



LOVE FOR MYANMAR
TRAUMA HEALING FOR YOUTH FROM LEPROSY VILLAGES

Purpose: There are an estimated 75 youth ages 13-19 in two leprosy villages located in Mawlamyine, Myanmar. These youth are dropping out of school, and becoming gangs who are involved in alcohol and drugs. Although these youth do not have leprosy themselves, they suffer the cruelties of isolation and rejection of this disease as a result of having a family member with leprosy. From seeing their parents struggling to make a living (many parents are beggars), these youth have concluded their future is hopeless.

Primarily through the American Bible Institute's trauma healing program, we intend to address their "internal wounds", get them off the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and provide them a nurturing, non-judgmental environment where they can not only learn job skills, but have clean fun under the supervision of caring Christians.

Where: Mawlamyine, the capital of the Mon State, in Eastern Myanmar

When: Renew June 2024

By whom: Chaplain Christin, Nurse Matron Daw Ni Ni, and Tutoring Supervisor, Wai Yan

For: Youth ages 13-19 from two leprosy villages

How many: estimated 75 youth

Resource: Trauma Healing Program from the Trauma Healing Institute, American Bible Society, Philadelphia, PA

Proposed Budget:

Program materials- \$1,200

Facility renovation, furnishings- \$2,500

Internet service & computer training equipment - \$2,190

General supplies- \$600

Total investment= \$6,490

It is important to note that persons must regularly attend and participate in the trauma healing program in order to be eligible for participation in the job training classes.

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