

# How can we help?

## *Dr Premdas' Story*

*"I went to a village to distribute relief aid to the survivors of a major fire. After a day's work in 110 degree heat I sat parched with thirst in the shade of a tree near a house. I asked the lady of the house to give me a glass of water. She straightaway asked: "What is your caste?" When I replied, "I am a Dalit" she refused to give me water.*

*"Two villagers approached. They were Dalits, naked but for loincloths and near starved. They told me how they had surrendered their children to upper caste landlords as bonded labourers; how their women were exploited and abused: how Dalits were barred from the public well and the temple.*

*"The next week I resigned my job. I moved to Tuni where, together with my fellow Dalits and Dalit Christians, I established NASA."*

Through his organisation **Nazareth Association for Social Awareness (NASA)** Dr Premdas is able to bring practical help to desperate villagers. He first set up the Light of Love home and school that Scottish Love in Action now supports.

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