

St. Joseph's Leprosy Patients' Society (SJLPS)

An Organization

- Of Leprosy Patients
- For Leprosy Patients, and
- By Leprosy Patients



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Some Information about St. Joseph's Leprosy Patients' Society



- + The organization was founded by Rev. Fr. Schlooz & Mr. P. John in 1989.
- + Two decades of dedicated service for the cause of leprosy patients and their families
- + Works in close collaboration with the Leprosy Society of India, Leprosy Society International, local and national governments, and with other leprosy agencies for the control and eradication of leprosy and to meet the physical, mental, social and spiritual needs of the leprosy patients

PEOPLE AFFECTED BY LEPROSY
NEED MORE THAN
JUST MEDICINE!

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Other Programs and Activities of SJLPS:

- ✚ Literacy programs for children of leprosy affected and other disabled -

- ✚ Organization of a Special School for mentally retarded and cerebral palsied children;



- ✚ Organization of income-generating programs for rehabilitation of leprosy affected and

other disabled;

- ✚ Skill development programs in tailoring craft, computer education and weaving for girl children of leprosy patients;



- ✚ Housing schemes for leprosy patients;
- ✚ Meeting the basic needs of patients who have no other go. - arranges for food, clothing, footwear and other essential needs.
- ✚ Education of the general public about health matters that include leprosy, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS/STDs etc.

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Some Facts about leprosy:

- Leprosy is a treatable medical condition.
- Leprosy is still surrounded by myths, stigma and fear.
- It was thought that leprosy caused fingers and toes to drop off - it doesn't.
- Leprosy is neither hereditary nor flesh eating nor a punishment of gods
- Every year between 200,000 and 400,000 new cases of leprosy are found around the world.

Leprosy is caused by

- *Mycobacterium leprae*
- *It is probably spread by airborne infection – coughing and sneezing.*
- *The first outward sign of leprosy is a patch on the skin, usually associated with loss of feeling*

- In 2005 the World Health Organisation (WHO) reported that over 296,000 new cases of leprosy were detected. Over 70% of new cases are found in India.
- Thiruvannamalai District is one of the high leprosy endemic areas in Tamilnadu

Some Good News

✚ Leprosy is curable with Multi drug Therapy (MDT), a powerful combination of two to three drugs: clofazimine, rifampicin and dapsone.

✚ Mild, non-infectious cases of leprosy need treatment with two drugs for 6 months.

✚ More severe infectious cases need all three drugs for up to a 24 month period.

✚ In Tamilnadu - From about eight lakhs leprosy cases in 1980, the numbers had been reduced through concerted efforts to less than 4,000 in 2008.

Contact us for information on:

- Leprosy : the disease
- Leprosy: medication and rehabilitation
- The leprosy society
- Disabled children education
- Leprosy children education
- HIV children education
- T.B.
- How can I help?
- Other

ST. JOSEPH'S LEPROSY PATIENTS' SOCIETY (SJLPS) & YOU

- Let us become Partners in faith
- Let us become Partners in action.
- Your contributions are welcome to meet the many needs of leprosy patients, the disabled and their families
- You can make your contributions to

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**Mother Teresa
about St. Joseph's Leprosy
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"I complement St. Joseph's Leprosy Patients' Society for giving out financial grants to leprosy projects out of the funds generated by the society. It is a virtue to give and the society deserves compliments."