

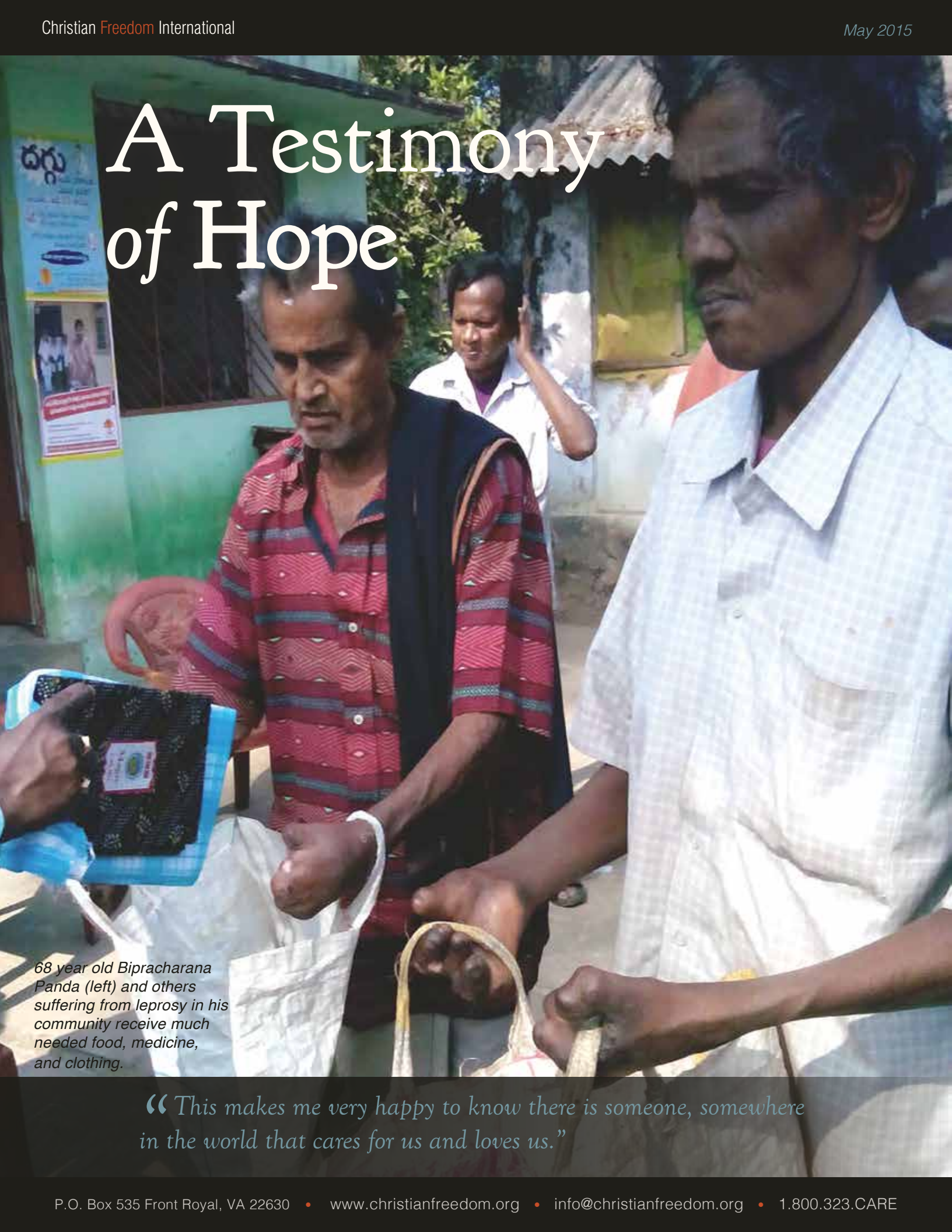


Christian Freedom[®] International



*Christians in India
suffering from leprosy
are in great need of our
prayers and support.*

A Testimony of Hope



68 year old Bipracharana Panda (left) and others suffering from leprosy in his community receive much needed food, medicine, and clothing.

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My name is Bipracharana Panda. I am 68 years old, and I am a leper. I share a small old wooden house with 23 other people like me. I am the oldest one here and have been living here for 14 years. I have been suffering from leprosy since my childhood. My parents were very upset when I was diagnosed with leprosy and separated me from the family with the fear that I might spread this disease among other family members.

I had a dream of becoming a doctor and a Pastor, but my leprosy made me just to stay in one place for all my life. There is no one around to help us except for Pastor Karma in our day-to-day life. Some of my fellows are unable to walk and sit properly. We, in our broken shape and form, try to stand by each other.

Life is difficult, food is scarce and drinking water is dirty from little to none. No one comes to visit us, look after us, and take care of us, other than the one Pastor named Karma. He has a heart for our little community. He lifts up our spirits with the encouraging, life sustaining words from the Bible.

Not only that, when he comes he tries to bring food, medicine, and clothes for us, which he says is donated by CFI.

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Sometimes I ask God why me, what have I done to suffer this fate, why I can’t live a normal independent life, but then I’m being reminded of the great Mercy of God. I am thankful that at least I am able to see, to eat, to hear, to talk and express myself. Thankful that with my lips, I am able to preach what Pastor Karma teaches us, and encourage my other fellows suffering from leprosy.

Alas, we lepers can’t do very much ourselves, and no one in India cares for us. We are very dependent on the love and support of our American brothers and sisters to live our simple day-to-day life and to share the Gospel among ourselves. We are very thankful for God’s love in our lives that keeps us moving forward besides the difficulties we face in our lives.

What You Can Do:

There is an urgent need to have a proper water supply system set up in the leprosy colony for adequate, clean drinking water.

The Christians in the colony want to have a "tub well" installed so they can drink clean water in sufficient supply. The summer is approaching and it gets over 113 degrees Fahrenheit during the day. With such scorching heat on the way, combined with inadequate drinking water, the need is urgent.

MINISTRY UPDATE

Security Cameras Making a Lifesaving Difference

"You responded and we can't thank you enough."

Thank you!

We want to share a ministry update on how your prayers and support are making a huge, lifesaving difference for persecuted Christians on the front lines. We recently told you of an urgent need for security cameras for churches in Pakistan. You responded and we can't thank you enough.

Security cameras are going up in churches in Pakistan. Pastors in Pakistan are extremely thankful for your prayers and support of their vulnerable churches.

Please visit www.christianfreedom.org/pakistan-thanks-you-for-your-support to see video documentation of how your gifts are making all the difference.



Security camera installed in a Pakistani church



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