

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN LEPER RELIEF FUND

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To: Dr. Pedigo

From : Name _____

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____ I understand and want to help. I've enclosed \$____ to make the families at Sungjwa Village self-sufficient.

____ I would be glad to be a member of the Founding Family and be counted as a friend and supporter of these villagers.

P.S. Below I have listed a few items your gift can help buy.

\$70.00 can buy two pigs.

\$200.00 can buy a flock of baby chicks

\$150.00 can buy building materials for homes.

\$1,000.00 will buy a dairy cow.

Your tax-deductible gift can be made payable to: LEPER RELIEF FUND

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Dear Friend in America:

Over the past few days I think I have written this letter to you a thousand different ways.

I have searched my heart and soul trying to find the right words to best tell you of an almost forgotten group of people that are suffering each day of their lives.

I'm speaking of the victims of the horrible disease of leprosy.

Today, in poor countries like India and Korea there are hundreds of thousands of people suffering horrible pain and anguish due to this affliction.

Leprosy attacks the nerves of the body. As the nerves are destroyed there is no longer any feeling in the hands or feet. Because the victims have lost feeling, small cuts and bruises are not attended to and become infected. Limbs become battered and frail and are eventually lost.

But there is a cure for leprosy. It often takes many months or years but in most cases the infection can be brought under control.

The tragedy lies in the distorted figures of the innocent men, women and children stricken by leprosy. Before the disease is able to be brought into the negative stages the victim has lost fingers, toes, ears or even the use of arms and legs.

For these "negative" lepers the disease has stopped its attack on their bodies but the damage can never be repaired.

But I think the most heartbreaking thing about leprosy is the ignorance that surrounds it.

In the Asian countries the fear of this dreaded disease has made the "cured" lepers outcasts in their own country. Even though their disease is no longer contagious, fear of contact has banished these people from their own society. They can no longer return to their families, their

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homes or their source of livelihood.

They cannot find jobs to feed, clothe or provide for their families.

These people who were once doctors, school teachers, farmers or other hard-working, productive citizens of their country now are forced to beg in the streets, rummage through the trash or even steal for a meager day to day existence.

When I was in Korea many years ago I learned of the plight of these pitiful people. I vowed that I would come back some time in my life to do whatever I could to help.

So when the David Livingstone Foundation was founded I decided to see what could be done to help these people gain back the dignity they once had.

To do this, I worked a plan that would put them in business much like farm cooperatives and, hopefully, make them self-sufficient.

By using the same free enterprise principles that built America, I could help these people stand on their own.

First we gathered over 100 families together and found unused government land on which they could settle their own village. They named their village the Grace Leprosy Village.

After much research we found that a flock of 200 chickens would produce \$120 in eggs, meat and feathers for resale each month.

It would cost \$50 per month to buy the necessary feed to operate this small chicken farm. So by operating this little business a profit of \$70 would be left over each month. This would be the cost to feed and care for a family of four.

This money is exactly enough to restore pride, self-respect and the dignity that these families have been stripped of.

We put our plan to action...and it has been a wonderful success. Today these lepers can lead a decent life, their village is completely self-supporting. They are happy and prosperous Christian people.

The villagers no longer need our financial support. I

consider these proud men, women and children my good friends and will always remember them in my prayers.

Just at this time another group of lepers, who have heard of our success, came to me asking if there was any way I could help them.

These men explained to me that there were 217 families who had settled with squatters rights on a plot of poor government land outside the small town of Sungjwa.

Looking into their faces I knew they saw me as their last chance for a decent life for themselves and their families.

I told them that I would first have to raise enough money to buy the initial supplies.

I figure it will cost over \$7,000 to buy chickens, feed, building materials and other supplies to make these families self-supporting.

To help these people I need your help.

I have let my heart rule my actions and have promised to provide the know-how that will set them free from starvation and humiliation.

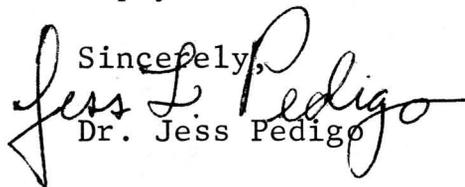
Right now, I do not have a single extra dollar to help these families at Sungjwa.

I'm terribly concerned and I need your help immediately.

If you would mail a contribution to this fund today, Mr. Rex, the treasurer of the Foundation will deposit it in a Tulsa bank the same day he receives it. He will notify me so that I can buy the much needed supplies and livestock for the village.

I've enclosed a sheet of paper on which I've typed a list of what your gift can buy. We must buy chickens, feed, fence for coops, seed for planting, tools etc.

So please search your heart and soul, consider the desperate need that exists and send me your reply.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jess Pedigo

P.S. As their special way of thanking you for your gift toward this special fund the villagers have asked if they could record your name in the village Book of Records as a member of the "FOUNDING FAMILY". Just knowing you support this work is important to these proud people.