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We see Transformation: People healed and living in community with dignity, opportunity and hope

VISION:

Leprosy Defeated. Lives Transformed.

MISSION:

Following Jesus Christ, The Leprosy Mission strives to break the chains of leprosy, empowering people to attain healing, dignity and life in all its fullness.

VALUES:

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Because we follow Jesus Christ, we value Compassion, Justice, Integrity, Inclusion and Humility.

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Mothers affected by leprosy

As the CEO of The Leprosy Mission Australia, I want to extend to you a heartfelt thank you for your generous ongoing support.

Because of loyal supporters like you, we've continued to fight leprosy head on. I'm excited to see the significant impact we've made together on the frontline rescuing people from the cruelty of the disease.

MY OWN INSPIRATION

This edition of ACTION features several stories about mothers with leprosy or who have children with leprosy.

This made me think of my own mother. It's been a year since she died. This wonderful woman had a great spirit of self-sacrifice. Many times she went without so that we, her three children, could have what she thought was important.

For as long as I can remember, right up until she was 89 years old, she had incredible strength and concern for our wellbeing.

Even as a frail old lady, whenever I walked in the door her first question to me was, "What can I make you to eat?"

HELPING MOTHERS BE CARERS

Similarly, the mothers we help also have the same desire for their families to have the very best.

One example is Sarmila in Nepal. Within two weeks of giving birth, this young mum found out she had leprosv. She was left ostracised and in distress. You can read her story in the letter inserted into this magazine.

I can imagine my own mother fighting tooth and nail to hang onto and care for her children. I see the same love in Sarmila.

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You can also read about Jyotilaxmi from India. Her mother could not bear to be away from her daughter—even though she had

Then there are the dreams of the mums with leprosy from Nigeria and Gouwo from PNG who could so easily be shamed into hiding. Instead she's now a leprosy ambassador!

These mothers of The Leprosy Mission are such a precious gift. Thank you for joining me on God's mission to help them be all they can be. Leprosy and poverty does not have to define them... with your help.

The mothers we help also have the same desire for their families to have the very best.

Sheldon Renkin

Sheldon Rankin CEO, The Leprosy Mission Australia





Thank you for fighting leprosy... in Christ's name

What you've helped achieve

The good news is that over 16 million leprosy cases have been cured over the last 20 years! But leprosy is still prevalent in many countries... in fact, every 2 minutes, another person is diagnosed with leprosy.

Slowly we're finding and treating these people. They're in countries such as India, Nigeria and Nepal. In some countries like Papua New Guinea, where leprosy was "officially" eliminated as a public health problem, leprosy cases are rising again.





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Cure One today... let's stamp out leprosy one person at a time!

Jesus showed love to people with leprosy, curing them and accepting them. Together, we can do the same!

It's your love and generosity that enables us to take Multi Drug Therapy to those with leprosy—offering them a modern-day cure. It's your prayers and compassion that mean we can find those who hide away due to the shame and stigma of their disease—giving them love and acceptance.

Together we can be the eyes and ears and hands and feet of Christ and follow his example by touching the life of a person with leprosy.



Take ACTION!

Take ACTION and Cure One today!

You can join the fight against leprosy with a regular gift to provide someone with total leprosy care. Through diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and financial independence, your ongoing care helps one person with leprosy through all stages of their journey.

Tick Cure One today on the coupon on the back page and send it back with your details!

Take ACTION on 3 fronts



1. DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

This means Multi Drug Therapy (MDT) provided as early as possible. It may also include training in self care to prevent wounds from festering and resulting in permanent disability. In the worst cases, patients may need physiotherapy or surgery to restore the use of limbs.



2. COMBATING STIGMA WITH EDUCATION

From Biblical times to today, the stigma of leprosy lingers. People with leprosy are commonly ostracised or abandoned by their family, friends and community who are afraid of catching the disease.

This is why The Leprosy Mission Australia is actively involved in educating communities about leprosy. We need to get the message out—how to detect leprosy early, how it's transmitted, how to treat it—and that it IS totally curable!



3. DEVELOPING FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

Microenterprise initiatives such as raising goats or chickens promotes self-sufficiency and provides income. Many a leprosyaffected person transforms from sitting all day on the floor of their hut—shunned and hidden away—to becoming a happy and productive member of society. Some even join the cause of TLMA, helping others with leprosy!

Because Christ loved us first

What an amazing love Jesus had for humanity. At the Leprosy Mission Australia, we try to emulate His example in loving those outcast in society.

Jesus loved those who were rejected and despised. He reached out and cured the sick and the desperate—including those with leprosy.

You can help us reach out and touch these people with leprosy in the world today... just as Christ did.



NIGERIA

- Leprosy numbers amongst the highest reported in Africa
- High quality leprosy control programs working with the Nigerian Ministry of Health
- Leprosy diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation
- Working with villagers affected by the violence of **Boko Haram**

TIMOR LESTE

- Focus on identifying and treating new cases
- Helping people with leprosy to integrate back into their communities
- Providing income generating opportunities to people with disabilities

NEPAL

- Leprosy remains a health problem in Nepal
- Leprosy care and treatment through strong relationship with Nepal government
- Helping people with leprosy to be accepted in their communities
- Helping people affected by leprosy in earthquake recovery



INDIA

- 58.85% of the world's leprosyaffected people live in India
- More than 10% of new cases detected were children
- Strategic country for fighting the disease
- The Leprosy Mission India has 14 hospitals with specialist leprosy care services
- Fighting for the rights of people affected by leprosy

THAILAND

- Working with government health services to identify and treat new cases of leprosy
- Helping leprosy-affected people to be accepted by their communities
- Providing income-generation opportunities so people with leprosy can be independent

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

- Leprosy services provided through partnership with the **PNG Ministry of Health**
- Diagnosis and treatment of leprosy
- Training on long-term management of the disease
- 25% of new cases detected last year were children

Leprosy could not dim a mother's love... even when everything else was gone

At 65, Jyotilaxmi should be a mother—even a grandmother!

But leprosy took that chance away from her.

Jyotilaxmi came from a rich family in India where she had everything she

But she was diagnosed with leprosy at age 17... just as she was about to finish school. By then, she had clawed fingers on both hands.

Not understanding that leprosy could be treated, her family asked her to leave home. They feared for their reputation if it was known their daughter had leprosy.

Jyotilaxmi's mother pleaded on her behalf. It was no use. One day, her father drove her to a faraway place and dumped her on the side of the

She met a couple with leprosy who helped her get treatment. But she could not return home.

So this girl, who once had everything to live for, was reduced to begging. She slept on pavements. She felt shame and humiliation. Jyotilaxmi lived like this for 38 long years.

The best years of her life... gone.

Education, marriage, motherhood, grandchildren... it all passed her by



Jyotilaxmi and her mum were trapped in this bus shelter for four days without food or water. Jyotilaxmi's beloved 80-year-old mother had a seizure and died.

"My mother died in front of me of fear and hunger. I could do nothing..."

A mother's sacrificial love

About 10 years ago, Jyotilaxmi began living in an abandoned bus shelter. Her mother could no longer bear to be separated from her dear child and came to live with her.

This sacrifice was to cost her mother her life. When major floods hit Tamil Nadu on 8 November 2015, Jyotilaxmi and her mum were trapped in the bus shelter.

For four days, they had no food or

... and Jyotilaxmi's beloved 80-yearold mother had a seizure and died.

When The Leprosy Mission rescue team found them, Jyotilaxmi was hungry, shivering and overcome

"My mother died in front of me of fear and hunger. I could do nothing. I sat helpless by her side.'

The Leprosy Mission Trust India helped this traumatised woman to find accommodation. She's also been placed in a livelihood cooperative where she has begun carpentry work to help earn a living.

She now needs a lot of love and care while dealing with the loss of her mother.

With your support, Jyotilaxmi is on the path to a new life. So she can live with dignity and independence!

We can never replace her mother... but thanks to you, together we can still show love to Jyotilaxmi as she begins to rebuild her life. Please pray for her!



What a blessing to see a smile on Jyotilaxmi's face. Working with wood has given her the first chance she's had in 48 years to become independent.

Take ACTION!

Your generosity means we can find, treat and develop livelihoods for people with leprosy like Jyotilaxmi. Let's do it before they lose the best years of their lives!

Tick My Gift on the coupon on the inside back page, tell us how much you want to donate and send it back with your details!

Thank you so much for

remembering those affected by leprosy

Who misses out when relief starts coming in after a natural disaster like the India floods in November

It's the people with leprosy who are abandoned and forgotten. Already ostracised and shamed, they're often the last to receive help although they need it the most!

That's why we want to send a big THANK YOU to supporters all over the world -including Australian supporters like you—who have been so generous. Without your support to the work of The Leprosy Mission in India, many leprosy-affected people could have missed out on life-saving aid.

Take Nagammal. Her husband had abandoned her because of her leprosy deformities. Field workers of The Leprosy Mission Trust India found her post-flood. She was huddled in a collapsed goat shed, which had been her home for 17 years.

Shivering, drenched and terrified... Nagammal told a harrowing story of torrential rains that battered the roof of her flimsy shelter... how rising waters washed away the goats—her only livelihood... and

"No-one came to help me all these four days. I haven't eaten even a spoonful of rice.'

If not for your support, it could be that Nagammal would not have received the food packets, bed linen and medicines she needed at this time. Workers dressed her leprosy ulcers and fixed a temporary cast to her hand to prevent further injuries.

Nagammal and hundreds of other leprosy-affected people are now going through the rebuilding process. As many as 265 households have at least one person with leprosy with special needs.



The Leprosy Mission Trust India PARTI Project team member dressing Nagammal's leprosy ulcers during the flood recovery.

Thanks to you, Nagammal received practical aid—with much-needed TLC—after the floods in India. Abandoned and forgotten by her husband due to leprosy, livelihood assistance means she'll be able to live her life with dignity.

A Leprosy Mission Hospital, a Vocational Training Centre and a community development project in India were all affected by the floods.

Donations in action after the floods

Support from people like you has meant people with leprosy were not forgotten after this disaster! Thank you for helping to provide:

- Medicines, bandages, soap
- Food items such as oil, rice, powdered milk, salt
- Household items such as mats, bedding, kerosene stoves, utensils, clothing and other basic needs
- Assistance with mobility and daily living activities so people with leprosy are included in relief efforts.
- School support so children with leprosy can continue their

- Counselling and encouragement after the trauma
- The means to rebuild ruined homes for leprosy-affected families
- The chance to rebuild livelihoods after losing livestock

Take ACTION!

Flood victims are now going through the hard work of rebuilding their lives and livelihoods. Thank you for helping those who are most vulnerable.

If you wish to help people affected by leprosy and disability, tick My Gift on the coupon on the inside back page, then tell us how much you want to donate and send it back with your details!



items to about 150 people affected by leprosy... thank you for helping to make this possible.



The Leprosy Mission

Field workers sorting and packing relief items bought thanks to the goodwill of supporters like you.



Torrential rains destroyed the thatched home of Shri K. Audoor. Your support provided immediate relief assistance for people like Shri and many other families.



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It's elderly "grandmothers" like these who are so grateful for the generosity and compassion of people like you.





Sarmila, a young mum, worried that she would pass her leprosy on to her baby boy.

Sarmila couldn't hold her baby... because of her fear of leprosy...

Dear Friend,

There's nothing like the wonder of looking into your newborn's face, cuddling him close and letting him suckle.

But the joy of those first weeks of precious life was torn away from Sarmila in Nepal.

She gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. But her joy turned to tears when she was diagnosed with leprosy.

The doctor at the hospital told Sarmila she should stop breastfeeding. She was terrified her son would catch the disease from her.

Sarmila wept with fear and sadness. People in her village now avoided her.

But worst of all, she thought she could not even hold her son. She thought she would give him leprosy. And she believed she could never have any more children.

Field workers from The Leprosy Mission Nepal visited Sarmila and were horrified at her story.

Because no mother with leprosy should have to suffer this way. So they took Sarmila back to the doctor and explained her condition. They put her through a course of Multi-Drug Therapy and within two days she was non-infectious.

Sarmila learned her fears about passing on leprosy to her boy were completely unfounded. Unfortunately, this kind of fear and ignorance is still very real in places where poverty and leprosy are prevalent.

Many people think leprosy is a curse and those who contract the disease are ostracised from their communities. This is why your support is so important to **train health workers** to educate people and remove the stigma of leprosy.

This prejudice means people with leprosy are hidden away – sometimes for decades – because their families are ashamed of them. This is why your support is so important to send out health workers who can **diagnose and treat leprosy as early as possible.**

If they are children, they often miss out on going to school – almost nine out of every 100 people diagnosed with leprosy is a child.

If untreated, they can end up with severe ulcers and injuries to their hands and feet. This is why your support is so important in providing **self-care training to prevent infection and loss of limbs.**

Others miss out on the chance to get married and have their own families. Because prospective in-laws don't want their sons and daughters to marry a person with leprosy.

It's also very common for husbands to abandon wives with leprosy leaving them with no livelihood. Left unable to work... many end up begging to survive. This may well have happened to Sarmila if not for the support she received from The Leprosy Mission.

What a happy day it was for Sarmila when she was able to hold her child in her arms again! Mother and baby reunited... Sarmila was simply radiant with joy.

I thank all of our supporters for making it possible to reach out and touch Sarmila's life. Without your help, she may well be hidden away from her community... and still separated from the child she brought into the world.

If you'd like to help other people with leprosy, please take a few moments to fill out the reply form on the inside back page.

It IS possible for people with leprosy to live with hope and dignity... instead of isolation and sadness.

Blessings,

Sheldon Rankin

CEO, The Leprosy Mission Australia

Sheldon Rankin

PS. Sarmila and her baby boy would not have been reunited if not for the leprosy field workers who intervened on her behalf... all **thanks to people just like you** who support the work of The Leprosy Mission.

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he feet of people with leprosy.

Have a cuppa for a leprosy cure

What do prayers and cups of tea have in common?

Both were in abundance on World Leprosy Day on 31 January!

Thank you for praying! Prayer warriors like you around Australia joined together to commemorate World Leprosy Day and lift up the ministry in prayer.

We truly believe your prayers for our work provide much-needed strength, wisdom and funds in reaching and changing the lives of people with leprosy—the ones most affected by poverty and this disease.

Thank you for hosting a Cuppa for a Cure morning or afternoon tea

To everyone around Australia that hosted a Cuppa for a Cure event to raise funds for the mission... thank you so much for your heart.

Gisborne Church of Christ was the first to book a Cuppa for a Cure event. Many other churches, groups and individuals followed suit.

Thanks too for sending in your photos of your tea tables. It was great to see you drinking the Fairtrade tea and coffee sourced from our Cure One Catalogue. Proceeds go towards helping people affected by leprosy and disability.

Many of you also hosted Cuppa for a Cure events in your own home. What an encouragement to see friends united over cups of tea and warm scones to help people with leprosy.

Cuppa for a Cure events help to create awareness about leprosy. Many Australians simply don't know the disease still exists today. They are unaware of the cruel impact of leprosy in people's lives. The aim is to show leprosy is curable and how those affected by the disease can go on to live better lives... with just a little help from supporters like you.

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Cuppa for a Cure events can be held at any time of year. Why not host an event within your church, small group or even get together a group of friends—and raise awareness and funds for the ministry!



Michelle and Zach enjoy morning tea at Cuppa for a Cure at Living Faith Church in Greensborough Victoria which raised \$500.



Thank you for purchasing our Fairtrade tea and coffee! You're supporting small tea and coffee farmers in countries such as Nepal, Vanuatu and Sri Lanka.

Call 1800 617 679

to register your Cuppa for a Cure morning or afternoon tea





Even your smallest friends can join in the mission to help people with leprosy.



Take ACTION!

You can still host a Cuppa for a Cure...

Tick the Cuppa for a Cure option on the inside back page.

We will send you a host pack with posters, DVD, coasters, prayer diary and information about leprosy. The shoe is on the other foot...
the leprosy-affected foot!
Thank you for making it a merry
Christmas... with shoes!

Because of your generosity, over 9000 people's lives have been changed through our Christmas Shoes Appeal!

You've given 9000 pairs of protective shoes to vulnerable people affected by leprosy. They previously had no way of protecting their feet from permanent damage.

It's amazing to think how a pair of \$15 shoes can change a person's entire future for the better.

Sanak Batadur in Nepal was one delighted recipient of a pair of sandals. No longer will he have to risk permanent injury because his leprosy-affected feet remain unprotected.

With your help, we can provide a range of shoes to meet the needs of different people with leprosy. Some prefer sneakers, while sandals are better for people like Sanak.

Some shoes have even been specially made to fit feet with deformity due to previous damage.

So what does a pair of protective shoes really mean for a person with leprosy?

When leprosy attacks the nerve endings in a person's feet, they lose sensation. So a man like Sanak would not feel it if he walked barefoot in the fields and cut his feet on glass, rocks or nails.

The result is horrific sores, cracks and ulcers that become infected. If left untreated, feet can become damaged permanently... or may even need to be amputated.

So your generosity helps people like Sanak to prevent these debilitating injuries... injuries which stop them

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Sanak is all smiles
when Shovakhar Kandel,
The Leprosy Mission's
Country Leader in Nepal,
presents him with a
pair of protective
shoes!

from doing the everyday things that you take for granted.

Like going to the toilet. Or caring for your children. Or going to work so you can put food on the table.

Not only that, you help them avoid the rejection and stigma that comes from having deformities as a result of leprosy.

What a blessing a pair of protective shoes can bring... thanks to you!

Take ACTION!

It's not too late to buy shoes!

Tick Protective Shoes on the on the inside back page if you'd like to give someone like Sanak a much needed pair of shoes. This protection for their feet will give them a brighter future.



Every 2 minutes a new case of leprosy is diagnosed | Cure One Today

Your Australian support in ACTION!



Nigeria: Mums enjoy the cream of success

Amina Garba in Nigeria is so grateful to supporters like you.

This mother with leprosy received the support and training she needed to make a small business venture a success.

Along with the other women in her livelihood self-help group, she makes Vaseline-type creams and car wash detergents to sell at the local market. They also buy and sell livestock.

They even raised enough capital to buy a car which is used as a taxi service in the local community.

These women have all been affected by leprosy. But they also have an enterprising spirit which is giving them an income to provide for their families. Their children have food and can go to school.

As a result, they can hold their heads up within their community. They are no longer shunned and ostracised.

Amina and her friends are now hoping to grow their business to the point where they can send their children onto higher education. They want their kids to have a better life—just like you do!

And it's all because you had the heart to reach out and give them a helping hand.

Because of you, Amina (above left) and her friends, all leprosy-affected, can dream of sending their children to university!

Take ACTION!

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Let's help more mums with leprosy who are fighting for their children's futures!

Just tick My Gift on the coupon on the inside back page, tell us how much you want to donate and send it back with your details!



Timor Leste: multiplying the blessings

Thanks to your support, hundreds of leprosy-affected people in Timor Leste now have mobility aids and proper toilets.

They've also had the chance to gain vocational skills and access small loans to start small businesses.

It's your gifts and prayers—and 24 self-help groups set up as part of a 5-year-project—that have made it possible for these people to support themselves.

Cosme is a young dad who joined one of these groups. He received a toilet at his home through the project.

Now his two children, aged 7 and 4, no longer have to walk a long way to relieve themselves. That means better hygiene and less chance of getting sick.

Cosme has also joined others in the community to build a small business selling petrol.

Their example is inspiring many other families... they've shared their newfound knowledge and independence with loved ones. This means the impact of your generosity is multiplied!

Now the next 5-year project in Timor Leste is set to build on the successes of these 24 self-help groups to help even more people with leprosy! Thank you.

Cosme is sharing his newfound knowledge of small business with others in his community... multiplying the blessings you've brought them!

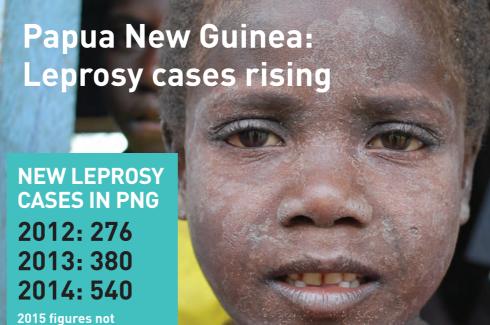
Take ACTION!

Let's multiply even more blessings for people with leprosy in Timor Leste!

Just tick My Gift on the coupon on the inside back page, tell us how much you want to donate and send it back with your details!

Your Australian support in ACTION!





Gouwo is now a dedicated health worker in her community. Thanks to your support, she has not been left untreated and ostracised due to leprosy!

It's in the shadows of poor communities where people with leprosy are hiding from shame. Gouwo Gomu, a 45-year-old wife and mother, is one of these new cases of leprosy in PNG.

yet available.

Ashamed and isolated, she quit her job as a nurse aide when she first got the disease. What would others think?

Her husband and children were the only ones who cared for her. Villagers who were once friends were too frightened to come near her.

But after Multi-Drug Therapy, she's now a highly-valued health worker in her community. Among her roles are birth attendant, HIV/AIDS advocate and... leprosy ambassador!

If only all cases of leprosy in PNG could work out so well.

Many of you know The Leprosy Mission Australia's long-term field worker Natalie Smith. After working in Myanmar last year, she is now the Country Director in PNG.

She says leprosy was officially "eliminated as a public health problem" in 2000. This means less than 1 new case per 10,000 people.

That was a great achievement— made possible through your support.

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As attention turned to other health priorities, the number of new cases of leprosy identified in PNG has been slowly rising again.

This shows the urgent need to remain vigilant about finding and treating new cases quickly.

Your generosity means more cases can be found as more health workers are trained to diagnose and treat leprosy.

Your support means these health workers can do the hard work of travelling over mountains and through the thick forests of PNG to reach remote areas.

They can visit and give community health talks in the 6 provinces with the highest numbers of leprosy cases. This helps spread the message that leprosy is treatable and that people with the disease don't need to be shunned or ostracised.

And they can provide MDT treatment and education about how to care for leprosy-affected limbs to avoid further injury.

Without you, villagers in rural areas would not be able to access this help—they can't afford to travel long distances for medical care.

We need your prayers and support more than ever.

Take ACTION!

Let's stop those cases of leprosy rising in PNG!

Just tick My Gift on the coupon on the inside back page, tell us how much you want to donate and send it back with your details!

Nepal: Thanks for the great work!

Proof your support has been effective in Nepal—the Nepal government has approved The Leprosy Mission Nepal for another 5-years of work in the country.

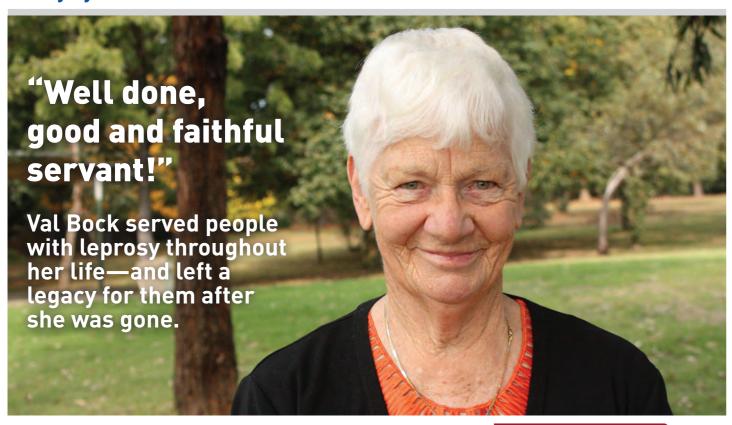
The Leprosy Mission passed the government evaluations needed to continue the work in Nepal... thank you for your generosity and prayers.

Our Australian supporters are already funding the self-care unit at Anandaban Hospital and education for children with leprosy or from leprosy-affected families.

The new agreement extends the work of The Leprosy Mission into the Far West Development Region of Nepal.

It includes assistance for people with both leprosy and disability as well as post-earthquake rebuilding works.

Ways you can take ACTION!



It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Val Bock.

Known to many of you, Val tragically lost her life in a car accident.

Val's many years of dedication to The Leprosy Mission began in 1961. She was a nurse caring for leprosyaffected people in Papua New Guinea.

She went on to spend 54 years of her life with The Leprosy Mission serving overseas in India, Thailand and Papua New Guinea.

Even after retirement, Val continued caring for those with leprosy at a hospital in Thailand.

In October 2013, Val was awarded a Life Membership with The Leprosy Mission Australia. We are so touched by her years of commitment and selflessness in fighting leprosy and giving health and dignity to people harmed by the disease.

Val was commissioned to write a book on the history of The Leprosy Mission Australia—the sixth she wrote related to the ministry. The draft she completed before her fatal accident is now being published.

We thank God so much for Val.

Even in death, she is still giving to help those with leprosy—she left a gift in her will.

When we remember her, we think of the Scripture, "Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your master!"

Like Val, please consider leaving a Gift in Your Will through The Leprosy Mission Australia to those affected by leprosy.

Cure One through Fairtrade

Do you love your coffee? Then why not get your caffeine fix from a fullflavoured, Medium Roast ground coffee from Timor Leste?

When you buy Timor Leste coffee, you help provide an income to the farmers who grow it. You will help the people of Timor Leste and their families to raise their income.

Timor Leste coffee is one of the many Fairtrade, handmade items available in the Cure One Gift catalogue.

When you shop from this catalogue, you give people with leprosy all

Take ACTION!

AND RETURN IT TODAY

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Would you like to leave a gift in your will to The Leprosy Mission Australia like Val Bock? That way, you can continue to help those affected by leprosy after you're gone. Just tick the Gift in My Will option on the back page. Your gift of love will give life to people suffering with leprosy and give them health and dignity for a better life.



over the world the chance to escape poverty. You'll help them be healthier and give them dignity and independence.

Simply tick Cure One Catalogue

on the inside back page and send back the coupon. You'll be making a difference to people with leprosy one at a time!



Ways you can take ACTION! Throughout the world, mothers like Sarmila, Amina and Gouwo fight against the stigma and disability due to leprosy. You can help touch the lives of even more leprosy-affected people through The Leprosy Mission Australia's healing ministry. Tick the areas that interest you below and return this entire coupon with your gift, in the Tear-off Reply Paid Envelope in the centre pages. I would like to: **GIVE FINANCIALLY** My gift of \$_ to help people affected by leprosy and disability Protective Shoes – my gift of \$_____ for shoes for someone affected by leprosy Cure One today - please debit \$30 each month from my credit card **PARTNER IN PRAYER** Please send me your monthly prayer newsletter **Keeping in Touch (KIT)** via Post Email Email address: Please send me the **Ask Diary** – international prayer guide I would like to receive: **Cure One Catalogue – I** want to shop from the gift catalogue Cuppa for a Cure – A host pack so that I can organise an event Gift in my Will - Please send me information on leaving a gift in my Will through The Leprosy Mission Australia to those affected by leprosy. Regular Gifts – Please send me information on how to make regular gifts via Direct Debit or Credit Card. 3 Payment options: (please tick) I enclose my Cheque payable to The Leprosy Mission Australia Please charge my Credit Card: Card Number: Name on Card: **Expiry Date:** Signature:

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The Leprosy Mission Overseas Relief Fund account: BSB: 013225 No: 297114729

In the reference field enter: MAPR16 (and the 7 digit number above your address over the page)

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Thank you for your gift. It will provide hope. healing and dignity to someone affected by leprosy. Now please return this entire donation slip, with your gift, in the Tear-off Reply Paid Envelope in the centre pages. Donations \$2 and over are tax deductible.

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Yakub receives comfort from the Bible... and your support!

Deformed hands and feet from leprosy. Almost total blindness. Years of discrimination.

Yakub contracted leprosy more than 87 years ago as a boy—before any treatments were available. Now 95, Yakub clings to his Christian faith.

His Bible is a prized possession. He sleeps with it under his pillow because "then I will not have bad dreams. I keep my Bible with me even though I cannot read it".

Yakub received treatment for his ulcers through The Leprosy Mission in New Dehli. He is so very grateful.

Every day, 52 children around the world are diagnosed with leprosy. Many more children—kids just like Yakub once was—remain undiagnosed due to stigma, fear and lack of medical expertise.

Thank you for making it possible to help so many people like Yakub... and let's continue the work to help them when they are 15, 25 or 35 instead of 95!



