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On the Cover:
Cris Barker and
Kalpona are
pictured. Cris and
Matt Barker travelled
to Bangladesh in
December last year
to volunteer at the
Nilphamari Leprosy
Mission Hospital.
Read more about
their experiences
on page 3 and 4.

From the Director

Families are at the heart of our work – if one member of a family has leprosy, often the whole family is affected.

I met a young man in India recently whose father had leprosy. Because of this, he and his sister, who were both healthy, were not able to attend school.

Injustices like this are all too common for leprosy-affected families. Our new *Families 4 Families* monthly giving programme is an important way in which you can further help one of these families.

Despite significant government funding cuts, thankfully our twelve month financial period to June 30th finished well. Our Annual Review is included on page 9 – 12, highlighting how your gifts are helping leprosy-affected families around the globe.

Thanks to committed supporters like you, our work has been able to continue despite the threat of drastically reduced government support. For this, I am eternally grateful.

I trust that you will enjoy this copy of *inTouch*. Thank you once again for your tremendous generosity and support.

With God's blessing,

Brent Morgan
Executive Director

P.S. We will shortly be changing our financial year end to December 31st to align with the Leprosy Mission International Fellowship. Therefore our next audited accounts will be available in early 2012.



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Leprosy Mission New Zealand, relying on the grace of God and motivated by Jesus Christ, exists to join in mutual partnership with individuals, families, communities and organisations to share resources, experiences and learning in order to eradicate the causes and consequences of leprosy, and actively supports the right to a life of dignity for all people. *inTouch* is published twice a year by the Leprosy Mission New Zealand.



Cris and Matt Barker are pictured here in front of Halong Bay, Vietnam – a stopover on their way home from Bangladesh

Families Helping Families Out of Poverty, Isolation and Shame

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and the needy” Proverbs 31:8-9

Cris Barker travelled to Bangladesh with her husband Matt in December last year to volunteer at the Nilphamari Leprosy Mission Hospital. As a Paediatric Physiotherapist working with children with disabilities at the Wilson Centre in Auckland, Cris understands the needs of people affected by disabilities, so serving in Bangladesh made perfect sense. Matt went along to volunteer at the hospital and helped improve patient database management, so that funding and staff visits were easier to track.

Prior to this trip, Cris had visited Bangladesh for six weeks when she finished her Physiotherapy degree to gain some hands-on field experience.

It was on this first trip that Cris first met Kalpona, a Bengali woman working at the LMI Hospital as a Physiotherapy Technician. Cris and Kalpona formed a strong friendship and when Cris returned to Nilphamari she had the privilege of visiting Kalpona’s home village and family.



© Cris Barker: Kalpona and Mokkaresh, two inspiring people Cris met at Nilphamari hospital
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families 4 families

Kalpona lives on the Leprosy Mission Hospital compound with her two sons. Her family lives in a village nearby – a one hour journey by rickshaw. Their houses are brick and mud huts with tin roofs. Kalpona's mother has some land to grow rice and her brother works as a music teacher.

With the money earned from her job at the hospital, Kalpona is currently building a house in her family village so that eventually she can move there with her sons.

While volunteering at Nilphamari Hospital Cris met another local staff member, Mokkadesh.

Mokkadesh had been employed as a Patient Educator for the past three years, teaching patients about leprosy and self-care, a disease he knows all too well.

When Mokkadesh was 6 or 7 years old he contracted leprosy. The leprosy went untreated and by the time he was 12 he had lost tissue from his fingers and toes due to nerve damage.

It was at this point that Mokkadesh first received treatment for his leprosy. However, ashamed of his disease, Mokkadesh's family ostracised him and he was forced to move to a Government hospital in Nilphamari where he lived until he was 20.

Despite this setback, and regardless of spending many years begging for food Mokkadesh found happiness, thanks to the care he received at Nilphamari and our wonderful Leprosy Mission supporters.

It was at the hospital that Mokkadesh found love. His future wife was working as a helper and after a period of courtship, they married and were blessed with four children – two girls and two boys.

The Leprosy Mission also assisted Mokkadesh by giving him land to plant a nursery garden which has generated enough income to send their children to school. He is now also employed at the hospital and very active in his community.

Cris says meeting Mokkadesh was a true inspiration.

"I could see the joy in his face every day, and the way that he interacted as an equal with patients and staff in the hospital compound was fantastic. As well as being employed as a Patient Educator, he is also the Chairperson of his community group. He has struggled a lot to get where he is, but now his voice is heard at a local and district level and he has many friends in the local community."

You can help other families living with leprosy in Bangladesh like Kalpona's and Mokkadesh's by joining our new regular giving programme *Families 4 Families*.

Your regular, monthly donation will give the Leprosy Mission New Zealand the support we need to make our mission a reality. Visit our website www.families4families.org.nz for more information or complete the response form enclosed.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."
John 13:34



LEFT: ©Cris Barker: Kalpona and her family

RIGHT: ©Cris Barker: Cris and Kalpona helping a young woman who has had hip and foot surgery at the Leprosy Mission Hospital



Local residents interacting at a self-help group



Papua New Guinea Project

New Beginnings for Leprosy Mission New Zealand and its work in Papua New Guinea.

Despite Papua New Guinea (PNG) officially eliminating leprosy as a public health problem in the year 2000, there are four provinces in the country that still have a significant incidence of the disease.

Because leprosy has not been a government priority and as many sufferers do not come forward to be diagnosed, it is now feared that leprosy in PNG is on the increase. The PNG government invited LMNZ to be part of a review team alongside the World Health Organisation (WHO) to assess the current situation. This shows a great deal of trust in LMNZ.

Partnership with governments is imperative in the fight against leprosy. The Leprosy Mission has enjoyed an excellent relationship with the PNG government. However, since national elimination was declared, government support and funding for leprosy control has been reduced.

What can you do?

If you are keen to support our work with leprosy affected families in poverty-stricken countries, then please consider joining our *Families 4 Families* regular giving programme.

You can also follow our Pacific Focus updates or visit our website at www.leprosymission.org.nz for more information.





Abigail, Vicky, Eve, Yeri and Stacey with Sunil at a self-help group in rural Kathmandu

A Successful Trip to Nepal!

By Leprosy Mission Youth Advocates

Five Youth Advocate Scholarship recipients visited Nepal in early 2011 to witness the Leprosy Mission in action, and to learn about the medical, social and psychological impacts of leprosy.

Our Youth Advocates spent eight days in Kathmandu visiting Leprosy Mission projects at the Mission's Anandaban Hospital, as well as visiting the city's medical clinic and rural self-help groups.

At Anandaban Hospital, the Youth Advocates had the opportunity to meet people who were at different stages in their leprosy management, from those who had been recently diagnosed, to people under multi-drug therapy treatment, to those who were being fitted for prosthetics or mobility aids.

At the city clinic in Patan, the group learnt about the Out Patients Clinic for diagnosis and treatment as well as the Community Rehabilitation Programme.

The Out-Patients Clinic is run weekly with the aim of reaching out to the wider community to educate and raise awareness of leprosy and what treatment is available. The Youth Advocates especially enjoyed getting out to the rural areas of Kathmandu and interacting with members of self-help groups whose lives had changed dramatically with support from the Leprosy Mission.

On the weekend trek through Kathmandu Valley, the group members were able to discuss and reflect on their experiences. Stacey explained that the first leprosy-affected person she met in the hospital left a lasting impression on her. "He had his cap covering his face and was looking down. When I asked the doctor

why that was, he said this man was deeply depressed and ashamed of his condition.

"When I saw tears falling down his face, it really moved me. During the trip I spent a lot of time committing experiences like this to God and sitting in his presence allowing him to speak to me. It was also really cool hearing stories about leprosy-affected people who had been cured at the hospital and also found Jesus."



Members of the group watch a reconstructive hand surgery operation



LEFT: Vicky, Abigail, Eve, Stacey and Yeri on their Kathmandu mountain trek. RIGHT: Stacey, Yeri and Abigail in traditional Nepalese clothing

What Our 5 Youth Advocates Had To Say:

Eve Decker

“I was really impressed that the Leprosy Mission takes an holistic approach to helping people affected by leprosy and provides them with so much support and so many opportunities.”

It made her think “If the Leprosy Mission didn’t exist, how would leprosy-affected people cope?”

Vicky Gray

“I was really amazed by the self-help groups for families affected by leprosy. They are such a vital part of life as they provide opportunities for entire families to become independent, provide for themselves, and lift themselves out of poverty.”

Abigail Yong

“I was amazed at how God is using the Leprosy Mission to restore so much hope and dignity in the lives of people affected by leprosy.”

Stacey Cleland

“I was so impressed to see that money raised in New Zealand was going straight to the Mission’s work and wasn’t being wasted on unnecessary things.”

Yeri Ahn

“Every Leprosy Mission worker we met was extremely generous, humble and dedicated to the lives of the families and communities they work with. It was hugely encouraging to see their kind of spirit and perseverance despite the many difficulties they face.”

We are currently seeking applicants who are available to travel to Nepal in February 2012. Check out our website www.leprosymission.org.nz and click on our Youth Advocate Scholarship page to find out more.

Applications are closing soon so don’t miss out – email gillian.whitley@leprosymission.org.nz for more information.





Giving is a priceless joy for those who give and for those who receive

Your Lasting Gift

"I have come that they might have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10

Supporters of the Leprosy Mission New Zealand donate in many different ways and our new *Families 4 Families* regular giving programme is one way to directly support leprosy-affected families.

Another way to show your commitment, compassion and shared vision for years to come is through leaving a bequest in your Will. Writing a Will is the only way you can be sure that your loved ones are provided for after you have passed away. You have complete control over the gifts you decide to leave and after you have taken care of your loved ones, you may wish to consider a bequest to a cause that you care about, such as the Leprosy Mission New Zealand.



You may be familiar with the Leprosy Mission's Eddie Askew through his writings and paintings. He left a lasting gift through his words and images that captured his philosophy that, "If we are created in the image of the creator God, we are created creative."

Eddie and his wife, Barbara (picture above), had a deep compassion for people affected by leprosy and were committed to the Leprosy Mission for over 50 years. Soon after they married, Eddie and Barbara travelled to India where Eddie worked with a school for leprosy-affected children before running a 650-bed Leprosy Mission hospital. After 15 years in India, they returned to England with their two daughters and Eddie later became the International Director for the Leprosy Mission International.

Their commitment to leprosy-affected families continued after their deaths with a lasting gift of a bequest to the Leprosy Mission. This gift ensured that their support for the essential work of Leprosy Mission hospitals in India continued.

While Eddie's name may be familiar to you, we have many unsung supporters who leave a bequest in their Will. Over the years these gifts, both large and small, have significantly contributed to the Leprosy Mission's goal to eradicate the causes and consequences of leprosy. Their generosity could not be better placed as in the last 25 years alone more than 15 million leprosy-affected people have been treated and cured.

Betty Ingram is one such supporter who made the decision to continue her commitment for people affected by leprosy through a bequest. Betty had a heart for leprosy-affected people as she believed they had so little control over their circumstances. Her bequest enables Leprosy Mission New Zealand to continue the vital treatment and cure of leprosy across all our projects.

We met with Betty many times and thanked her for her dedication to the Leprosy Mission, as a long time supporter and a Money Box collector at St Johns and St Phillips Presbyterian Church in Auckland.

As we approach our centenary in 2012 and strive towards our vision of a world without leprosy, please consider leaving a bequest in your Will that will help the Leprosy Mission make this vision a reality.

We would value the opportunity to thank you personally if you have included the Leprosy Mission New Zealand in your Will. As a small token of our appreciation for your lasting gift, you can choose a framed Eddie Askew print or one of Eddie's books as our thanks to you.

For a confidential discussion or further information on leaving a lasting gift in your Will, please contact Gillian Whitley, Donor Development Manager, on Freephone 0800 862 873.



LEFT: Children playing in the streets of Philippines. RIGHT: Cameron, Jo, Isabella, Mark and Harrison Macdonald

Medical Family Abroad

Mark and Jo Macdonald and their three children, Isabella, Cameron and Harrison, worked and lived in Nepal for eight years and in Cebu in the Philippines for the past three years. Jo is a midwife and Mark is a surgeon. Mark has not only performed delicate and skilled surgery relating to leprosy, but has taught others these surgical techniques.

Before moving to the United Kingdom in August this year, Jo and Mark reflected on their family's experience in Cebu. Here is their story in Jo's words:

"Since February 2008 we have been living in Cebu in the Philippines. We first came here when Mark was appointed Coordinator for the Pacific region by the Leprosy Mission. At that time the intention was to develop work among leprosy-affected communities in the Pacific region and Cebu was a good base for us to settle as a family and for Mark to work from. However in 2010, due to the severe financial difficulties experienced by the Leprosy Mission, the work in this area was suspended. We were left with a choice; to return to either New Zealand or the United Kingdom and serve God in our own home environments, or to continue working in the Philippines among people disadvantaged by poverty.

At the time that we were thinking and praying about this decision, Mark started talking with a friend from church who needed someone to help set up a community health programme among tribal communities in Mindanao. So after much prayer and discussion we decided to stay for another year.

We have been involved with 'Remember the Poor', a part of MCN International which has been working with tribal communities for many years. Over the

year 'Village Health', a small health and wellness programme has begun. The project aims to bridge the gaps between existing health services and tribal communities by strengthening and supporting local health clinics where possible and by addressing the current needs of local communities by providing clean water, toilets and improved local transport.

However, our year ends this July and the educational needs of our children means that we plan to move to the UK. Mark has been offered a job with Mildmay International, an HIV/AIDS charity based in London. We leave the Philippines on 1st August to move to Hampshire in England to be close to my family. This is a very challenging new phase of our life but we are convinced of God's leading and trust in his equipping. We hope to remain involved with 'Remember the Poor' and Mark plans to visit the Philippines at least once a year. We would value your prayers for us as we follow in a new direction."

We thank Mark and Jo for the tremendous contribution they have made to leprosy work in Nepal and the Philippines, and for their love shown so freely to leprosy-affected people. As their new adventure begins, we wish them God's richest blessing and encouragement, most especially during the times ahead when they are sure to miss colleagues in the Philippines and their New Zealand relatives.

Supporter Tour India Nepal Adventures 2012

In March *inTouch* you read about our intrepid Kiwi traveller, Geraldine Slyfield, who joined the India Awareness Tour in 2010 and summed up the experience with: **"The nicest part of the trip was that the whole three weeks was bathed in prayer – as is the Leprosy Mission itself."**

There are now more Supporter Tour Adventure choices for you including:

• India & Nepal by train & plane (Jan–Feb 2012) • India Awareness Tour (Sep 2012) • Trek for Treatment in Nepal (Oct–Nov 2012)

For more information go to our website www.leprosymission.org.nz or contact our Donor Development Manager Gillian Whitley on 0800 862 873 or email her at gillian.whitley@leprosymission.org.nz



Local family in the streets of Bangladesh

To read more about our achievements in Bangladesh for the past financial year, check out the included Annual Review on pages 9 - 12. The purpose of the Annual Review is to report back to our generous and dedicated donors on our country projects and achievements for the past year's funding.

Sustainable Development in Bangladesh

Matt Halsey, the Leprosy Mission's Programme Manager for Bangladesh, and Brent Morgan, Executive Director, recently travelled to Bangladesh to review the progress of the two social-economic development projects we fund.

Leprosy Mission New Zealand has a long and strong partnership with Leprosy Mission Bangladesh and its work in the Chittagong Region which has one of the highest prevalence rates of leprosy in Bangladesh. Many leprosy-affected people live in extreme poverty and face stigma and discrimination in their daily lives. Through the following two projects which you help us fund, we help give leprosy-affected families a brighter future.

Chittagong Sustainable Development Project (CSDP) provides leprosy-affected individuals and their families with the skills and knowledge they need to take control of their own lives. Chittagong Hill Tracts Programme helps to reduce the prevalence of leprosy and ensures leprosy-affected families have access to vital health services, education about self-care and skills training so they can lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

Bangladesh is one of the poorest and most densely populated countries in the world and leprosy is still a major health problem in some parts of the country. The main purpose of Brent and Matt's visit was to ensure the projects continue to be efficient, effective and have a real impact on leprosy-affected families.

Brent and Matt met with four self-help groups in Chittagong City and the Chittagong Hill Tracts region.

Matt says "it is such a wonderful experience to meet with the group members and hear from them how working with the project is giving them the power to improve their own futures – and to feel their hope for a better future".

"The thing that struck me about the groups we visited was their very high levels of motivation. Although impoverished, group members were highly motivated to improve their personal circumstances and those of their families" says Brent. "For me, our time in Bangladesh was a humbling experience. Leprosy Mission staff often work in areas which are difficult to access, where multiple different tribal languages are spoken, and where security is a risk. The good news is that in places like the Chittagong Hill Tracts, leprosy rates have decreased significantly. I was inspired by the commitment of our staff and the enthusiasm of the leprosy-affected communities we visited."

The objective of our two projects in Bangladesh is to control leprosy and assist people who have been cured of leprosy to develop and engage with the wider community – both economically and socially. Skills, small business training and loans are also provided to enable group members and individuals so they can start small income generation activities, which lead to sustainability over time.



MONEYBOX Rocks

Moneybox Rocks for the All Saints Birkenhead Kea Club who have been adding to their moneybox after learning about the challenges faced by children living with leprosy around the world.

Keas are the youngest section of Scouts New Zealand catering for boys and girls aged 5 – 8 years old. Learning about leprosy covered all aspects of the Kea Motto 'I Share I Care I Discover I Grow'. The Keas wore gloves on their hands to understand what it was like to not have a sense of touch and tried to carry out some everyday tasks. They had difficulty telling the difference between cups of hot and cold drinks, had trouble tying shoelaces and putting on clothes with buttons and zips. This is an everyday reality for people living with leprosy whose nerve-endings in their hands and feet have been damaged. Fun activities were also a challenge as the Keas struggled to draw and write. The ultimate challenge was to make a daisy chain and the Keas received a lot of encouragement from their leaders as they concentrated all their efforts to complete their chain.

If you're keen to introduce leprosy education to your classroom or community group please contact us for a Moneybox 4 Schools resource pack – moneybox@leprosymission.org.nz

Word Search

Mr Leprosy has hidden the keys to fighting leprosy in this jumble of letters. See if you can find all 11 of them.

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G E N E R O U S K I W I K I D S
G I E O S N U T R I T I O N T T
I G T S I T O A N N A M M A O R
A Y C A N N A M M A M A I S K C
J H S Y A S L P D O N A T I O N
U W Y O U C A S A C R I F I C E
M U L T I D R U G T H E R A P Y
O Y R F I S U R G E R Y H E Y O

DONATION A gift for people who are too poor to fight leprosy for themselves

EDUCATION Teaching people to stay clean

GENEROUS KIWI KIDS You – our generous superheroes!

HEALTH CARE Getting check-ups to catch leprosy early

HYGIENE Making sure germs stay away!

MULTI DRUG THERAPY These pills cure people from leprosy

NUTRITION Good food

SACRIFICE Giving something, when you could keep it yourself

STAMPS Which the Leprosy Mission sells to raise money

SURGERY Fix hands and feet because leprosy has destroyed nerve endings

YOU Because YOU make a difference!

What are Your Thoughts on This Bible Verse?

"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." - 1 John 3:17-18

Talk to your parents and get your whole family involved with the Leprosy Mission New Zealand. Order a moneybox today, it is a great way to raise money for leprosy-affected families overseas. Phone 0800 862 873 or email moneybox@leprosymission.org.nz to find out more information.

Cut That Out!



- Have you got a letterbox?
- Any letters in it?
- Want to send those stamps to the Leprosy Mission?
- It'll help kids with leprosy...
- And you'll be a superhero!



LEFT: Bev Miller – coordinator of Mission in Motion.
RIGHT: Matamata baking stall held by Bev and the Mission in Motion team.

Normalised Not Marginalised

Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." – John 6:35

Bev Turner is the coordinator of Mission in Motion at St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Matamata. Mission in Motion raised money for a 'Really Good Gift' after one of its members saw our Really Good Gifts 4 Families Appeal in our 2010 Christmas brochure.

Together they chose to raise money for a grain mill which would help to strengthen a whole community in a poor region of Ethiopia. They also wanted to enable people affected by leprosy to support themselves by milling grains like wheat, barley, pepper and teft – which are used by the wider community to make 'injera', a type of bread eaten at every meal. In the longer term, the mill would help to break down the social stigma of leprosy, one step at a time.

The church home group put their fundraising caps and baking aprons on and decided to hold a monthly stall at the Matamata community markets, which took place the second Saturday of every month. Rain or shine, Bev and her loyal church community baked goodies for the stall while other members of her church donated ingredients for the stall, so it really was a group effort. The wider Matamata community were very generous when they saw what the fundraising was for and either purchased the baked goods or donated money directly towards the cause.

All in all, their fundraising effort was a success and the \$1500 raised went directly towards purchasing a grain mill in Ethiopia to help the community build a sustainable future.

St Andrews congregation is involved in overseas missions and wanted to emphasise to the wider community how one small initiative can make such a life changing difference to people living with leprosy and the discrimination associated with the curable

disease. Bev knows this from experience, as she lived and worked in Congo, Central Africa, for 12 years helping to set up medical centres.

Please check out our 'Really Good Gifts' section on our website and join together with your local church or friends and family to raise money to buy a life changing gift today.

As Christmas draws closer, we will be launching our new 2011 Really Good Gifts 4 Families catalogue, for you to buy that meaningful and original gift for friends and family. Visit www.reallygoodgifts.org.nz

Bread of Life Appeal Report Back

Thank you so much to all our wonderful supporters who gave generously to our Bread of Life Appeal in May, with your help we raised a total amount of \$196,000.

With your help we were able to equip and train people like Sinknesh to bake and sell injera bread at the mill, and to pass on their skills to others in the future. You also helped by investing in the tools required to process flour and maintain a mill, and help ensure its long-term success. Your support contributed to the cost of the fabric of a new mill – and assisted in getting the project off the ground.

Communicating Over the Airwaves

How do we connect with multicultural communities in New Zealand?

Our prayers have been answered, through our blessed ethnic community volunteers.

You may have read about Mike Sheppard, our Ethnic Communities Ambassador, in March's *inTouch*. Mike works voluntarily with New Zealand's ethnic communities where The Leprosy Mission International (TLM) has projects, to maximise our mission's work by gaining expertise and local knowledge from these communities so they can assist their countries of origin.



Michael Sheppard and Lucy Xia on air at Humm FM in August

Our volunteers, BaiBing, Lucy, Samson and Lillian, have offered their free time in between university studies. All four have assisted with the design of communications in Chinese languages, appearances on local radio, and presentations to local communities through their church or community groups. This relationship has allowed us to share information with the wider community about leprosy.

We are very blessed to have volunteers and we could not achieve the work we do without them. We are always looking for volunteers from different cultures and backgrounds so if you have a connection with an ethnic community and if this is something you would like to be a part of please contact Mike Sheppard mike.sheppard@leprosymission.org.nz

As you enjoy reading inTouch you may be thinking about how you can be more involved in our mission. We welcome the time and talents of volunteers all over New Zealand, please contact our Donor Development Manager Gillian Whitley 0800 862 873 for a chat about how we can work together.



Take Action to Help Change the Lives of Leprosy-Affected People

Governed by leprosy-affected people, for leprosy-affected people, their vision is a world without stigma and discrimination. HANDA fight for equal rights and justice for people, families and communities who have received medical treatment for their leprosy but are still affected by disability and ongoing discrimination. They also provide ongoing medical support such as the provision of prosthetic limbs and protective devices, and support for ulcer self-care.

But despite the increased awareness and knowledge about leprosy, thousands of people in China still live in remote leprosy villages where they were forcibly isolated many years ago under previous Chinese law. HANDA has an holistic approach; it focuses on those who are already cured but who still suffer stigma or disability and fall through the government sphere of assistance.

For more information, please contact us on 0800 862 873 or check out our website www.leprosymission.org.nz

We Have a Cure. All We Need is Your Help

In five countries worldwide – Ethiopia, Nepal, China, Bangladesh and India – the Leprosy Mission New Zealand's teams work tirelessly to eradicate leprosy from the world forever. You can join us in this daily fight by joining a special group of supporters.

Your regular, monthly donation will give the Leprosy Mission New Zealand the support we need to make our mission a reality. Please stand together with us to show leprosy-affected families that they are not alone.

Check out our website www.families4families.org.nz or phone 0800 862 873 to find out more information and help a family in need today.

RUNNING4RIGHTS



Every year a team of runners and walkers, known as the Running 4 Rights (R4R) team, participates in the Auckland Marathon to raise awareness and project funding for people affected by leprosy. In 2011 the Auckland Marathon is taking place on Sunday 30th October. Online registrations are still open – you can join us by registering for the 10km or 5km walk or run.

Have you already signed up for the Auckland Marathon Event? Simply contact us with your registration number and join our Running 4 Rights team.

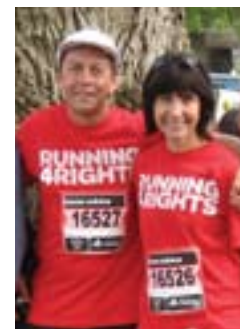
Are you living outside the Auckland Region?

Get a group of friends to join you in a local fun walk/run event and help raise awareness in your community.

We had over 30 people join our 'Running 4 Rights' team last year and we raised over \$9,000 for leprosy affected people. This year we are expecting a larger group of runners and we hope to raise over \$15,000 but we can't do it without your support. Every donation makes a difference.

Brent Morgan, our Executive Director will be running the half marathon and you can sponsor him online:
www.fundraiseonline.co.nz/BrentMorganR4R

To sign up now visit our website or contact Gillian Whitley
gillian.whitley@leprosymission.org.nz



LEFT: Photos from Running 4 Rights 2010 event. RIGHT: Brent and Tracy Morgan after the half marathon last year

Youth Advocates Scholarship

Are you passionate about mission and social justice? Would you like to fight for the rights of families affected by leprosy, stigma and poverty? (Or do you know just the right person to share this opportunity with?)

The Leprosy Mission New Zealand's Youth Advocate Scholarships enables young adults with a passion for mission to witness our work in Nepal, learn about the causes and consequences of leprosy and raise awareness and funding for Leprosy Mission projects.

After a successful Youth Advocates trip in February of this year we are currently seeking applicants who are available to travel to Nepal in February 2012. Your time to apply is running out so check out our website and apply for the Scholarship today.

Feedback from our 2011 Youth Advocates -

"Amazing trip that has included so much in a short time."

"The complete environment – place, people, experiences have all been perfect"

"The group feels like it has been hand-picked by God."

To find out more read the story on page 6 and 7 or visit www.leprosymission.org.nz or check us out on Facebook www.facebook.com/LeprosyMissionNZ



Eve, Abigail, Yeri, Vicky and Stacey shopping for saris

Time to Reflect – New Books

We have five new books available for purchase through our website or call us on 0800 862 873 – we are more than happy to help. These are perfect gift ideas for that Christmas list! **The new titles include:**



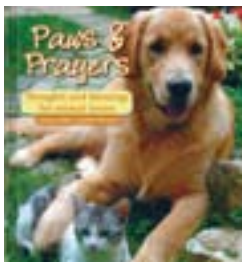
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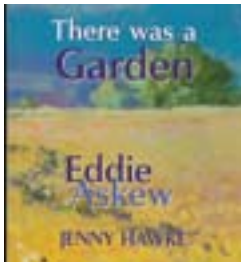
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This is a brand new publication from the Leprosy Mission's hobby series of books. It shares a vibrant selection of the warm and witty joy that music brings to our lives. A great book to give to someone who enjoys music.



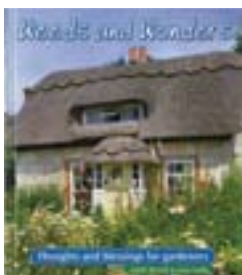
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This is a brand new hardback book that reveals how our four legged friends can teach us valuable lessons about life. A delightful gift book that includes thoughts for the day, bible verses and short prayers along with stunning photos of animals.



There was a Garden \$18

An inspiring new book originally started by the late Eddie Askew but has now been completed by his daughter Jenny. Starting at the dawn of creation, the reader travels through the period of exile and the hanging gardens of Babylon, on to the sadness and despair of the garden of Gethsemane and finally to the immense joy of new life.



Weeds and Wonders \$20

This is a fantastic new book that teaches us how to encourage patience and tolerance in life. It includes quips and quotes alongside stunning photos, encouraging bible verses, short prayers and inspiring thoughts. A good book for those who love gardening.

All of our books are available online and from our Auckland Office. Call us on 0800 862 873, or email us at enquiries@leprosymission.org.nz to order your books now.

Prayer & Praise

We would love for you to join us in regular prayer support. Our Prayer and Praise diary is available by post or email. If you are interested please email ngaira.lynch@leprosymission.org.nz

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rights of all who are
destitute. Speak up and
judge fairly; defend the
rights of the poor and
the needy”**

Proverbs 31:8-9



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