

# Every dollar makes a world of difference

- \$2: feed an inpatient for a day
- \$10: protective pair of shoes
- \$12: selfcare kit to prevent injury
- \$15: feed an inpatient for a week
- \$30: full treatment course for neuritis patient
- \$65: One week training for a health worker
  
- \$260 shoemaker's salary for 1 month
- \$350 full cost of transit ward for 1 month
- \$550: full cost of a training week for health workers
- \$1500: cost of running neuritis clinic for 6 months

## Yes, I/we'd like to support the INF Dang Leprosy project.

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SIM NZ, PO Box 38 588, Howick, Auckland 1730.  
Phone (09) 535 0060, Fax (09) 535 0061  
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INF NZ, PO Box 91731, AMSC, Auckland.

### FACTS ABOUT LEPROSY:

- It is a bacterial disease
- It destroys nerves in hands and feet, causing loss of feeling and weakness, making people vulnerable to injury and disability
- Most people are so afraid of leprosy they only come for diagnosis once physical damage has already occurred and they can no longer hide the disease

### REASONS FOR HOPE...

- Leprosy is curable
- If leprosy and neuritis complications are treated early, deformity can be completely avoided – there will be no evidence a person ever had leprosy
- Even if irreversible damage is present, patients can often prevent disability by proper selfcare or learn to function with the disability they have
- They can take their part as full, valued members of society
- Most important, all are of infinite value and worth to their Creator and Saviour – though others may reject, despise and cast them out, He loves them and offers them a place in His family and His kingdom forever.

*“Historically, people have reacted to those suffering from leprosy with fear and aversion. No sufferers of any other disease have experienced such rejection”*

THE LEPROSY MISSION

*Make her smile...*



*Give her hope...*

### The INF Dang Project/Leprosy Centre

Located in Ghorahi, Dang district in Nepal's remote midwest, our project is committed to serving people affected by leprosy with the love of Christ, restoring dignity, preventing further disability and enabling them to reach their full potential...

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# Changing despair to hope...

DESPAIR is the natural reaction when people discover they are diagnosed with leprosy. In rural Nepal leprosy is still thought to be a curse from the gods or the result of a persons bad actions in a previous life and people affected by leprosy frequently face stigma, rejection and exclusion from society. Common reactions are:

- Others will not eat with them
- Refused entry to schools
- Unable to marry
- Desertion by spouse and children
- Thrown out of village
- Unable to earn a living (others will not hire them or buy their goods)
- Verbal, psychological and physical abuse
- And the everpresent fear of developing crippling deformities

**But, in the midst of despair, the Leprosy Centre offers HOPE...**

Dr Julie Lincoln

NEPAL

Ghorahi



**The Leprosy Centre is the only facility providing the following services in a zone of 1.5 million people.**

## ACTIVITIES OF INF DANG PROJECT:

**Leprosy neuritis clinic:** neuritis is a complication of leprosy which causes loss of feeling and weakness in eyes, hands and feet. In severe cases, neuritis can affect all body systems and even result in death. If recognized and treated early most damage can be reversed and further damage prevented. If untreated, patients often develop crippling and disfiguring deformities, which leads to further stigma and rejection from society.

**Selfcare training:** teaches people who have no feeling in their hands or feet how to protect themselves from injury, prevent disability and live safely and independently. Those who are already disabled are assisted to maximize their full potential, and if appropriate given assistance to become self-supporting through small income generation schemes.

**Training health workers:** most government health workers have little knowledge of leprosy and are prejudiced against leprosy patients, often refusing to touch or treat them. Our 6-day practical based training course brings them into direct contact with leprosy patients, challenges their prejudice and trains them in basic care and prevention of disability.

**Specialized footwear:** in Nepal's mountainous terrain, injuries to feet are common. Unfelt injuries lead to ulcerated wounds and can require amputation. We provide individualised protective footwear to people with no feeling or deformed feet at minimal cost (free if they are too poor to pay).

**Advocacy:** enabling people to speak out for themselves; speaking for those who have no voice. Our centre assists and enables leprosy affected people to access the treatment they need and stands with them to fight stigma and injustice in society.

*This projects is in urgent need of funding to continue work in 2007. The work is led by local Nepali staff with medical and management support provided by NZ SIMer Dr Julie Lincoln.*



**The INF DANG Project prevents disability and restores dignity. \$30 000 is needed from New Zealand.**