Thank you for joining us for World Leprosy Day. Your participation as a church family made a tremendous difference in the lives of those suffering with leprosy.

Earlier this year, you prayed for very sick and very frightened people on World Leprosy Day 2016. Your church family chose to be a part of a global movement that raises awareness for those who are forgotten, isolated and feeling the terrible stigma that comes with this ancient disease.

Please know that your efforts are providing much needed medicines, treatments, training for doctors and field workers, education and above all... you’re showing people the meaning of “hope fulfilled.”
Ronjana is a bright and happy 6-year-old. She lives with her parents and brother in Bangladesh. Though the family lives in extreme poverty, Ronjana’s father keeps them fed by working as a rickshaw driver in their village.

Years ago, Ronjana’s father contracted leprosy and was cured. So when little Ronjana developed discoloured patches across her body, the family knew immediately that these were tell-tale signs of leprosy. Thankfully, they brought Ronjana to our partner hospital for treatment.

Here she began Multi-Drug Therapy to cure her completely of leprosy.

Because of your participation in World Leprosy Day, Ronjana has hope for the future. She continues to watch for any concerns, but she knows that her life will be free of disability because you provided the medical care she needed at exactly the right time.

Thank you for curing children like Ronjana!

Generations of Hope

Leprosy is one of the oldest, most horrific diseases in existence today. Not just for the physical deformities it can cause, but for the way those afflicted are treated once a diagnosis has been made. Out of fear, friends and families turn against those with leprosy. So people try to hide their disease and avoid treatment for fear of stigma.

But you have replaced this fear and abandonment with hope for the future.

We know that if a diagnosis is made early enough, treatment can be more effective. Your gifts on World Leprosy Day brought early diagnosis and a cure to people before leprosy took hold of their future.
Thank You!

By participating in World Leprosy Day, you bring hope and healing to people affected by leprosy in many countries around the world. When we come together, we can reach so much farther!
Raoul Follereau

*World Leprosy Day* was the idea of the great French humanitarian, Raoul Follereau, who dedicated many years to fundraising and helping those affected by leprosy. Initially, this day of prayer was to achieve two things. First, secure for those affected by leprosy the same respect, dignity and quality of care as any other patient. Second, build awareness of the disease in order to change attitudes and to reduce stigma. Quickly, many organizations around the world picked up Raoul Follereau’s call, and *World Leprosy Day* became a powerful annual reminder to all of us to remember those who are so easily forgotten.

Over 60 years later, those are still the primary objectives of *World Leprosy Day*.