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The Philippine Leprosy Mission, Inc. (PLM), a non-stock and non-profit organization, has partnered with the Girl Scouts of the Philippines to promote leprosy awareness among school children and to help raise funds for their campaign "**Leprosy Free Philippines**".

Leprosy is an infectious disease caused by the bacteria called *Mycobacterium Leprae* that mainly affects the skin and peripheral nerves of a person. It is transmitted through nasal droplets. If left untreated, leprosy can be progressive, causing permanent damage to the skin, nerves, limbs and eyes. Aside from the physical impacts of Leprosy, the patients also experience discrimination and rights violation because of the age old stigma and ignorance of the public. But the good news is leprosy can now be cured.

As our support to the PLM's project, GSP has committed to adopt **113 "Please Love Me" cans** to be distributed to all the Councils and Regional Offices. Every filled coin bank would mean a better life for people affected by leprosy. When your adopted can is full, you can count the coins and deposit the total amount to **PLM's BPI Family Saving Bank Account Number 3053-4518-36**. You may also deposit at **GSP BDO Savings Account Number 4490-0910-98**. Please e-mail a copy of the deposit slip to nhqprogram@gmail.com or program@girlscouts.org.ph c/o Program Division copy furnished Finance Division at finance@girlscouts.org.ph. Furthermore, PLM is also distributing posters, brochures and instructional CDs to be used in educating our Girl Scouts about leprosy.

A recognition day will be held in November 2013 by PLM to express its gratitude to those individuals and organizations that adopted "Please Love Me" cans and extended their help to its advocacy.

Enclosed are the instructional materials about leprosy.

Let us give our kind support and cooperation to this worthy project.


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