

Supplies were running out. People were dying.

"One of the biggest challenges is working with less resources than you need, so you know you can't help everyone," said Zeela. It was the biggest obstacle in his work.

Ebola is now under control in Liberia. But the fight is not over. Liberia and other countries most affected by the Ebola outbreak have a shortage of health workers and a greatly weakened health care system. People are threatened by other diseases such as hookworm and Buruli ulcer. And with health care workers inadequately trained to identify the numerous prevalent diseases, people are being misdiagnosed.

In 2014, generous donors gave to effect:hope to support Zeela's team in fighting Ebola. **Watch now to hear about the impact of your gift** and find out what it was like to work on the frontlines during the Ebola outbreak.

NTDs

neg·lect·ed trop·i·cal
di·sea·ses *noun*.

Leprosy - A disease that impoverishes and isolates

Imagine having to scramble to catch your food before it hits the ground because that's the only way someone will feed you. Now imagine the person throwing the food is your own mom. That is the life Indrakhala lives every day, just because she has leprosy.

Leprosy leads to a loss of sensation in the infected areas of the body. Those with the disease can lose mobility, limbs, and their sight. It is curable with multi-drug therapy, but many people continue to live with the disease thinking that it is a curse. People with leprosy, like Indrakhala, suffer great stigma. Many live in extreme poverty and isolation.

Click to read more [about leprosy and Indrakhala](#).

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IMPACT UPDATE

To our supporters in Fort McMurray:



Today, the fires in Fort McMurray are still smouldering. The brave firefighters and emergency workers are tired but still fighting. At effect:hope we are praying for those who have lost homes, memories, and loved ones. We want to share the impact the people of this town have had on the poorest of the poor. Over the past 5 years Fort Mac residents have given \$41,000+ in donations to help fight leprosy and other NTDs. In fact, one gentleman made a donation last week - while still unsure if his own home was still standing. This is the spirit of the people of Fort Mac. Thank you!



May 26th was #GreaterTorontoDay - a day to do an act of kindness. We challenged Torontonians to donate to the Protect a Child fund which provides de-worming treatments and Vitamin A supplements for children and pregnant women in Kenya. With just a post on Facebook and Twitter the people of the GTA rose to the challenge and donated \$750, which is matched 3x, becoming \$3,000!

Have a question?

If you have any questions or concerns about this newsletter, please contact Andrea Onley at aonley@effecthope.org or 1-888-537-7679 ext. 2038, and she will be happy to help you.

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