

ACTION



Christmas
blessings
for you and your family



Stop ulcers when you help Save 10,000 Soles!

It's the best gift you can give this Christmas...

Your \$15 gift can literally help save soles like Minu's. She had a terrible ulcer on her foot due to leprosy.

For someone like Minu, a pair of protective shoes is a fabulous gift. Will you help Save 10,000 Soles this Christmas? It costs just \$15!

That small sum can help prevent the type of large ulcer that kept Minu in Anandaban Hospital for a month. As well as Multi Drug Therapy to cure leprosy, she needed two corrective surgeries and lots of rest.

In Anandaban's Self-Care Unit, Minu learned how to care for her

leprosy-affected feet. She knew how to soak them, clean them and prevent ulcers. So she returned to work as a housemaid.

But although she did her best to care for her feet, the ulcers kept coming back.

Minu needed protective shoes. She received a pair with a special inner

With your support, people can receive the care they need to manage the effects of leprosy.



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For people
like Minu,
a \$15 pair of
shoes means
no ulcers!

sole. It supports the arch and lifts the foot to take pressure off the area where ulcers tend to form.

For just \$15, you can give the gift of shoes to someone like Minu!

Why are protective shoes so important?

If you tread on sticks or stones while working in the field, normally the pain would make you check your foot.

But when you develop leprosy, it's common to lose sensation in your feet. This means you cannot feel pain when you step on something sharp, get too close to a fire or injure your foot in any other way.

The result for your feet can be terrible gaping ulcers. Like the ones Minu had. If left untreated, she could have lost the ability to walk... or even needed to have her feet amputated.

Minu is delighted with the gift of shoes which will help save her soles from ulcers. "Thank you very much. I am so happy... now I feel my leprosy is not so bad!"



Scan the QR code or visit

www.leprosymission.org.au/media/action-magazine/
to see the type of shoe that Minu received.



You can give
someone \$15
protective shoes
this Christmas.
Thank you for
helping to Save
10,000 Soles!

**HOW TO
ORDER:**



MAIL your order form & payment to
The Leprosy Mission Australia
Reply Paid 83988 Box Hill VIC 3128



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Soles Saved – thanks to you!

Last year, you saved thousands of soles. Here are a few of them.



Indra's feet don't have to bleed any longer, thanks to you!

Meet Indra

When Indra worked in the field, his feet would bleed but he would feel nothing. So his ulcers worsened. But with a new pair of protective shoes, he can keep his feet safe from injury.

Indra may not feel pain in his feet, but the devastating effects of leprosy have 'pained his heart' his whole life. His family and friends rejected him. But the support he received from people like you now warms his heart.

Meet Kunti

She was planting rice one day when she realised she had lost all sensation in her left foot.

A bad ulcer developed.

At Anandaban's Self-Care Unit, she learned how to prevent ulcers and care for her feet. Best of all, she received a pair of protective shoes.

"Even though I don't have any feeling in my left foot, I haven't had any further ulcers." Praise God!



Because of you, no more ulcers for Kunti with this simple pair of shoes.

Meet Dil

He has no feeling in his hands and feet. They blistered from the fire when he could not feel the heat from the flames. Then ulcers formed on his feet as he worked barefoot as a shepherd.

His new shoes will help prevent more ulcers in future. "Thank you, you have helped me a lot."



Dil says a big thank you for saving his soles.

Thank you for buying protective shoes this Christmas for a person with leprosy-affected feet.
Only \$15!

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\$2,526,268
received in
donations and gifts
from supporters



Thank you! Your generosity has helped change lives in many ways during 2016-17

469

people in
Self-Help Groups



265

Micro Credit Training
Loans provided



816

new contacts
financially supported
for the first time



49,669

People reached
through health
promotion activities



5,206

people reached with
WASH Promotion
Activities



1,494

People supplied
assistive devices



23,911

payments received
from supporters



1,157

Leprosy cases
diagnosed



44

supporters left a
Gift in Will



1,231

Health workers trained
in leprosy detection
and management



141

Reconstructive
surgeries



85

Disability accessible
toilets provided



321

children received
Scholarships



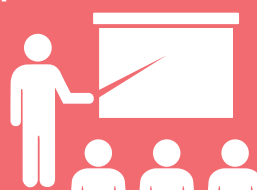
691

people reached through
screening or
contact tracing activities



2,413

People with leprosy
received disability
prevention training



\$761,690

Gifts in Will received
from supporters

