

"IT'S THE SAME WORLD"

FOOTAGE

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TITLE: IT'S
THE SAME WORLD.

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FILIPINO
CHILDREN
PLAYING

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NARRATOR:

This child can neither hear nor speak, yet
her words are eloquent.

"In every life...there is a right...there is
a wrong. In every person...there is one who
cannot see...who cannot hear...who cannot
walk. Our world is dark...a midnight without
end. Who knows the color...of the world that
has been taken from us? But do not worry,
my friend...though you want to sing but can't.
Your heart and spirit...shout for you.
Though we were born incomplete...life carries
us...toward a better time."

44 AMUSEMENT-PARK
RIDES

Physical and mental handicaps respect no borders, nor they know religious, social or economic boundaries. As easily as it might blight the life of African or Asian, New Yorker or Nubian, deafness drops its curtain of silence around a young Lebanese.

58 BOY AND WOMAN

No, there's nothing wrong with the projector. But for this child, life has no sound track. No education, no hope for the future, he spends his empty days selling chiclets to pay for his one pleasure: his favorite ride at the amusement park. But this has been a special day. A film crew has come to visit him, and he pantomimes his impossible dream: "I want to go away from here. Please take me with you."

92 FAMILY ON
TEMPLE STEPS

Aashu is seven. Five years ago, he fell from his crib and suffered brain damage. Doctors urged his family to put him in an institution, but Aashu's father refused to tear his son away from normal society.

102 FATHER SPEAKS
OFF CAMERA His father says, "I consider Aashu to be my
treasure. Fate brought him to our lives, and
it has been a turning point that changed my
whole personality. I was an atheist; now I
believe in God. I was a hard and passionless
115 CU FATHER man; today I am full of emotions. We do
everything together, as a family. We go
wherever Aashu can go with us. If he cannot
go, we don't go. To separate Aashu from our
family would be like losing a part of my
body."

132 PLAYING IN
COURTYARD Aashu's entire family works constantly to
widen his world.

136 BROTHER SPEAKS "I have been teaching my brother many things,
it's hard for him to learn. I pray that God
will soon make him alright. Then I will
teach him good things, and he will behave in
a normal way."

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MAN SITTING
WITH FAMILY
SPEAKING

"When I was 20, I fell from a horse and was crippled, and my only chance in life was to be a beggar. I came to the city and begged for coins, but I could not support my family. Finally, someone told me about the government's rehabilitation agency. There, I was given training, and then I found a job. I am happy about my work, but I am happiest of all to be able to support my family."

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MAN GOING
TO WORK

This...is Ethiopia. But a human being's need to sustain a family, to do useful work, to feel needed, to be a functioning part of society rather than a dependant, is as powerful here as it is in any Western metropolis or Middle Eastern village or South American pueblo.

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DAUGHTER SPEAKS
OFF CAMERA
CU DAUGHTER

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"I am not ashamed of my father. An accident can happen to anybody. The government gives me my schooling, but for my food and home I depend on my father."

- 191 MAN AT LOOM Once a beggar, now a weaver.
- 197 SOCCER GAME A young Peruvian watches the game he once
played.
- 206 FATHER SPEAKS "My boy became ill six months ago. They told
OFF CAMERA me he had a sickness called polio. Medicine
210 CU FATHER is very expensive, and we are very poor. I
don't know what to do."
- 217 BOY SPEAKS "I have no friends except my little dog. I
used to always play football with my friends,
and when I got sick, I had to stop school and
could no longer play. My only wish...is to
play football again."
- 230 MOTHER CARRYING Yet it doesn't always require money and
DAUGHTER medical facilities to deal with a handicap.
Hard work, common sense and lots of love can
sometimes do as well. This 10-year-old
Mexican girl also has polio, but her mother
is doing the demanding job of physical therapy
herself, and the village carpenter contributed
this sturdy set of parallel bars.

- 248 MOTHER SPEAKS "There is no hospital nearby to take care of
OFF CAMERA my daughter, so our community health worker
251 CU MOTHER taught me to do this. I work and I pray to
God that maybe next year, Leticia will be
able to walk to school by herself."
- 262 SPLINTING KNEE Helping someone who is handicapped become a
functioning member of society requires
devotion, perseverance and, often, ingenuity.
A rolled-up newspaper rather than expensive
leg braces enables Leticia's polio-weakened
knees to support her: common materials and
common sense providing a new solution to an
old problem.
- 278 GIRL SPEAKS "For the first time, I can stand by myself.
From up here, the world looks different."
- 283 MOTHER AND BABY Ultimately, the most effective way of dealing
with handicaps is stifling them before they
take root. The seeds of future problems are
sown during infancy, when a child's body and
brain can so easily be undernourished.

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VOLUNTEER WORKER

In the Philippines, volunteer therapists visit the rural regions to teach parents how to physically nourish and mentally stimulate their children.

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RETARDED BOY

This family has one retarded child, and the therapist is determined to keep the same problems from affecting the new baby.

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VOLUNTEER SPEAKS

"I visit the families here to teach them how to prevent disabilities by promoting breast-feeding and feeding for the mind as well, through playing with the children. We are also trying to change the attitude of the people to allow the handicapped to become useful members of the community."

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DANCE EXERCISES

In Indonesia, such attitude changes start in school, where integrated, side-by-side education of blind and sighted children is a national goal -- an important, challenging step toward the development of a handicapped child into a productive adult.

- 346 CHILDREN LEAVING SCHOOL Integrated schooling can be doubly useful, for as well as educating it cuts through the myths and prejudices that are created when the handicapped are kept separate from the rest of society.
- 357 READING LESSONS These children not only learn to read but learn that their blind classmates have important, too often ignored capabilities as well.
- 372 PLAYING GAMES Prejudice must be taught. These sighted and blind children are instead learning the lessons of laughter that will lead to far more productive lifetimes for both.
- 383 GIRL SPEAKS "I like to be with the blind children because
- 385 CU GIRL I can learn with them, we can play together, and I can help them when they need it."

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INTERIOR OF
LEPER COLONY

A government-supported community for the victims of leprosy, in Nepal. Through the centuries, "leper" has become synonymous with outcast, untouchable. But this 12-year old girl's leprosy is controlled with medication.

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CROSSING FOOTBRIDGE

It takes more than pills to change the attitudes of society, but now Tara is allowed to attend school in the nearby village.

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GIRL SPEAKS
OFF CAMERA

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CU GIRL

"My father had leprosy too. He is dead now, but he could not get any medicine in those days. He was driven away by the villagers, who were frightened. Today I get medicine from the government. I go to school now too, and the villagers all accept me as one of them."

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CLASSROOM SCENE

Her disease is no longer communicable, but fears, suspicions and taboos so often build barriers between the handicapped and the rest of society. Yet, one little girl going to school despite a disability can begin to tear down those wasteful walls.

440 PAN OVER
VILLAGE

This unusual Egyptian village has been built to prove that the adaptation of urban planning to the needs of the handicapped -- such things as simple ramps and modified bathrooms -- is neither difficult nor inconvenient. Its residents are people such as this crippled veteran.

453 VETERAN SPEAKS
OFF CAMERA

"I was wounded during my military service, when I was 19. When I go out among people now, I feel better because I can do everything for myself. I can work with my pottery and sell what I make, and I know that I am the same as anyone else. People are not better than I am simply because they can use their legs. I have a heart and feelings just like they do."

461 CU VETERAN

480 MAN IN WHEELCHAIR

Given a chance and a challenge, the human spirit is capable of surmounting any physical handicap.

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RICE PADDY SCENE

It's a small shoulder for a big man to lean on, but this recently blinded Filipino uses the help and training of a young woman. He must relearn his skills as a farmer, for the ability to plant and harvest crops is for him the most basic part of supporting a family.

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YOUNG WOMAN SPEAKS

"I know how important it is to be able to

OFF CAMERA

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CU YOUNG WOMAN

plant, to be able to gather crops, to be able

to care for farm animals as well as for

yourself, for I too was born in a barrio like

this. Do I know how to teach these things?

Come inside this little church and I'll show

you."

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WEDDING SCENE

She is the maid of honor at a simple wedding

that serves a proof of her skill...for she

has helped her friend Aquilino become no

longer just a handicapped person but a farmer,

a villager, a husband for a woman he met

after he became blind.

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TERRY FOX SHOWN
RUNNING

Terry Fox lost his right leg to cancer, but nothing has conquered his courage. As the world's television cameras recorded his painful steps, he set out to run across all of Canada -- a marathon affirmation of his belief that a physical handicap lives only in the mind.

TERRY FOX (OFF CAMERA):

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TERRY FOX SPEAKS

"Right from the beginning I have had a competitive attitude. The attitude that I can beat my disability. Right now I believe I can handle any job that anybody else can handle. I can go to a university. I can drive a car. I can do anything that anybody with two legs or two arms can do. And, I'm as happy as anybody can be and there's no limit to what I can do."

TV ANNOUNCER (OFF CAMERA):

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TV ANNOUNCER SPEAKS
WHILE FOX IS SHOWN
RUNNING

"By yesterday, Terry Fox had covered just over half the 3,000-mile run."

NARRATOR:

He finished his run on a stretcher, struck down by a recurrence of his disease.

TERRY FOX:

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TERRY FOX ON
STRETCHER
ON CAMERA

"Originally I had primary cancer in my knee three and a half years ago and that the cancer has spread and now I've got cancer in my lungs, and we gotta go home and try and do some more treatment. But all I can say is that if there's any way I can get out there again and finish it I will."

"I am in a difficult situation. I have an artificial leg, I have cancer. But I believe that I love life and I believe that no matter who you are or what situation you're in, that people can deal and can beat anything, can beat any disability, can beat any depression situation for whatever reason that is. And that if we want a world with peace and without war, I think if people try hard enough, that they can have that."

TERRY FOX (OFF CAMERA):

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TERRY FOX SHOWN
RUNNING

"Now I'm not sure what my future is, whether I live, or whether I'm able to go back and complete my run, if God wants it and I make it, I'm gonna give it everything I've got. And if I don't make it, if I die of cancer, there's gonna be a good reason for that too."

626 TERRY FOX ON CAMERA TERRY FOX:
"I'm really fighting now. That's the way I look at it. I'm just gonna keep fighting it and it's gonna take a lot to bring me down."

631 TERRY FOX SHOWN RUNNING NARRATOR:
Terry Fox will run forever, for those who have seen him turn a crippling disability into a triumph.

637 TERRY FOX SHOWN RUNNING TERRY FOX (OFF CAMERA):
"I know that I have a wooden leg but I also know that I am not disabled."

640 MONTAGE NARRATOR:
If love is the heartbeat of beauty can anyone say they should be polite outcasts rather than part of our society? Their needs are so small, yet their courage is so great.

686 NARRATOR AT PIANO The world of the disabled need not be a special world. For after all, it's the same world that the rest of us live in.

726 LAST FRAME